

LIONS HOUSE FOUNDATION



10th Annual General Meeting Report for 2012

Lions House Foundation Inc.
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Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Apologies: Dr Linda Mellors, Executive Director, Mercy Hospital for Women; DG Glenda & PDG Bruce McLeod, 201 V5;
3. Introduction of Trustees and Guests.
4. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting 10th October, 2011.
5. Confirmation of the Auditor for the Year Ended 30th June 2012.
6. Presentation and acceptance of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2012
7. Presentation and acceptance of the Statements of Assets and Liabilities for the Year Ended 30th June 2012.
8. Election of Trustees for terms as appointed – 3 vacancies for three year term
 - Nominations have been received by the following for election as Trustees for a term of three years:
 - Anthony J Benbow - Nominated by: Garth Whitchurch, Seconded by: Arthur Uren
 - Pauline Harris - Nominated by John Morgan, Seconded by Arthur Uren
 - Robert Winther - Nominated by John Morgan, Seconded by Arthur Uren

All nomination received by Secretary and each accepted their Nomination.

9. Election of Trustees to positions

All Board positions have been declared vacant and nominations have been called for positions in terms of the Incorporation Model Rules under which the Foundation is governed.

- Chairman: **Tony Benbow**
Nominated by Pauline Harris
Seconded by: Arthur Uren
- Deputy Chairman: **Arthur Uren**
Nominated by Garth Whitchurch
Seconded by Pauline Harris
- Secretary: **Pauline Harris**
Nominated by Arthur Uren
Seconded by Garth Whitchurch
- Treasurer: **Garth Whitchurch**
Nominated by Arthur Uren
Seconded by Robert Winther
- Chairman Public Relations: **Arthur Uren**
Nominated by Garth Whitchurch
Seconded by Pauline Harris
- Chairman Fundraising: No nomination received by Secretary
- Chairman Building Development: **John Morgan**
Nominated by Margaret Sheriff
Seconded by Anthony J Benbow
- Chairman Regional Representation **Margaret Sheriff**
Nominated by Catherine Godbold
Seconded by Pauline Harris

- Chairman Lions House Management **Pauline Harris**
Nominated by Arthur Uren
Seconded by Garth Whitchurch
- General Committee **Cathy Godbold**
Craig Langdon
Robert Winther OAM

All nominations for positions received by Secretary and each accepted their Nomination.

10. Chairman's Presentation -
11. General Business
Presentations
12. Meeting Close

LIONS HOUSE FOUNDATION INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held Monday 10th October, 2011 at 7.40pm at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg.

PRESENT: Chairman PCC Tony Benbow; Deputy Chairman PDG Arthur Uren; Secretary PDG Pauline Harris; Treasurer Garth Whitchurch; Cathy Godbold; Robert Winther OAM JP; Regional Representative PDG Margaret Sheriff; Margaret Heathorn OAM,.

APOLOGIES: Patrons: Sir James & Lady Gobbo, Mr Brendan Murphy, CEO, Austin Hospital, Stephen Cornellison CEO, Mercy Hospital for Women; Vincent Colosimo. Presenter of Promotional Video; Robyn Falloon; Ann Trowbridge, Lions Club of Coburg; Max Ford; Wonthaggi Lions Club, PDG George & Myra Bird; Jim & Sylvia Cross; Fiona Dixon..

Moved: Cathy Godbold **Seconded:** Margaret Sheriff **Carried**

GUESTS: DG Phil Sheriff 201 V1-4, Dr Linda Mellors, Executive Director Mercy Hospital for Women; Stan Falloon 2nd VDG District 201v1-4; Lions Club of Inverloch & District Lions Dot & Frank McGarvey; Lion Sue Ford; Sue Benbow; Alex Bell, Scout Leader; Robert Apicella, Video Producer.

WELCOME: Chairman Tony welcomed all trustees and guests to this our 9th Annual General Meeting. He expressed his gratitude to all the Lions Clubs in Victoria for their ongoing support then follow with a more detailed report from his report printed in the Annual General Meeting Report tabled. This year has been very challenging; we are looking at the Repat site once more, with a meeting being held next Friday with Brendan Murphy, CEO, Austin Hospital to discuss update report on land and Building Plans that have already been prepared at this stage. A Professional Corporate Fundraiser will be sort as soon as confirmation of land has been received..

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held 11th October, 2010.

Read and confirmed.

Moved: Margaret Sheriff **Seconded:** Robert Winther **Carried**

AUDITORS: Move to accept Lion John Ellingworth from the Nunawading Lions Club as the Auditor for the Lions House Foundation Inc for the coming financial year.

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for year ended 30th June, 2011 as printed in the 2010 Annual General Meeting Report.

CONFIRMATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the year ended 30th June, 2011 as printed in the 2011 Annual General Meeting Report.

Moved: Garth Whitchurch **Seconded:** Cathie Godbold **Carried**

TRUSTEES REPORT

Public Relations - Deputy Chair/ PR Chairman Arthur as per his report tabled. Certificates and Banner Patches have been presented to all Lions Clubs who have been supporting us on an ongoing basis. The Video Presentation was then shown to Trustees and Guests. Received with great enthusiasm. Well presented with shots taken before editing. Now to have final details done and will then be approaching TV & Radio Station for play time.

Accommodation - Report as tabled, Pauline again thanked Sue Ford and all the support during the year.

Building - Chairman John is looking forward to the time when his role becomes active and can produce positive results of our future plans.

Regional Representation - Margaret spoke to her report thanking the Lions Clubs of Victoria for their continued support.

Moved: Arthur Uren

Seconded: Margaret Sheriff

Carried

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES for the terms as appointed – 4 Vacancies for a three year term

4 nominations received by the Secretary for election as Trustees for a term of three years with one position remaining vacant.

1. Garth Whitchurch
2. Margaret Sheriff
3. Arthur Uren
4. John Morgan

All nominees nominated and seconded as per the terms of the Incorporation Model Rules under which the foundation is governed.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES to positions

All Board positions have been declared vacant and nominations have been called for positions in terms of the Incorporation Model Rules under which the foundation is governed.

• Chairman	Nomination – Tony Benbow	Accepted
• Deputy Chairman	Nomination – Arthur Uren	Accepted
• Secretary	Nomination – Pauline Harris	Accepted
• Treasurer	Nomination – Garth Whitchurch	Accepted
• Chairman Public Relations	Nomination – Arthur Uren	Accepted
• Chairman Fundraising	Nomination – vacant	
• Chairman Building Development	Nomination – John Morgan	Accepted
• Chairman Regional Liaison	Nomination – Margaret Sheriff	Accepted
• Chairman Lions House M'tment	Nomination – Pauline Harris	Accepted
• General Committee 4 vacancies	Nomination – Craig Langdon Nomination – Cathie Godbold Nomination – Robert Winther	Accepted Accepted Accepted

Confirmation of election of Trustees and nominations for positions are set in place for the following next twelve months.

Moved: Garth Whitchurch

Seconded: Robert Winther

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS and

QUESTION TIME:

Chairman Tony gave a short presentation on our future plans again with, and detailing once again how we hope to promote our Video.

MEETING

On behalf of the Board Chairman Tony thanked all for their attendance and declared

CLOSED:

the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Patron's

The Foundation is privileged to have as their patrons the Hon Sir James Gobbo AC, CVO and Lady Gobbo.

Sir James, a former Governor of the State of Victoria (1997 – 2001) and Supreme Court Judge is a distinguished and recognised Victorian together with his wife have been wonderful supporters of the Foundation since its inception.

Sir James and Lady Gobbo continue to be active participants in the activities of the Foundation and keenly involve themselves in supporting the strategy of the Foundation.

We are very proud and grateful to have them as our Patron's.



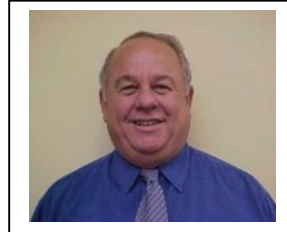
Board of Trustees

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees from varying backgrounds and with differing expertise to enhance the development of the Foundation. Trustees have undertaken varying roles on the Board which are detailed below.

The Trustees over the past 12 months representing the Foundation were:



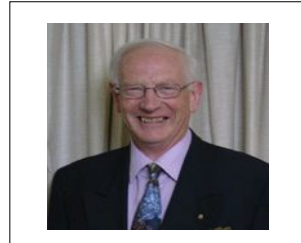
Chairman of Trustee
Tony Benbow



Deputy Chairman Public Relations
Arthur Uren



Secretary & Chairman Lions House Accommodation.



Treasurer
Garth Whitchurch



Chairman Regional Representative
Margaret Sheriff



Chairman Building Development
John Morgan



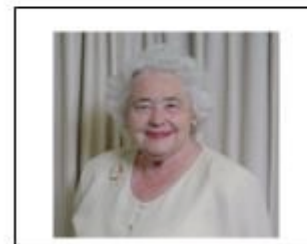
Trustee
Robert Winther oam



Trustee
Craig Langdon



Trustee
Cathie Godbold



Honorary Life Trustee
Margaret Heathorn OAM

Chairman's Report



Over the last twelve months, the Trustees of the Foundation have undertaken some extensive review and planning, working towards our long term goal of a permanent “Lions House” facility.

This has involved the commissioning of an Architectural company to undertake a feasibility study of a suitable option to consider for the accommodation facility. Although not the original plan, we need to adapt and look at every opportunity to bring this “vision” to reality.

What has been done is fully supported and encouraged by our partners within the Austin Hospital and the support of their CEO Dr Brendan Murphy and Projects Manager Ian Leong has been nothing short of outstanding. We would not be where we are today without that support.

It does give me great pleasure on behalf of the Trustees to formally announce that we have entered into contractual discussions to undertake the refurbishment of an existing facility on the Repatriation site that will allow us to have a permanent “Lions House” established and operating around mid 2013.

Currently, negotiations are underway to agree plans and contracts to enable the works to begin. We will be presenting the proposed plan at the Annual General Meeting and then be uploading the information on our Website for general information.

From a financial perspective, we still have a way to go with funding the long term operations and this will continue to be a major focus for us in the coming months.

Another significant achievement is the completion of the “advertisement” for the Foundation. At last years Annual General Meeting we screened the draft of the advertisement, and after changes and then the classifying to allow it to be aired, we are now seeking supporting for this around the state. The clip has been placed on the Foundations website for viewing.

The Trustees acknowledge and thank Mr Vince Collosimo for leading the advertisement and Mr Robert Apicella and his production company for creating it. Both donated their time and services to make this possible.

We experienced another change in our “Interim House” again this year in June when at the end of our lease, the property was sold and we had to vacate. Fortunately another property, although a little smaller was located in Rosanna, it allowed the continuation of services to those families in need. It always becomes a combined effort to move and as normal, the Trustees got involved physically to make this happen. The residents continue to be very grateful for what the Foundation does for them and with the permanent facility a reality, more can be accommodated.

The financial position of the Foundation continues to be in a sound position and this will allow us to undertake the refurbishment costs. Funding is still required for fit-out and for the security of longer term operations. With our advertisement now ready for screening, aimed at raising the awareness to the general public on what the Foundation does, we hope that will assist our efforts to fund our needs.

Although our needs are not finalised at this stage, estimates to achieve this range between \$250,000 and \$500,000 required.

During the year, the support of Lions and Lioness Clubs together with individual financial support has been excellent and put us in a position to move forward.

The Board of Trustees work as a very cohesive and supportive group who continue to donate their time and effort as they work towards seeing our goal achieved. I am very proud to work with them as a team and it would be unfair to single out any one of them as they all contribute greatly to this Foundation using their skills and expertise channelled together

The focus continues to be the provision of accommodation to support the families of patients attending the hospital precinct and we are achieving this. The many notes of appreciation and thanks regularly received certainly acknowledges what is being done and the efforts of the Trustees in making this so worthwhile.

My thanks go to each and every member of the Board, the Clubs and individuals that have supported us this past year and continue to do so.

Tony Benbow
Chairman

Administration Report



This last past year has seen many Lions. Lioness Club and Community support our Foundation and to be able to be responsible for the receiving of these donations and record same is a great pleasure.

Thanks to the members of the Board for the support during the past year and I look forward to working with everyone again in 2012/2013

My role as administrator to this time has been a small one, but the future is looking to become very busy which I am looking forward to with great enthusiasm.

In my role it has given me the opportunity to meet many interested and very supportive members of Lions and of the Community.

Pauline Harris
Secretary

Treasurer's Report



The financial position of the Foundation has again improved significantly over the past twelve months. Contributions from Public Donations, including Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs and individuals has been wonderful.

In May at the celebration of Heidelberg-Warringal Lions Club's 21st, Chairman Tony was presented with a cheque for \$60,000; the largest individual donation we have received and took our funds to over the \$1M. A great landmark, and achievement.

The reported accounts reflect this income that has been fully receipted to allow for the tax deductibility arrangements the Foundation maintains as a "Gift Deductible Entity".

The cost of running the Foundation is constantly under review and all expenditures must be approved or ratified by the Board. As an organization we are very conscious of our responsibility to ensure that we maintain a vigilant approach to expenditure management as we have an obligation to the Public and the Lions organization to maintain the utmost professionalism and integrity at all times.

All projects or events undertaken by the Foundation are submitted by the respective Committee/s to the Board for approval. This submission must be accompanied by a project plan and financial budget before it will be reviewed or approved to ensure that the focus is maintained and expenditure is within the project plan.

Due to change in the Justice Department's requirements with the presentation of our annual accounts, this year's figures to the end of June 2012 are also shown in the same format and are as included in my report. These show simplified Consolidated financials in addition to the Profit and Loss accounts of our activities together with notes to the accounts.

The Accommodation Account ran at a slight loss due to a lower occupancy rate in the early half of 2012 ; something beyond our control, but has improved over recent months. Accommodation costs of clients are in most cases reimbursed by State Government agencies and take from 3 to 6 months to be processed and was also the reason for a downturn in income.

On the other hand our expenses have remained steady and within budget.

Assets of the Foundation have increased by \$174,830 (\$119,563) over the past twelve months.

Certificate of Audit has been issued by the Foundation's Auditor.

Trustees of the Foundation are all voluntary positions and trustees do not receive any financial benefit resulting from their position as a Member of the Board of Trustees.

Garth Whitchurch (**Trustee & Honorary Treasurer**)

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(\$ rounded)

CONSOLIDATED FIGURES TO 30TH JUNE 2012.

2011	RECEIPTS:-		
79,984	Accommodation Account (Trading) (1A)	60,360	
3,139	General Account (1B)	2,024	
105,220	Public Fund (1C)	175,672	
188,343	TOTAL RECEIPTS GROUP	238,056	
	PAYMENTS:-		
65,607	Accommodation Account (1A)	64,965	
239	General Account (1B)	211	
NIL	Public Fund (1C)	NIL	
65,846	TOTAL PAYMENTS GROUP	65,176	
122,497	SURPLUS TOTAL FOR GROUP		172,880
	Represented by:-		
	CASH AT BANK 30th June 2012		
61,271	Accommodation Account	58,653	
	LESS Outstanding cheques	1,987	56,666
27,574	General Account		29,387
133,215	Public Fund		108,887
222,060	TOTAL FUNDS IN BANK 30th June 2012.		194,940

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 30th JUNE 2012.

	ASSETS:-		(Movement)
222,060	Bank Accounts- Westpac Melbourne	194,940	- 27,120
650,000	Public Fund 1 st Mortgage Investments	850,000	+ 200,000
250	Petty Cash Float	250	NIL
3,033	Rental Bond	4,983	+ 1,950
875,343	TOTAL ASSETS	1,050,173	+ 174,830
NIL	LIABILITIES	NIL	NIL
875,343	SURPLUS / EQUITY	1,050,173	+ 174,830

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED 30th June 2012

		(Movement)
Cash flow from Trading Activities:-		
Receipts from Customers/ Trading	62,063	-20,793
Payments to Suppliers	(65,176)	- 670
NET PROFIT (LOSS) ON TRADING	(3,113)	- 20,123
Cash flow from Accounts & Investments:-		
Interest- Bank	578	+ 1
Interest 1 st Mortgage Investments	75,950	+ 12,475
NET INCOME INVESTMENTS	76,528	+ 12,476
Cash flow from Donations:-		
Donations	99,465	+58,030
Cash and cash Equivalents		
Cash at end plus Investments	1,050,173	+ 174,830

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS TO 30TH JUNE 2012 (\$ rounded)

2011

ACCOMMODATION ACCOUNT (1A)

RECEIPTS:-

77,818	Accommodation tariffs	60,010
2,000	Bond refund.	NIL
NIL	GST	129
166	Interest-Bank	221

79,984 TOTAL RECEIPTS **60,360**
 (Note:- Contras on Cash Book \$18 deducted)

PAYMENTS:-

36,396	Rent	34,567
NIL	Rent Bond	1,950
13,839	Cleaning	10,267
4,679	Secretarial	2,977
2,805	House	2,086
937	Admin.	1,242
6,120	Services	7,212
581	Telephone	608
NIL	Public Relations	1,824
NIL	Computer/ Software	2,166
NIL	Bank Merchant Card Fees	66
250	Petty Cash Float	NIL

65,607 TOTAL PAYMENTS **64,965**
 (Note:- Contras on Cash Book \$18 deducted)

14,377 SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY) ON TRADING **(4,605)**
46,896 ADD BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/7/2011 **61,271**

61,271 BALANCE 30TH JUNE 2012. **56,666**

(Continued) PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS TO 30TH JUNE 2012.

GENERAL ACCOUNT (1B)

RECEIPTS:-		
3,038	GST	1,924
101	Interest-Bank	100
3,139	TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,024
PAYMENTS:-		
239	Bank Merchant Fees	211
239	TOTAL PAYMENTS	211
2,900	SURPLUS	1,813
49,674	ADD BALANCE Brought Forward 1/7/2011	27,574
25,000	LESS TRANSFER TO PUBLIC FUND	NIL
27,574	BALANCE 30TH JUNE 2012.	29,387

PUBLIC FUND (1C)

(Authorised account for receipt of Tax deductible donations)

RECEIPTS:-		
41,235	Donations Lions Clubs	83,900
200	Donations-Public	15,565
NIL	Donations for Brick Pavers.	NIL
63,475	Interest Investments (1 st Mortgages)	75,950
310	Interest- Bank	257
105,220	TOTAL RECEIPTS	175,672
NIL	PAYMENTS	NIL
105,220	SURPLUS	175,672
102,995	ADD BALANCE Brought Forward 1/7/2011	133,215
25,000	ADD Transfer from General Account	NIL 100,000 LESS
Transfer to 1 st Mortgage Investment	200,000	
133,215	BALANCE 30TH JUNE 2012.	108,887

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:-

Books are maintained on a simple Receipts and Payments basis.

CONTRA noted on Profit and Loss sheet is for a reversal entry. Similarly transfer between accounts have been deducted to show true receipts and payments for each account and thereby ascertain actual surplus (deficiency).

The Foundation runs three (3) bank accounts on the following basis:-

A. Accommodation Account.

Through this account is run the accommodation management for patients of the Austin & Mercy Hospitals. These patients are from the country and interstate and usually more than 100 kilometres from Melbourne. Accommodation cost is in line with the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS) who reimburse the Foundation at a basis fee set by them (similar arrangements also exist interstate). Aim is to cover our costs with a slight surplus to cover replacement furniture, Manchester etc. needed to run an accommodation centre. Premises were rented at 54 Durham Street, Eaglemont until mid June 2012 when premises at 19 Station Road, Rosanna were obtained, but only contained 4 bedrooms against Eaglemont of 7 bedrooms.

B. General Account.

Account is basically used for fund raising via special luncheons, dinners and balls and enables deposits to be paid on function centres and similar items needed to run such large scale occasions. GST and Bank merchant fees were processed through this account until late in financial year and are now through the Accommodation Account to show true trading figures within the one account. Proceeds raised are used towards running the accommodation facility and any capital purchases if considered necessary.

C. Public Fund.

Account is used to bank funds donated to the Foundation usually via Lions Clubs International throughout Australia and the general public. **No cash donations were received this financial year.** Donations \$2 and over are Tax deductible and an appropriate receipt is issued. Surplus funds are invested on 1st Mortgage lent at no more than 60% of valuation, no more than a yearly rollover and earning on average 10.2%. Purpose of fund is eventually to have adequate funds to purchase our own premises or obtain a long term lease on a suitable large property to accommodate the previously mentioned patients.

COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2012.

(1A)” Accommodation”.

In June 2012 rental premises had to be changed (for a 3rd time since opening) and suitable premises were found in Rosanna. This resulted in a drop in rent of nearly \$13,000 per annum, however the number of rooms dropped by 3 to 4 which lowered our availability to accommodate patients. Budget is generally on a break even basis with the VPTAS reimbursement scheme unchanged. With lower rent and drop in occupancy is it hoped that the small loss in trading will be reverted to a profit.

(1B) “General” account has only been used for GST and Merchant Fees. These 2 items are now passed through Accommodation A/c to give a clear picture on trading. Only income is from Interest.

(1C) “Public Fund” is dependant on donations and interest from 1st Mortgage Investments. Increase this financial year is due to a large donation of \$45,000 from a Lions Club and \$15,000 from an individual.

Garth D.C Whitchurch
Honorary Treasurer & Trustee

Anthony J. Benbow
Chairman & Trustee. Public
Officer.

Public Relations Chairman's Report



I am delighted to present my fifth Public Relations report since joining the Board of Lions House Foundation Inc in 2005

The year itself I believe has seen significant advancement towards the ultimate realization of our vision and that is of a permanent Lions House particularly in the past 2 months or so. Much work has gone into negotiations with the Austin Hospital, Consultants and Architects and I like all other Trustees hope that the commencement of refurbishments to our "New Home" is not to far away.

The Lions House Website is creating some interest and hopefully that will continue. I monitor its need for change and will continue to do so as required, I have recently completed some changes to the "Members Area" and have uploaded the Lions Ad to the "Home page"

Our latest Interim Lions House in Station Road Rosanna continues to offer comfortable accommodation for our client base, the house whilst not large in comparison to previous houses, is ideally situated next to the Rosanna Railway Station and local shops. This four bedroom home has a warm and inviting ambiance about it and the residents who are mainly long term comment very favorably to Trustees.

Each year we are constantly amazed at the generosity of the Lions and Lions Club, donations have arrived from far and wide and we are most appreciative of this support.

I would like to publicly acknowledge PDG Pauline who was awarded the Minister for Health Volunteer Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement...Congratulations Pauline on receiving this award from the Trustees and the wider Lions Family . An article outlining Pauline's work can be located on the Website in the Members Area

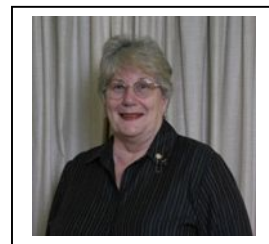
Moving into 2013 my aims are continue with the current PR model, ensure that we continue to move towards the commencement of the build and find that much needed financial support from the Corporate Sector.

At present I have been making enquiries in the business sector to find a suitable Fund Raising Manager, the Trustees are now of the belief that it is now time to taken the next step, hopefully I will be in a position in the new year to announce the appointment of a suitable person to fulfill the role.

As Deputy Chairman I would also like to commend the work of the Trustees without their tireless efforts we would not be where we are today

Arthur Uren MStJ (PDG)
Deputy Chairman / Public Relations Chairperson

Lions House **– Committee of Management Report**



This past year has seen us move again, unfortunately Durham Street who had 7 bedrooms was sold and at the very last minute we found a very nice four bedrooms home in Rosanna. It has a very homely feeling.

With the move we have three families who came with us, so had to make the adjustment very comfortable for all. Many thanks to Arthur and Sue for their many tiring hours to make the move. It was a bit job and thankfully it could be our last before the big move which we are all looking forward to.

This year we were able to help 79 families. Quite a few less than last year in numbers, but this was due to 30 of these families being what we call long termers. And there as a very quiet period over the being of the new year with the Austin Hospital.

This year I was very honoured to have been nominated by the Mercy & Austin Hospitals for a Volunteer Award. For which I received from the Minister of Health in May this year. This has opened up a few doors, I have been invited to speak at quite a few Volunteers Organisation in our Community about Lions House, not something I expected but am thoroughly enjoying being given the chance to get the word out there about who we are.

I once again would like to thank Sue Ford who once again supports me when I visit my daughter in Perth and also welcome on board Kerrin Sheppard who gives Sue a chance for a holiday as well.

To the members of my Club thank you for their ongoing supply of Welcome Packs which we place on the beds for the new residents when they arrive. Very much appreciated by all.

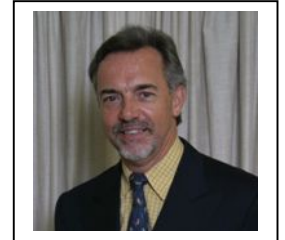
Many thanks to all members of the Board for their support during the year, and I look forward to continuing again this year in my role.

For Lions it is the epitome of our motto "We Serve".

Pauline Harris
Chairman
Lions House Committee of Management

Building & Development Report

Annual Report for 2012 from John Morgan Trustee for Building Development of Lions House to be located in the South West ground floor section of the Boronia Building on the Banksia Street side of the Repatriation Hospital.



It has been a year of steady progress working closely with key Austin Health staff and I am pleased to report that we are right on track to achieve our goal of taking possession of the permanent new home for Lions House in the second half of 2013.

Our newly appointed Architects for this upcoming building phase are Y2 Architecture who are eminently qualified to guide us right through to the completion having been through a very similar process in 2004 with their conversion of a row of four turn of the century terrace homes in Parkville Melbourne close to the Royal Children's Hospital into one of the largest Ronald McDonald Houses in Australia. They have produced the images on display here tonight showing the floor plan and images of how the interior and exterior will look when completed.

Robert Winther and I are now reaching the midway point of our harmonious working relationship with Austin Health and their marvellous in house team of professionals who at any given time are also heavily involved with a large number of other new projects across both the Repat and Heidelberg sites despite having recently completed the 190 million dollar Olivia Newton John Cancer Centre and the 45 million dollar Melbourne Brain Institute.

Robert and I with the ongoing support of Pauline Harris have attended many meetings with Austin Health and now believe that we have looked at all the issues that are required to produce a smoothly operating end result and for everyone's information we intend to keep you up to date via our Website which will include progressive on site photography of the emerging building refurbishment including a visual 3 D view of the interior.

So, as the Architect's building drawings are now being fully detailed over the coming months in readiness for use in the Tendering process to be held in January 2013 we will then appoint the most appropriate Building Company for their commencement on site in March with completion due in August 2013.

Just in time for next year's AGM in our new home!

John Morgan
Chairman
Building Development

Regional Representation



It is with pleasure that I present this report for the Year 2011 – 2012

For the past year I have not visited as many clubs as I would have liked but I was able to attend 4 Conventions, Wangaratta, Portland, Wonthaggi & St. Arnaud and spoke to many members about our Foundation.

My continued aim for the next year would be to further the aims and objectives of Lions House to the wider Lion's family but I would also aim to have more visits to the country areas to update them on the changes that are occurring to the original plans for the House.

PDG Pauline Harris accompanied me on several visits, one just recently to the Zone 5 Meeting in V1-4 where I had been a Guest speaker at a previous meeting. This Zone took on 'Lions House' as a project and we were presented with cheques from several of the clubs in the Zone.

The Lionesses and Lions Ladies continue to knit bonnets and jackets and even some knitted toys for the babies at the Mercy Hospital. My thanks to these wonderful knitters and keep up the good work.

Conventions are once again on the horizon and we will be visiting V1-4, V2, V3 and V5 and look forward to updating members with the exciting changes at Lions House.

PDG Margaret Sheriff

REGIONAL LIAISON

The Lions House Foundation Inc. wishes to acknowledge the many individuals, organisations, Community Groups, Lions & Lioness Clubs for their support and contributions to the Foundation over the past year.

It wishes to thank the Mercy Hospital for Women, the Austin Hospital and the Repatriation Hospitals for their continued support of the Foundation.

The staff and management have continued to work with the Foundation to ensure that our eventual aim will be achieved.

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