



CEO's Christmas Message

Howard Emery

It is with much delight that I inform you all that the commissioning of our Howard Solomon Aged Care Facility has taken place with 45 high care and 20 low care residents recently admitted. Our 45 high care residents have in the main been transferred from multiple bedrooms sharing ablution facilities to their very own private room with ensuite. The jubilation of residents and families has been overwhelming due to residents now enjoying the privacy and dignity as they did when living within their own home. Of course residents and staff have been busy familiarizing themselves with the new environment but this has just

added to the excitement of the transition. Stage 2 of Howard Solomon's redevelopment will commence in February as we demolish the areas previously occupied by our 65 residents in order to fulfill our vision in providing all residents their private room and ensuite.

Previously I have spoken to you regarding Freemasons WA application to become a Growth Provider for the Department of Housing, it is imperative for FWA to gain the status in order for us to attain funds for new developments, capital improvements to existing villages and the opportunity to create a tier of housing for Members and the broader community who do not qualify for rental accommodation but have assets less than \$300,000. All in order 2010 is shaping up to be a very good year for all at Freemasons WA and our clients. We continue to strive to improve what we do and identify market changes and the needs of residents to remain the housing and service provider of the upmost relevance.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families and very safe and joyous Christmas and a very happy new year.

Staff Movements

*Not just a
pretty face...*



You may have already spoken with our bright new receptionist Jessie Stewart.....Jessie was appointed to her role in early October and we quickly found out that she has fitted a lot into her young life. She has been a volunteer with the army cadets and the bush fire brigade and also volunteered at Belgrade Village to work with the elderly.

She loves arts & crafts, netball and has been all over Australia climbing both Ayres Rock and the Sydney Harbour Bridge!!!

Jessie likes to keep really busy working weekends at Bridgeleigh Reception Centre on weddings and other events as well as looking after her 3 dogs at home.

On top of all that she has met former Prime Minister Mr John Howard!!

Great to have you on board Jessie!

Fashion and fun

High fashion came to the Kingsley villages on the 1st October with Cameo Loretta Fashion's presentation of their new spring/summer collection. The collection of attractive garments was expertly and beautifully modeled by five volunteers enlisted from the residents.

Each of the models graced the catwalk in five ensembles ranging from casual day wear to formal evening wear. All the garments displayed at the showing were available for purchase by the residents, whom we are told freely availed themselves of the opportunity.

The show was followed by the traditional delicious and sumptuous afternoon tea kindly provided by Freemasons WA. Needless to say the ladies had a wonderful time.



A model shows us just how it's done.

Bridging the Age Gap

Orelia and Coolbellup's Seniors Week Event on the 27th October was a refreshingly different and joyful experience for all those involved. The event was located at the Coolbellup Social Hall with grade five and six students from Coolbellup Community Primary School interacting in a positive and enjoyable session with the residents.

The students teamed up and paired off with the residents to compete in board games, bingo and celebrity heads. It was all great fun but perhaps more importantly, for a few hours there were no prejudices based on age and



the very young and not so very young came together as respectful friends and equals.

Events such as these, simple as they may seem, have the power to change opinions and attitudes of both juniors and seniors for the better. Understanding is of course, the foundation of a peaceful and caring society. In addition these events bring great joy to everyone involved; just one look at the facial expressions in the accompanying photographs will dispel any doubts about that.

After the hectic pace and intense concentration of the games session the following sausage sizzle was welcomed and enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to everyone involved in this wonderful event.



Ashlar Glen & Dianella celebrate Seniors Week

The residents of Ashlar Glen and Dianella Villages celebrated Seniors Week 09 with a traditional Australian Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 27th October. Freemasons WA Senior Residential Services Manager, Gary Watts and Liaison Paul Le Breton were the BBQ Chefs extraordinaire for the day and both displayed considerable skill in flipping the snags.

The sizzle proved to be an excellent choice as it's hard to beat that wonderful aroma of BBQ Sausages and onions wafting on the spring breezes. Everyone appreciated the opportunity for a relaxed and casual social gathering and good old fashioned chat.

The food was kindly supplied by Freemasons WA and our grateful thanks are extended to Gary and Paul for their tireless efforts on the day. They really worked hard to make sure everyone was suitably catered for. The event was very well attended and very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. We also sincerely thank the lovely ladies of the Social Events Committee and the helpful residents who assisted in food preparation.



Bowlers meet to compete

Friday the 23rd of October 09 was one of those beautiful Perth spring days. It was warm, sunny with a pale blue sky and calm and still conditions prevailing all day. Beautiful indeed, but for the competitors in the inter village Handicap Singles Bowls Competition it was just perfect!

The bowlers of Freemasons WA Villages, Corinthian Court and Keith Simpson met on the greens in keen competitive spirit to pit their skills against each other to take home the silverware. The expectations of the bowlers were running high; in a handicap competition everyone has a chance and it's all down to who plays their best on the day.



Lee Clarke, Ann Smith, Corney Durham & Vic Bolt.

After the last end was played, Ann Smith emerged as the winner of the ladies cup with the ladies plate going to Lee Clarke. In the Men's division the cup went to Corney Durham and the plate to Vic Bolt.

After the presentations all the bowlers came together to enjoy a refreshing and well deserved sundowner social. Hearty congratulations are extended to the victors Ann, Lee, Corney and Vic together with all the competitors and the event organizers, a great effort from everyone.

The Fabulous Margaret Canham Our Star centurion

Members of Margaret Canham's family joined with her friends from the Ashlar Glen and Dianella Villages at the Village Club Room to celebrate a very special birthday of this very special lady. Margaret Canham our much admired and loved resident celebrated her 100th birthday at a special afternoon tea on Saturday 3rd of October 2009.

The occasion was suitably marked with the presentation of a very large bouquet of flowers by Gary Watts the Senior Residential Services Manager of Freemasons WA. The Inglewood Ward Councillors of the City of Stirling also made a presentation of a special commemoration plaque to honour Margaret's remarkable achievement.

Margaret continues to win the hearts of her fellow residents by actively participating in village events on a regular basis and by her obvious enjoyment of their company and conversation.

This special event was a very touching occasion and the management and staff of Freemasons WA join with Margaret's family and friends in wishing her great happiness, continued good health and many more birthday celebrations.



Senior Residential Services Manager Gary Watts presenting Margaret with flowers

News from Lawley Park Village

There was more going on at the Lawley Park Village Melbourne Cup lunch than horses and hats, residents Leslie & Graham Spencer celebrated 58 years of marriage and Betty & Stan Cosham celebrated 59 years of marriage. Sincere congratulations from all at Freemasons WA.

Back to the race that stops the nation Pat May, Edna Hull, Con Migro and Pat Bowman were ready for the big race until Edna decided to move on the stake money held by sweeps penciller Merv Bennetts. Glamorous Edna looks like she belongs at Flemington's fashions on the field!!



Pat, Edna, Con & Pat.



Merv & Edna



Betty & Stan Cosham



Graham & Leslie Spencer

Seriously Spooky!

The ominous and spooky date of 31st October did not go unnoticed by the Freemasons WA residents of Ashlar Glen and Dianella Villages. The feast of Halloween was celebrated in the traditional and very creepy manner and enthusiastically embraced by the residents who really did morph into ghoulish ghosts, wicked witches and spooky spirits for the scary occasion.



The evening consisted of a happy horror hour and dinner, and was voted a frightening success by all in attendance. No Halloween party would be complete without a costume competition so prizes were presented to the best (worst) dressed!! Barbara Palmer received the prize for the best authentic overall costume with Alf Kalmund and Rosalie Penniment receiving the prizes for the best male and female costume. Norm Ennis won the special prize for the funniest costume.

Never a month passes without celebrations or festivities of some kind at the Ashlar Glen and Dianella villages however; this one was a real horror and definite show stopper! Well done yet again to everyone involved.



And they're off and running at Dianella

69 residents of the Ashlar Glen and Dianella Villages attended their popular annual Melbourne Cup Lunch function. The keen punters had the opportunity to buy their \$2 or \$5 sweeps from 10:30am and there was no shortage of takers. With a financial interest in the great race there was no holding back the excitement and enthusiasm of the crowd. The horses were lustily cheered home and win or lose everyone thoroughly enjoyed the spirit of the race that stops the nation.

The meal was served after the race and our sincere thanks go to our caterers Gael and Gordon who provided a lovely meal for the special occasion.



Rosalie Penniment & Roy Prosser.

Residents were treated to a sumptuous spread of beef curry and Thai chicken with rice with salad and meat platters as well as assorted rolls. To follow the main course there was a selection of delicious cakes, tea and coffee.

Ladies hats were of course a special feature of the day and Rosalie Penniment won the prize for the best ladies hat and not to be outdone by the fairer sex, Roy Prosser was awarded the prize for the best men's hat.

Thanks once again to the hardworking Social Events Committee it was another runaway success.



Norm and Naomi Ennis.