



# Association of Independent Retirees

## *AIR ACTIVE*

Keeping Independent People Informed

### **From the Deputy President**

This issue of *AIR Active* is an update and progress report from the Board, following the resignation of Robert Lind, the National President and Director. This issue helps members to understand the legislation which Helen Sava, the Company Secretary, is required to fulfill in this situation.

### **Resignation of National President**

Robert Lind submitted his resignation as the President and Director on the Board on 23 August 2007. The Company Secretary notified the Division Presidents by electronic message on 24 August 2007. Further information received from Robert Lind re his reason for resigning was circulated to the Division Presidents on 27 August 2007.

### **Filling a Casual Vacancy on the Board**

The Company Secretary sought advice from the solicitors, Meyer Vandenberg, to comply with A.I.R.'s Constitution and the Corporations Act for calling nominations for the vacated position. The first option would be for the Board to elect the Deputy President as the President to complete the term. The Deputy President's position would be vacated and the position would be open for nominations. Alternatively, the Board could also decide to leave the vacancy unfilled because the AGM, already notified for 20 November, would be ideal for calling for nominations to fill the President's position.

The President's planned tasks and duties are currently being undertaken by the Deputy President.

### **Special Board Meeting to be held on 18 September 2007**

The Board has chosen to hold a 'Special Meeting' on 18 September to accept the resignation notice, and to decide on the requirements needed to maintain the operations of the Board until the AGM.

### **Calling for Nominations**

The call for nominations must be distributed to the members prior to a general meeting. Since the AGM had already been announced, and the *Independent Retiree* magazine would not be published in sufficient time to enable nominations to be put forward, the Company Secretary chose, in consultation with the other Executive Directors, to do a mailing to members. This is the nomination form which has already been received by members.

Nominations for the President's position close on 20 September 2007.

### **Other Vacancies for Board Directors**

Following the resignation of Ashton Shirley, the National Treasurer in December 2006, the Board voted to fill the casual vacancy, for the remaining 11 months of the term, when John Wenban was invited to accept the position. As Elaine Muir, the current Vice-President is completing her first two-year term on the Board, nominations will be called for the position of Vice-President.

Both of these positions are falling vacant within their natural term, hence the requirements for calling nominations differ somewhat from a mid-term casual vacancy.

### **Dissemination of Information to Members**

It is being recognised by the Directors that irrespective of the speed of technology,

Division and branch secretaries and newsletter editors are using their available communication mediums for distributing the news to their members. Sometimes, the information is arriving after the nomination form has been received.

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## **2007 Annual General Meeting**

The Holiday Inn (Tullamarine)  
Melbourne, 20 November 2007 at 11am

All Branches should by now have nominated delegates to attend the National AGM. In the event that delegates have not yet been appointed, please note that proxy forms must be completed and lodged with the Company Secretary before 20 October 2007.

## **ACCOMMODATION ADVICE FOR DELEGATES ATTENDING THE AGM**

### **The Holiday Inn**

1 Centre Road, Tullamarine 3043  
Telephone: (03) 9933 5111  
Reservations: 1300 666 747  
Facsimile: (03) 9330 3230  
Web: [www.holidayinn.com.au](http://www.holidayinn.com.au)  
E-mail: [reservations.melbourne@ihg.com](mailto:reservations.melbourne@ihg.com)

Room rate quoted: \$190. Restaurant and room service.

### **Airport Motel and Convention Centre**

33-37 Ardlie Street, Attwood 3049  
Telephone: (03) 9333 2200  
Facsimile: (03) 9333 3366  
[www.airportmotelmelbourne.com.au](http://www.airportmotelmelbourne.com.au)  
E-mail: [airportmotel@bigpond.com](mailto:airportmotel@bigpond.com)

Corporate room rates: Standard room \$119, standard with spa \$139. Booking service available on-line. Restaurant and room service. Free shuttle bus service to and from airport.

### **Quality Hotel Melbourne Airport**

265 Mickleham Road, Tullamarine 3043  
Telephone: (03) 9338 3222  
Facsimile: (03) 9338 3818  
Web: [www.airportstay.com.au](http://www.airportstay.com.au)  
E-mail: [claire@airportstay.com.au](mailto:claire@airportstay.com.au)

Corporate room rates: single standard, \$120; std. double/twin \$130. Booking service

available on-line. Restaurant, room service, coffee/tea facilities. Free shuttle bus service to and from airport.

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## **MONEY MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT**

A question has been received by the Board's Marketing Chair re the financial benefit/commission from the sale of the 'special offer' subscription.

The advertisement in *Money* magazine has no financial benefit for A.I.R. except for the anticipated increase in membership, flowing from this advertisement, then all levels of A.I.R. could attract some financial advantage. In fact, the break-even point for the expenditure on this advertisement will require just over 240 new single or 150 new couple members across Australia.

When negotiating the price for the full-page advertisement in *Money* magazine, the reduction in the rate for an 11 month subscription was part of the package. The ACP Magazines' marketing department considered that the membership of A.I.R. was in the age bracket with their current readership, that A.I.R. had a sizeable membership number, and that A.I.R. wanted to use this reduced subscription rate as part of a membership drive. There were mutual benefits to both parties.

This 'special offer' will continue until the end of November, at which time, the Board will consider the response rate for uptake of new members and how interested, existing members are in being presented with 'special deals'. It is possible that with feed-back from the branches, and, of course, the members, more of such 'special offers' could be negotiated by the Board's Marketing Chair.

Any questions from branches or members about this promotion are welcome.

Theresa Kot  
Deputy National President  
Marketing Chair

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