



**Patron: Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of New South Wales**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF VASEY HOUSING**

The 49th Annual General Meeting was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on the 19th July. I was happy to report to Members, Resident and selected invited guests that the Association achieved an operational surplus of \$1.5M in the year 2010/2011, that considerable rebates to residents was possible, that ongoing maintenance and beautification works in the Villages continued and that re-accreditation for the Association and all five villages was achieved.



The Association has negotiated and completed the purchase of the freehold title to the property 61 - 67 Moverly Road Maroubra upon which our "Ivan Court" village stands. Vasey was the lessee of the property pursuant to a Crown Lease which has been extinguished as a result of the purchase. The freehold and unencumbered title to all our five village properties and the head office in Sydney is now secured.

On the 2nd July last we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of "Wurley Court", our village at Hunters Hill. The guest of honour was Mr Anthony Roberts MP, Member for Lane Cove and Minister for Fair Trading. Several photographs of the occasion appear in this issue.

Member Colonel Keith Schollum joined the Board at the Annual General Meeting. Colonel Schollum has a distinguished career in the Australia Army, and is presently a senior executive at Railcorp.

*Bruce Trimble*

Brigadier Bruce Trimble OAM RFD  
Chairman



Pictured are Vasey's Chairman Brigadier Bruce Trimble, the Mayor of Hunters Hill Ms Susan Hoopmann, together with the Hon. Anthony Roberts MP.



## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGERS' DESK

As the Chairman noted in his opening remarks, the Association again reported a healthy surplus for the 2010/2011 financial year, and I would like to take this opportunity to again thank our staff for the effort they have put into achieving this result.

I have received many queries from our residents in relation to the change over to Digital Television. The technical information available can be a bit daunting for the best of us. In summary, all Vasey's villages have already received upgrades so that a Digital Reception can be received. This required some villages undergoing minor works, whilst others required a complete refit of the television reception system. One important point to remember is, that if you are planning on keeping your 'old and treasured' Television Set, then you will require a high definition set top box to convert the new Digital signal into an analogue signal. Alternatively, you can purchase a new Digital Television Set.



The Federal Government in its 2011/2012 Budget, announced the continuing funding of the Household Assistance Scheme, which will allow eligible pensioners to access a free set-top box, plus one-on-one instruction on how to use it, as well as a 12 month warranty with service and technical support. The analogue signal will be switched off in 2013, for the Sydney Metropolitan area. In mid 2012, all eligible pensioners will receive a letter from Centrelink advising them on how to access the Scheme. If you wish to find out more information, then please visit [www.digitalready.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.gov.au) or call 1800 20 10 13.

A challenge for the Association in 2012, is the introduction of the NSW Work Health & Safety Act 2011, the Work Health and Safety Regulations and the endorsed Codes of Practice. The Act will place additional responsibilities on the Association to ensure that it eliminates risks to health and safety, so far as is reasonably practicable. However, if it is not reasonably practicable to eliminate these risks, then we must minimise the risks so far as is reasonably practicable.

The Act itself has new terminology and places a duty of care on all parties. For the first time the Association will not only be responsible for the Health and Safety of its employees in the workplace, but also for our contractors, volunteers, residents, visitors and other members of the public. However, the concept of 'duty of care' is one shared by all parties, and not just Vasey's as the owner of the property. Residents will be provided with more information on this matter at forthcoming residents meetings.

On behalf of myself and the rest of my staff, I would also like to acknowledge Colonel Ken Duncan's contribution as a Director of the Association over the last 13 years. We appreciate greatly his support and look forward to seeing him at future Vasey events.

I would like to remind our residents to keep Wednesday the 16th November 2011 free in their diaries, as this is the date of our combined Residents Christmas Party, which I am sure we will all enjoy.

*David Elkins*  
General Manager

Pictured at Vasey's AGM were  
Major General Gordon Maitland,  
Mr Don Rowe - RSL State President,  
Vasey's Chairman  
Brigadier Bruce Trimble and  
The Hon. Philip Ruddock MP.



**Directors Profile - COLONEL KEITH D. SCHOLLUM (Retired)**

Colonel Schollum graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon in December 1975 into the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps and subsequently joined the Royal Australian Armoured Corps in 1977. Following a series of regimental, training and staff appointments, he attended Command and Staff College, Fort Queenscliff in 1989. He **commanded B Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment** in 1990/91.



Colonel Schollum was then **seconded to the United States Army Armor School**, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, as a tactics instructor. He was given the opportunity during that time to command the United States Army's 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron 16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment for a period in 1993. On return to Australia, he was posted as **Commanding Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment** in Darwin (1994-1995). He remained in Darwin during 1996-1997 for a follow-on assignment as the **Joint Plans Officer at Headquarters Northern Command**.

He was promoted into the position of **Colonel Training at Land Headquarters** in January 1998 and was responsible to the Land Commander, Australia for the training portion of preparedness for Australia's land combat force elements, including force preparation for operations. Colonel Schollum assumed duty as **Chief of Staff, Australian Defence Staff (Washington) and Assistant Defence Attaché** in January 2001 and returned to Australia in March 2004.

In March 2003, he was seconded from the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC to the United States Defense Department's Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Affairs, later the Coalition Provisional Authority - Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom and was deployed in Kuwait and Iraq during the conflict and immediate post-conflict period. During that time, he was employed as the **Principal Deputy Coordinator for Reconstruction - Baghdad**. The Iraqi City Administrators made him an Honorary Citizen of Baghdad in July 2003. He returned to Washington DC in August 2003 to complete his appointment within the Embassy of Australia.

Colonel Schollum has a Bachelors Degree, a Graduate Diploma in Management, and a Masters Degree. He was awarded a United States Meritorious Service Medal in August 2001 for his contribution to interoperability between the two Armies. For his service in Iraq, he received the Australian Active Service Medal and the United States Bronze Star Medal.

On his retirement from the Australian Army in June 2004 he joined the senior management team of an operating division of the Rail Corporation of New South Wales (RailCorp), where he is currently employed.

He is married to Kaye and has two daughters, Bria and Allira. He follows all sports, enjoys travelling and is a keen golf player.

Colonel Schollum was elected to Vasey's Board at its AGM held on the 19th July 2011.

**VASEY CELEBRATES WURLEY COURT'S 50th**



Pictures are Vasey Directors, Members, the Mayor of Hunters Hill and Mr Anthony Roberts MP.



Mr Anthony Roberts & the Mayor of Hunters Hill inspect one of Vasey's Display Units at "Wurley Court".



Pictures are Residents and Guests who enjoyed a glass of champagne to mark this special occasion.



A small ceremony was held to unveil a new plaque, and Vasey's Chairman outlined some of the history of "Wurley Court".

**THE VASEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION, N.S.W.**

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Mr David Elkins - General Manager  
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