

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present this Annual Report to the Yass valley community. This is the fourth year since Yass Valley Aged Care Limited became an incorporated company with all members living in the Yass valley.

Year 2014–2015 has been a year of significant change.

To me Yass Valley Aged Care Limited is a living organisation. As with all lives we grow and change, sometimes with joy and sometimes with sadness. Ginny Hewlett will be leaving Yass, and therefore us, at the end of 2015 in support of her family. Her term as Director will end at the 2015 AGM. Ginny has served the aged care community for some three decades. Her tenacity and stewardship have enabled the creation and existence of Yass Valley Aged Care. We record our debt to Ginny.

Michael Walker is also ending his term as Director. Michael has contributed to aged care in Yass for over a decade. He guided the transfer of Warmington Lodge from Rossi Street to Castor Street and was the architect of the Yass Valley Aged Care Limited constitution. Thank you, Michael.

In May, Yass Valley Aged Care Limited had a visit associated with our re-accreditation audit. The assessment team from the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency reported that we met all 44 items in the four Standards assessed. This 100% successful outcome is a great credit to our CEO, Robyn, who worked hard over the previous months to change us, to get YVACL to the 2015 Standards which are so different to that which we have previously been working to. Credit goes to her, and all our staff who have lived through this change.

We have changed our financial and electronic management to respond to regulatory change and to be able to increase our efficiency of communication with the various arms of government we engage with.

We are in the process of changing our accommodation services to better respond to community desires and have we commenced a significant building refurbishment to achieve this. We look forward to welcoming new residents to enjoy the premium care that we provide.

It is important to ensure the governance of Yass Valley Aged Care Limited is representative of the people in our wider community. Our Company needs to gain an imprimatur from the community that is as substantial as that of elected local government. It seems to me that this 'political strength' will best come from a significantly increased company membership that obviously reflects all facets of the Yass valley community. I make that invitation people living in the Yass valley to be a member if you have not already done so.

Our supporters, The Yass Aged Care Foundation Incorporated, have provided both encouragement and financial support. Their enthusiasm is appreciated.

I commend this Annual Report to you.

Ron Badger
PRESIDENT