



## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Manningham Centre Association was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 in the Plaza area of Cassia House. David Meiklejohn, Chairman, presented the annual report of the Board noting in particular the challenges faced by the Board in negotiating a new agreement with Council and the frustration felt by both parties that its implementation had to be put on hold due to a last minute legal complication raised by the Department of Health and Ageing. He acknowledged and paid tribute to three long-serving Directors who retired during the year being Bill Larkin, Barry Mernagh and Ron Bunn. Life Memberships were subsequently presented to Bill and Helen Larkin. David Alcock joined the Board in June 2012 and was officially elected as Treasurer in October. However, as David Meiklejohn held this position for the main part of the year he presented the audited financial statements for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012. He reported that prudent management saw the Association finish the year with

an overall surplus of \$688,298, which places it in a good position to meet the many challenges that lie ahead with the implementation of the Federal Governments Living Longer Living Better initiative. On the recommendation of the Board, members re-elected Saward Dawson as the auditor for the 2012/13 year.

Five nominations were received by the closing date for vacancies on the Board and, as the number of vacancies matched the number of nominations, all five were declared to be duly elected. In accordance with the Rules, a rotation policy established by the Board determined that Erica Mounter and Darrell Treloar were re-elected for a 3-year term. The drawing of lots was required to determine the term of election of the remaining 3 Directors. The result of this draw was as follows:

One-year term - Terry Maher  
Two-year term - David Alcock  
Three-year term - Ray Barrington

*David Meiklejohn AM - Chairman*

### Manningham Centre says, THANK YOU.....

To all our volunteers and financial supporters, thank you for your support of our work. It is very valuable and appreciated by all of us. The Doncaster Bowling Club has continued their support. Recently we were very fortunate to receive a significant grant from the Selwyn Henry Langston Estate managed by ANZ Trustees for the purchase of several capital items to assist with meeting resident personal health care needs. We are also grateful for the grants from Manningham Council Small Grants Program, Aged Persons Welfare Foundation, The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation, The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, The Lynne Quayle Charitable Trust Fund managed by Equity Trustees and The William Angliss (Victoria) Charitable Fund.

*When the formalities were over, the evening was followed by supper and everyone stayed on to socialise.*



### Keeping you up to date:-

#### Current List of Board Members

<b>Chairman:</b>	David Meiklejohn AM
<b>Deputy Chairman:</b>	Darrell Treloar
<b>Treasurer:</b>	David Alcock
<b>Directors:-</b>	Ray Barrington
	Ron Kitchingman
	Ray Lewis
	Terry Maher
	Erica Mounter
	Lyn Sowersby

## Volunteer's Christmas Lunch

All Manningham Centre volunteers were invited to the Annual thank you luncheon, which was held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012. This year's attendance was 90, which was really fantastic!

They were served a delicious spit roast lunch with a variety of salads and a very tasty sponge cake with fruit salad and freshly whipped cream. From all reports, the afternoon was a success.



*Volunteer's Cake*



*Dale making humorous speech*



*Julie & Jasmine (2 new volunteers) cutting the cake*



*First course is now served*



*David Meiklejohn AM (Chairman of the Board), joining in the celebration.*

*Have you checked out **MCA's New Website??***

**[www.manninghamcentre.com.au](http://www.manninghamcentre.com.au)**



## Congratulations to the **Friends of Manningham Supporting Relatives Committee** for organising a very successful Trivia night on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

The venue was totally booked out and in the end each table was actually sponsored by some kind individual and/or organisation.

The evening was hosted by John and Fiona who generously donated their time. This couple were very friendly as well as professional. Loads of fun was had by everyone and the atmosphere was just so relaxing and many games had been organized.

Prizes galore were won on the evening from raffles, games and trivia questions.

The feedback so far has been amazingly positive and people who could not attend are already asking, "When is the next trivia night"?

**The total amount raised after costs was \$4,329.**

A huge thank you to all the FOM committee members and helpers who committed so much time and effort into making this such an incredible evening. Well Done to all!!

Thank you also to all those people who came along on the night and supported the event.

**Robert Cole**  
Chairman - FOM



*L-R: Robert Cole, Shirley Morris, Betty Dellas, Angie Lee, Graeme Jarvis, Ray Barrington, Wendy Harpham.  
Some of the FOM committee members.*



*Cassia House staff table - sponsored by 'Jellis Craig Real Estate'*



*Doncaster Melaleuca Lodge staff table*

## Profile of Darlene James

### **Business Development Manager**

**M**y name is Darlene James and I was born and raised here in Melbourne in the lovely suburb of Beaumaris.

After completing my Year 12, I went onto study Nursing at Phillip Institute of Technology (the second year of University trained nurses... a very interesting and challenging time in Nursing).

I have been married for 19 years to an Ambulance Paramedic, which keeps our life busy and have two children aged 15 and 14. We have been very blessed to have lived in a number of great country towns in Gippsland Victoria and currently live just outside Drouin on 2½ acres with alpaca's, sheep, chooks, the cat & dog.

Our family have a love for travel and have been fortunate to travel throughout most of Australia and visited numerous countries overseas. We have seen and experienced some wonderful places and met fascinating people over the years. I myself, following my training, set off (by myself) travelling through America, Europe and finally settling in London for a year, where I worked as a Theatre Nurse, Aged Care Nurse and as a Private Nurse for a MP who served in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet – it was a great experience!

Apart from our love of travel, our family also enjoy the beach and spend most



of our summer volunteering at Hampton Lifesaving Club where all four of us are qualified Lifesavers!

I look forward to the rest of my time here at Manningham Centre working in the Community Services area and making a difference in assisting and supporting our clients.

## GREVILLEA HOUSE - CARERS RETREAT



Once again the carers were provided with a very enjoyable break – feedback received from this retreat has been extremely positive!



## “Lifestyle staff member in the making” ....

It was a cold afternoon on a winter's day when a little girl named Ceanais (4 years old) entertained some of the Banksia residents. She shook her musical instrument and danced away to her grandmother's delight – (Pamela Power – Lifestyle & Leisure coordinator of Cassia House).

Also joining in and having fun is Kathy Vollweiter (Volunteer).



## Caring about tomorrow through your Will...

We would like to share with you the wonderful news that we have recently received a bequest from the Estate of a former resident in Cassia House.

This special gift has been requested to benefit residents in the facility through additional lifestyle and leisure activities.

This bequest will touch the lives of older people in our community in a special way.

Manningham Centre thanks all donors and supporters of our services.

## MANNINGHAM MONSTER COMMUNITY RAFFLE 2012

*Hi Everyone – what a fantastic effort!!!*

**Wow . . . \$3,507 !!!!**

Congratulations and thank you for the hard work you've done.

**On top of that, we received  
\$330.50 in donations**  
via this raffle project.

The top ticket seller of this year's raffle was **Helen Larkin** and she should be commended for her effort!

The average figure over the past years has been around \$2,500 -----so how amazing is this year's total.

THANKS to everyone who kindly made this possible.

*Angie Lee – Fundraising Officer*



## Make a difference ...

### Help Manningham Centre with a bequest or donation

*Support the continuous improvement of our services through the purchase of furnishings and equipment for the direct benefit of residents*

*For more information about leaving a bequest, contact the Chief Executive, Ross Dawson.*

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