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UNITS WITH VIEW FOR THE AGED

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About 150 aged people will soon begin paying \$5 a week for studio units with some of the best views in Sydney.

The units are in Goodwin Village, Edgecliff, latest of the Church of England's 12 retirement communities in NSW.

Goodwin Village in Jersey Road, is only two miles from the city, with views which extend in a panoramic sweep from Darling Point to Surry Hills.

Rents on the units would average about \$28 per week if they were put on the open residential market.

Goodwin Village is part of the \$1.25 million medium density housing scheme being developed on 29 acres of the Church's St. James glebe at Edgecliff.

The site is bounded by New South Head Road, Ocean Street, Jersey Road, Trumper Park and Glenmore Road.

Goodwin Village has a nine-storey building, Macquarie Towers, containing

mostly one-bedroom units for 108 residents, a terraced building, Burke House, with room for 65 residents, and a smaller terraced building Gipps House, with rooms for 53 residents.

Long list

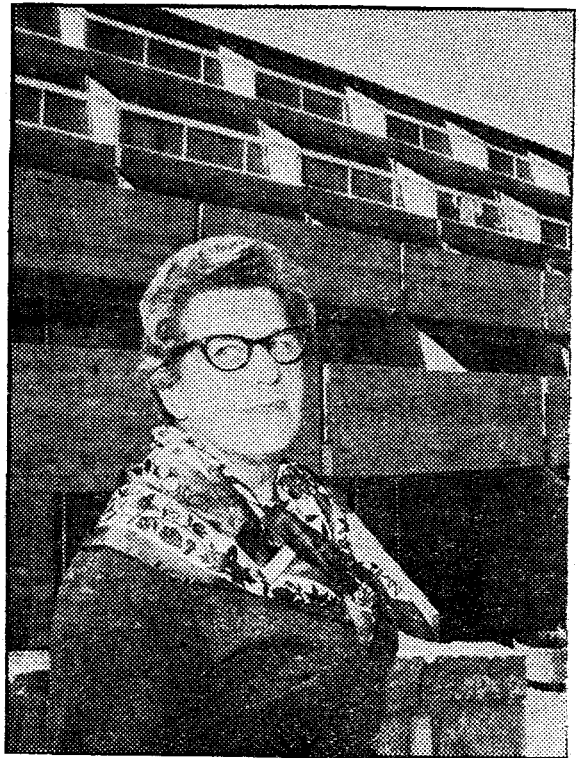
Burke House is now almost fully occupied by elderly people who pay \$5.40 a week rent, or less if they were able to pay some founding donation to the Church.

Mrs V. Smith, the warden of the village, said there was a waiting list of nearly 500 to fill the 150 odd units which would become available when Macquarie and Gipps were finished this year.

She said, "We get applications every day for units, much more than we can handle."

"If you were a millionaire you couldn't get a better spot than in Goodwin Village. And the residents already here know it too. They are tickled to bits when they move in and look healthier every day."

"Once Macquarie and Gipps are open we will develop a true community spirit. About 75 per cent of the residents will be pensioners."



Mrs V. Smith, warden of Goodwin Village, stands below some of the partly constructed terrace units.

"The rent is fixed so that those on pensions can still buy food, pay bills and buy clothes with what they have left. But there are a few who retired on fixed incomes which are even lower than the pension."

A Church spokesman said that once aged people entered the village, they would receive total care for the rest of their lives.

Sun and view

If they became too old to look after a unit they would be moved to a hostel where all meals were provided, or into a nursing home or a hospital if they became ill.

The units were designed by architects Clarke, Gazzard and Partners to gain maximum advantage of the sun and the view.

Each terrace unit has a kitchen, bed-sitting room, bathroom and sun terrace. In the tower units the bedroom was independent of the living-room.

The village will eventually contain a community recreation room, kiosk, hairdresser, library, reading room and doctor's surgery.

The village will have easy access to transport when Edgecliff railway station is built nearby for the Eastern Suburbs railway.

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