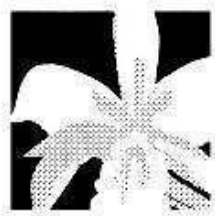


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# CALADENIA DAY CENTRE

INC

## NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2009

# WHAT AN HONOR! HOW PROUD WE ARE!

### Mrs Patricia Maggs OAM

**T**he Order of Australia recognises outstanding and meritorious service and in the Queens Birthday Honour List on 8th June this year was the name of our founder, Mrs Patricia (Trish) Maggs - for services to people with dementia.

Trish was the voluntary foundation co-ordinator and member of the steering Committee of Management for Caladenia Day Centre formed in 1983.

She worked tirelessly for acceptance and support from both the local council and the Government and today, 26 years later, Trish is still a contributing member of the Committee of Management and, although content to leave the day to day running of the centre in the hands of others, she ensures her original vision remains firmly in place.

The new Mission Statement will steer us into the future: Caladenia -

providing superior services to enhance the quality of life for people living with dementia.

Caladenia would not be the quality and professional service that it is today without Patricia Maggs. All those who know and have worked with her are thrilled to see her receive the recognition she deserves.

*Congratulations Trish*



Earlier this year Caladenia was the recipient of some extra dementia specific funding from the Department of Human Services, Home & Community Care (HACC) Program.

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### You are invited to our **Annual General Meeting**

At Caladenia Day Centre  
11 Hilledge Lane, Mooroolbark  
On Thursday October 22 at 7.30pm  
Come and hear all about the exciting plans for the respite project.

# The Governor's tour of Caladenia



**O**n Wednesday 5th August 2009 we were honoured to receive an official visit by Professor David de Kretzer, Governor of Victoria and Mrs de Kretzer.

The Governor and Mrs de Kretzer spent several days as guests of the Shire of Yarra Ranges and the first visit on their Shire tour was Caladenia.

Mayor Len Cox and Shire of Yarra Ranges, CEO, Glenn Patterson accompanied the Governor and Mrs de Kretzer

on their visit. Caladenia's President, Harry Moyle, Founder Trish Maggs and Co-ordinator, Sarah met the Vice-Regal Party on arrival and escorted the Official Group on a tour of the centre and the garden.

Both the Governor and Mrs de Kretzer were able to chat with members, volunteers and staff and showed interest in hearing about the services we provide for carers and their loved ones with dementia.

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## CALADENIA

*By Caladenia Club Members - 2009*

- C** Means the **C**heerful **C**are and **C**ompassion
- A** Allows us the freedom to be ourselves
- L** For all the **L**ove we share with our friends
- A** Is for **A**nticipation for our next club day
- D** Is for **D**ancing and **D**elightful **D**ays
- E** The **E**ndless fun, laughter and games
- N** For **N**ew found friendships and fresh ideas
- I** Is for our **I**ndependence and **I**nspiration to try and try again
- A** **A**t home we would just sit and stare - thank you Caladenia for just being there.

## New Volunteers

We welcome the following volunteers

Cath Lloyd, Lauren McCoull, Malcolm Pulford, Trevor Griffin, Malcolm Ireland,  
Robert Anderson, Susan Floyd.

# President's Report

**W**e were all delighted to hear of the recognition provided to Caladenia's founder, Trish Maggs, with the award of an Order of Australia Medal in the recent Queens Birthday honours.

Trish continues to devote much energy, enthusiasm and time to the benefit of Caladenia and we congratulate her on her award. See more details reported separately in this Newsletter.

Your Committee of Management is progressing two major projects at present:

- **The Overnight Respite Centre.**

On May 25 we had our Planning Application confirmed by VCAT. Now we can proceed to preparing detailed designs and to fund-raising to enable construction. The vision for this project was first identified in July 2002, seven years ago. Now we can move forward with certainty knowing that our vision has wide community support.

- **Our migration from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee and a name change.**

After careful consideration your Committee resolved to approve this migration and move to a

more formal and commercially recognised entity. Financial members of Caladenia have received a letter advising of this intention. A draft constitution has been developed and will be distributed to all members prior to the October AGM. It is our intention for financial members to vote on this change at that meeting.

As a result of the expansion of our services to include overnight respite, in addition to day care, we believe our existing name of Caladenia Day Care Inc. is no longer appropriate. At the October AGM it is also proposed to put to members a name change to **Caladenia Dementia Care**. Your Committee believes this proposed name better represents and describes the services that we will provide in the future. Of course, to all who know us, we will still be the same Caladenia – a community based organisation “providing superior services to enhance the quality of life for people living with dementia”.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these developments as your continuing membership and/or interest in Caladenia is appreciated. I can be contacted at work on 9816 9377 or after hours on 9817 2580.

*Harry Moyle*

## Flowers for a special lady.

Joan Liddell celebrates 10 years of participation in the Club at Caladenia. We all enjoy Joan's company each Wednesday.



## Caladenia Bus

Our first official bus run commenced on the 5th September 1989 with Betty Desmond, bus driver/program worker and Rosemary Mosley, Manager, on board.

20 years and four buses later, Caladenia is still providing safe, reliable transport for people attending the Club. Bus drivers are ably assisted every trip by volunteer bus jockeys who ensure that the group are happy and settled.

Three bus drivers share the week's work and we are lucky to have multi skilled staff who are able to step in if needed. Our drivers also organise servicing and regular cleaning which means that the bus is always sparkling on its daily runs.



# Mens Shed

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It was decided to use this funding to start a new 'outreach' program for men with early dementia who would prefer to be out 'working' rather than attending the 'Club' environment at Caladenia.

The 'Friday Fellas' group is now working in partnership with Morrison's Men's Shed in Mt Evelyn. We have now been operating on a Friday for three months and at the moment we are busy building bird and possum boxes to provide housing for local wildlife.

'Fellas' involved in the program are Ken, Colin, Barry and Walter with Mal and Les giving a helping hand and a couple of 'sheilas', Lynne & Sally organising 'Smoko'.

Our projects have included making signs for the local walking pram group; helping with renovations to the Men's Shed and making bird and possum boxes. These boxes can be ordered and purchased for a donation towards the program's operating costs.

After our morning work at Morrison's Men's Shed we have lunch at one of the neighbouring towns before doing some sightseeing and bargain hunting around the area.

We have also visited other Men's Sheds at Yarra Junction and East Ringwood. As the weather improves our options for afternoon adventures will increase.

A similar program for women will be up and running in the near future.

Our Friday fellas are in need of some basic hand tools! Any unwanted tools would be greatly appreciated – hammers, screwdrivers, hacksaws, files, planes etc. Please call us on 9727 2222 if you would like us to collect your donation.

Many thanks to Eastern Region HACC Program for giving us the opportunity to start this group.

## Acknowledgements

Thank you to the Migrant Information Centre for including Caladenia Volunteer, Ajak Knol Thiong, in its project encouraging multi-cultural volunteers.

Mooroolbark Theatre Group – ongoing support. This year we have used the funds to replace our drinking glasses and cutting boards. Very much appreciated.

Ms Dianne Schubert for her generous donation through the ANZ Mortgage Introducer Program. A very welcome addition to our Respite Building fund.

Our 2009 Easter Raffle included a beautifully decorated basket of Easter Eggs donated by Christine Fyffe MP, Member for Evelyn and a wine and glass pack from Sally and Roger Ward.

Mooroolbark Bowls Club. Past President of the Caladenia Committee of Management, George Hume, brilliantly organised this year's Caladenia 1000 Bowls Tournament raising \$2055 for our Respite Building Fund. We thank George for his continued support and his unstinting pursuit of sponsors for this successful event.

Shire of Yarra Ranges – for including Caladenia in the official visit listing for Professor David de Kretzer, AP, Governor of Victoria and Mrs de Kretzer on Wednesday August 5

See story page 2.

And last but not least, all our Financial Members and donors large and small. We do appreciate your support.



Yes, I would like to make a gift of:  \$50  \$75  \$150  Other \$ .....

Enclosed is my cheque / money order payable to **Caladenia Day Centre Inc.**  
All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible (DGR 900 237 377)

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- Becoming a financial member
- Receiving an Annual Report
- Becoming a volunteer
- Receiving a Caladenia Information Kit
- Sponsoring an issue of the