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## Downsizing your family home can upsize your travel plans

Many baby boomers are concerned that they don't have enough money to retire comfortably on; as a result many people are postponing their retirement plans in order to build their retirement savings to a more desirable level.

However, a number of people are now beginning to realise that postponing retirement isn't the only solution to a diminished retirement fund.

An increasing number of retirees are downsizing their homes in order to do all the different activities and go to all the places they have wanted to visit - without having to postpone any of their initial plans.

Anne and John Watts have always loved traveling and they had no intentions of letting their passion for travel fall by the wayside when they retired. In order to boost their nest egg, they sold up their family acreage, before moving into

Lifestyle Warragul.

"We have been on two different cruises in the last two years! They're a lot of fun.

In February we are going on a cruise around New Zealand with 12 other people from our village. It's going to be great.

In the past we have been on many trips to different spots around Australia, but until we had sold up our little farm we had only been overseas once - and that was more than 20 years ago! Selling the farm has helped us to do those things that we had both always wanted to do", says Anne

"Plus, when we are away on holidays, we never have to worry about the security of the house because we're in a secure, gated community", adds John.

Lifestyle Communities Director, Dael Perlov is very aware of the challenges that new retirees face when planning their future.

"The people that move

into our villages have contributed so much to Australian society throughout their lives and have essentially shaped the nation that we live in today.

Retirement shouldn't be a burden or hassle; it should be a reward for a lifetime of hard work!

Lifestyle Warragul offers our residents a brand

new home, surrounded by landscaped gardens and resort facilities at the most affordable cost possible" he says.

"That way people use the remaining money from the sale of their family house or farm to take a well deserved break. It's really great to see our residents embracing the opportu-

nity to do the things they have always wanted to do and try hobbies and activities they never have before", he adds.

For more information about a Lifestyle Community close to you please call us on 1300 50 55 60 or visit [www.lifestylecommunities.com.au](http://www.lifestylecommunities.com.au)



Happy Lifestyle Communities Warragul residents, from left; Lynette Elshaw, Peter Elshaw, John Watts, Anne Watts, Jim Chapman and Rae Johannung.