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ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY — HAVE YOU GIVEN THEM CONSIDERATION?

Appointing a trusted friend or family member as your Attorney now can save a lot of hassle down the track should the circumstances arise.

A common situation where an Attorney is appointed is where the Donor (the person who appoints the Attorney) intends to be out of the country for a while or perhaps is unavailable to sign documents due to personal or work commitments. In these situations an Enduring Power of Attorney is an invaluable document which allows transactions such as buying or selling property to proceed smoothly by having a trusted Attorney available to act and sign documents.

Another situation an Enduring Power of Attorney is used is where a Donor is incapable of making their own decisions. This includes a situation where the Donor does not have the relevant capacity to decide upon matters concerning their health or to communicate any decision.

If any individual loses the ability to make their own decisions and an Attorney has not been earlier appointed, a family member would have to make an application to the Court to be appointed as Property Manager and/or Welfare Guardian. This is done often at a difficult time which can cause additional stress on the family members involved.

It is now a requirement of most Retirement Villages that any new resident has Enduring Powers of Attorney in place.

It is important to give careful consideration to who you wish to appoint as Attorney. If a Donor wants other friends or family members to be involved in any decision made, they can stipulate this in the document.

This month is Enduring Power of Attorney month at Collins & May Law and we would be more than happy to assist with any queries you have in this regard.

POWER OF ATTORNEY MONTH

AT COLLINS & MAY LAW

For the month of June only

Collins & May Law are offering a reduced fee for Enduring Powers of Attorney

Standard Fee: ~~\$300.00~~ plus GST

**Month of June Only:
\$200.00 plus GST**

Please contact Collins & May Law on:

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