



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MANNA INC. ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF FOUNDERS AS MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Manna Inc. (Manna) would like to announce that our Founders, Bev Lowe OAM and John Lowe OAM, have announced their resignation as members of the Board of Directors.

Bev and John established Manna in 1996 and have gone on to create an organisation that is well recognised in the Perth community for emulating their spirit of giving and providing hope for those in need.

Bev and John have expressed that they would like to embark on a new journey of pursuing other interests in their lives as they move into their twilight years. With their normal grace, Bev and John offered their best wishes to the organisation as Manna seeks to build on their impressive legacy in providing food and warmth to the homeless and underprivileged in Perth.

On behalf of the tens of thousands of people that have been helped and inspired by Bev and John, and together with the volunteers and the many stakeholders of Manna, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the remarkable contributions that Bev and John have made in helping the underprivileged of WA over the past 21 years.

We express our deepest gratitude and respect for Bev and John's endearing and enduring love and passion for helping those in need.

Although Bev and John will leave the Board almost immediately, the other Board members look forward in continuing to engage with both of them into the future, and keeping them connected to the ongoing activities of Manna.

Manna will continue to operate under the supervision of the current Board of Directors. The new Chair of the Board, Heather Stewart-Johnson, who has worked with Bev and John for more than two decades, affirms our absolute commitment to building a sustainable operation whilst preserving the ethos and values that the Founders have created. We pledge to continue our Founders' legacy through our many services and programmes.

The Board of Manna is delighted to announce that in recognition of the enormous contribution of our Founders, Manna will issue annually the **B&J LOWE AWARD** to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to food relief services in Western Australia. This inaugural award will be issued at our annual **Homeless For A Night** event to be held this year on 5 May at Gloucester Park.