



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

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF VASEY HOUSING

A most successful Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Avillion Hotel on the 20th July. Among a number of invited guests was Mr Anthony Roberts, the Member for Lane Cove, whose electorate includes our Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Villages. Mr Roberts made a short statement praising the Association. A Number of Residents representing each Village attended by invitation.

Invitations are being forwarded to all Residents and Members to attend Christmas Luncheon on Friday 9th December at the Gladesville RSL Club. Bus transport will be available for the residents of each village. The Directors and Staff look forward to seeing you all there.

Building works are underway at the Waitara Village to improve the attractiveness of and accessibility to the front garden and entry foyer areas. Continuous works are being carried on throughout all Villages rectifying plumbing faults, installing emergency lighting, providing speed humps to driveways, upgrading fire alarm systems and common room facilities.

For some time Management has been in dialogue with the Office of Fair Trading with respect to the operation of the Retirement Villages Act and its specific application to Vasey. I am pleased to report that as a result of those negotiations, all areas of possible conflict have been resolved, and the Association has been granted a clean bill of health.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 9th December.

Kindest regards,

Bruce Trimble

Brigadier Bruce Trimble
Chairman

Member - Mrs Margaret Sharp,
Chairman - Brigadier Bruce Trimble,
Director - Mr Graham Byrne and
Past Chairman - Maj Gen Ray Sharp



Vasey's Chairman - Brigadier Bruce Trimble with Mr Anthony Roberts M.P. - Member for Lane Cove



Letter to the Editor

As a resident War Widow here at Vasey's "Epping Manor" village for 22 years. Coming here to reside after losing my husband Jack of 30 years when he became ill and died. I had worked at the Prince of Wales Randwick for 12 years. Now last night the 5th September I took myself off to the RSL Epping Club and was a very lucky winner of a lovely Golf Package which consists of the best golf clubs, a week-end away at "Riverside Golf Course" at Windsor. You leave here on a Friday or Saturday of your choice, dinner on arrival, drinks, 9 holes of golf, breakfast, overnight stay for two, next day 18 holes of golf (plus buggy), than lunch on return, so you see I did well.

Also, another lady here at Vasey Mrs Kath Briggs also won a package as well, so Vasey really won on the night.

Just a little bit of gossip from "Epping Manor".

Mrs Margaret Armstrong

Congratulations

On the 27/9/2005, Daphne and Ian MacLeod of "Wurley Court" were presented with their Australian Citizenship Certificates by the Mayor of Hunters Hill, Councillor Susan Hoopmann.



Mrs MacLeod said that it was "an Honour we will hold dear".

On behalf of all at Vasey, congratulations to you both.

Extract from Chairman's address to the 2005 Annual General Meeting

This year just concluded was a mostly successful one. This is evidenced by:

- An operating surplus of \$754,673
- An increase in cash reserves to \$9.6M, up from \$8.05M in 2004
- An increase in new residents taking up occupation to 27 during the year, up from 19 the year before
- Providing to residents substantial subsidies so that the Recurrent Charges (i.e. quarterly maintenance payments) paid by them are maintained at historically low levels. The Quantum of such subsidies in the 2004/2005 year was \$166K.
- Each village maintaining substantial credits in their Long Term maintenance Accounts, the total sum invested on behalf of the villages for Long Term Maintenance is presently \$501,022. All villages budgets are operating in surplus.

Vasey's Christmas Luncheon - 9th December

We are pleased to announce that **Judy Stone** and her band will be Vasey's special guests at our Christmas Luncheon on the 9th December 2005 at the Gladesville RSL Club. Buses have been arranged for the transporting of our residents to and from the club.

Judy began touring with Col Joye and later went on to become a regular on "Bandstand". Judy had hits with "I'll step down", "4,003,221 Tears from now", "Born a Woman", "Would You Lay With Me in a Field of Stone", "Silver Wings and Golden Rings" and "Hasta Manana".

Judy has received many awards including three TV Week Logies and eight "MO" Awards.

So don't miss this opportunity to see a true legend of Australian Music.



Judy Stone

Members & Guests at Vasey's 43rd AGM



Past Chairman - Mr John Robertson,
Member - Mr John Roberts,
Past Chairman and Current Director -
Mr John Lang,
Mr Phillip Cameron - Sydney Legacy and
Member - Maj Gen Gordon Maitland



Mr Paul Sadler - CEO, Aged & Community Services Association of NSW & ACT,
Miss Gwen Illidge - President of the Hunters Hill Residents Committee,
Member - Mr Adrian Mitchell, Director - Mr Warwick Williamson and
Mr Arthur Koumoukelis - Gadens Lawyers



Members of the Hunters Hill Residents
Committee - Miss Gwen Illidge, Mrs Marie
Corcoran and Mrs Nancy Anderson



Director - Col Ken Duncan, Miss Margo Patterson and Mrs Jean Jose - Residents Committee Members Lane Cove,
Director - Mr Grant Greene-Smith and Members - Mrs Dawn Duncan and Ms Lynette Barnes

2005 WORLD WAR TWO COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

The Australian Government recently issued a commemorative medallion to surviving Australian WW2 veterans, and the widows of Australian WW2 veterans, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of the war.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the significance of these medallions and the sacrifices made by those ex-servicemen and women, and the widows of ex-servicemen. We regret that we are not able to acknowledge all Vasey recipients, simply because of the number of our residents eligible.

If you believe that you may have an entitlement and have not been contacted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, please telephone **1800 665 706** to request an application form.

If you are not eligible to receive the Medallion, but did have service during WW2 you may be entitled to a Certificate of Appreciation and the details and application forms are available from the DVA by telephoning the general enquiry number of **1800 555 254**.



WAITARA VILLAGE UPGRADE

Work has virtually finished on the upgrade of the front section of the Waitara village. Below is a before and near completion shot, exhibiting the improved appearance of the complex.



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The editor warmly encourages and welcomes contributions to the Newsletter. Interesting photos, incidents, anniversaries and stories of special experiences that can be shared are most desirable.

Please send your contribution to the editor or contact him on the above telephone number.