CEO'S REPORT

We have many events coming up this year for Retirees WA.

As this is an election year, I would like to pay tribute to the Members of the Board who have served the last three years. This has been a very productive group of individuals from different backgrounds and with excellent skills and the achievements reflect this. Board members carry a great responsibility and are not paid so we are fortunate to have had these Members serving us.

I commend our current board Nita Sadler, Lois Jones, Brian Mathlin, John Thompson, David Sadler, Norm Carter, Judith Edwards, Jill Pugliese, Candessa Ashbury and Ron Piercy, who sadly passed away last year.

Over the past year we have looked at the issues facing the growing number of seniors in our state and the difficulty some of them have in accessing help and started a petition for a Commissioner for Seniors. This has recently been passed on to the Legislative Council along with a submission and it will now be looked into by a Committee made up of all political parties.

With interest rates so low, the funeral fund is fortunate that the investments made by the Board are still giving good returns to allow us to operate the fund and give a small bonus each year to offset the increases made by the funeral companies.

The funeral directors have kept these increases to a minimum and we continue to give our members a funeral for a very reduced fee.

Joseph Banks Aged Care Facility goes from strength to strength and recently passed all accreditation standards with not a single recommendation for improvement. We were recently successful in our application for a grant from Lottery West to construct a gazebo to encourage our aged care residents to spend more time outside and to give them a setting to sit with their families and visitors.

Finally, during this period we have finalised the construction of 78 units at Canning Vale, built a clubhouse with a swimming pool, built a 20 bed extension on the aged care facility and started our village in Geraldton with the first 10 units completed and the next stage well on the way.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual Congress and ${\sf AGM}$ on Friday the 23rd September.

Retirees WA Annual Congress

Friday 23rd Sept 2016 - 10.00am to 1.30pm

City West Function Centre, 45 Plaistowe Mews, West Perth

9.30am Registration and doors open

10.00am Welcome

11.30am Lunch followed by the members

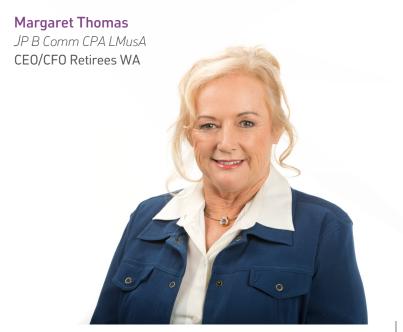
Annual General Meeting

Please RSVP by 2nd Sept 2016

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an extremely busy time for us all since the start of 2016 with branch visits, board meetings, delegates meetings, meetings with politicians, seminars and the usual duties expected of members of our board.



Nita Sadler

Upon reflection, our building programme is progressing well, our membership has expanded, and our branches and their members are enjoying their various trips, entertainment and friendship which makes for a great branch.

It is a pleasure to hear of so many of our members joining in with what the branch committees are organising on their behalf and I commend all our dedicated volunteers.

I am always proud to boast of our Joseph Banks Aged Care Facility, which achieved such a high standard of accreditation, yet again, and the wonderful comments from the residents regarding their happy social life, and much affection for the dedicated Staff.

I am looking forward to catching up with you all again at our AGM in September, where I will be seeking your support for one more term of office.

Nita Sadler Retirees WA State President

SOCIAL CLUB

Members can invite non-members to attend all social club outings. BOOK EARLY TO EVENTS AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!

SPRINGTIME IN ARALUEN

Date: Tuesday 13th September, 2016

We will leave Perth and head to Avocado's Cafe where we will enjoy a scrumptious morning tea. After morning tea we travel onto Araluen where we will be welcomed to a blaze of floral colour including tulips, daffodils and many other flowers.

On leaving Araluen we travel to Jarrahdale to enjoy a 2 course lunch with tea and coffee at Cafe on the Dam before heading back to Perth. COST: \$50.00 p/p inclusive of morning tea, lunch and entry into Araluen. Departing Perth Wellington Street Tourist Stand at 9:00am Returning to Perth approx. 4:30pm

A WINERY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Date: Tuesday 11th October, 2016

We head to Mundaring for morning tea at A Patch of Countries Cafe before continuing on our journey to Clackline where we will visit Avon Brook Wines for a tour, tastings and much more. A buffet lunch will follow including tea, coffee and cake.

You will also have time to visit their gift and local produce shop. On our way back we may stop at Sawyers Valley Fresh Produce and Craft Markets.

COST: \$50.00 p/p inclusive of morning tea and lunch. Departing Perth Wellington Street Tourist Stand at 9:00am Returning to Perth approx. 4:30pm

BODDINGTON GOLD MINE TOUR

Date: Tuesday 8th November, 2016

On arrival in Boddington we are picked up at 10:45am and taken to the mine site for a guided tour of the working gold mine including processing. After the tour we have a 2 course lunch at the Boddington Hotel before boarding our bus for the return to Perth.

Attendees must wear covered shoes, long sleeves and long pants. You will be issued with protective gear inc hard hat, safety glasses and vest. Bookings close 8/10/16 and must be paid in full.

COST: \$75.00 p/p inclusive of Gold Mine Tour and lunch. Departing Perth Wellington Street Tourist Stand at 9:00am Returning to Perth approx. 4:00pm / 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS OUTING

Date: Tuesday 13th December, 2016

Our first stop is Walters River Cafe for morning tea before heading to MacNuts in Baldivis for a tour of a Macadamia Nut Farm. From there we travel to Cafe Coast in Dawesville for a full trimmings Christmas Lunch.

COST: \$55.00 p/p Departing Perth Wellington Street Tourist Stand at 9:00am Returning to Perth approx 4:30pm

NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF OUTING - PLEASE ADVISE OF DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING

