



Patrons

The Hon Sir James Gobbo AC CVO and Lady Gobbo



*Officially opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014*

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Report for 2014

Lions House Foundation Inc.

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Lions House Foundation Inc.  
Annual General Report 2014

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# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

## Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Apologies:
3. Introduction of Trustees and Guests.
4. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.
5. Confirmation of the Auditor for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014
6. Presentation and acceptance of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014
7. Presentation and acceptance of the Statements of Assets and Liabilities for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014
8. Election of Trustees for terms as appointed – 1 vacancies for three year term  
Nomination has been received by the following for election as Trustee for a term of three years:

Craig Langdon - Nominated by: Arthur Uren, Seconded by: Margaret Sheriff

Nomination received by Secretary and Nominee accepted his 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:	<b>Anthony J Benbow</b> Nominated by: Garth Whitchurch Seconded by: Margaret Sheriff
Deputy Chairman:	<b>Arthur Uren</b>
Public Relations Manager:	Nominated by: Anthony J Benbow Seconded by: Garth Whitchurch
Secretary:	<b>Pauline Harris</b>
Accommodation Manager:	Nominated by: Garth Whitchurch Seconded by: Anthony J Benbow
Treasurer:	<b>Garth Whitchurch</b> Nominated by: Pauline Harris Seconded by: Anthony J Benbow
Fundraising Manager:	No nomination received by Secretary
Property Manager:	<b>John Morgan</b> Nominated by: Pauline Harris Seconded by: Anthony J Benbow
Lions Liaison	<b>Margaret Sheriff</b> Nominated by: Arthur Uren Seconded by: Garth Whitchurch
Austin Health Liaison	<b>Robert Winther OAM</b> Nominated by: Arthur Uren Seconded by: Garth Whitchurch
General Committee	<b>Craig Langdon</b> Nominated by: Pauline Harris Seconded by: Garth Whitchurch

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

10. Chairman's Presentation -

11. General Business

12 Meeting Close





## 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.



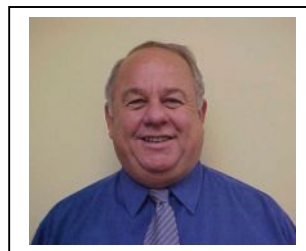
## Board of Trustees

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.

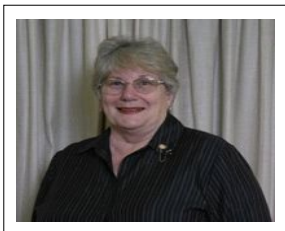
The Trustees over the past 12 months representing the Foundation were:



**Chairman of Trustee**  
Tony Benbow



**Deputy Chairman Public Relations**  
Arthur Uren



**Secretary & Accommodation Manager**



**Treasurer**  
Garth Whitchurch



**Lions Liaison**  
Margaret Sheriff



**Property Manager**  
John Morgan



**Austin Health Liaison**  
Robert Winther OAM



**Trustee**  
Craig Langdon



## Chairman's Report



The 2013-14 year has been the biggest for the Foundation since its inception. The year commenced with the enthusiasm of perhaps in the year seeing what we were striving to achieve come to fruition and it did.

After an extensive building and renovation program, we saw the new “Lions House” opened by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014. With over 200 guests in attendance at the opening, we celebrated the culmination of over 10 years work by many people.

Over that period of time, around \$1.3million was raised to fund the renovation and fit out. Donations continued from Clubs and individuals as well as grants from the Australian Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation. To date, we have nine of the twelve rooms in the House now sponsored with interest continuing for further sponsorship of the final two rooms which will be wonderful.

We could not have achieved this outcome without the dedication of the Trustees who have tirelessly worked so hard on all aspects of the project from initial planning, right through to the final paver being laid under the pergola area.

With the “House” now opened and fully operational, the focus of the Board of Trustees has now changed to that of management of the facility and working towards the long term stability of the Foundation.

The function and roles previously performed by Trustees needed to change to fit and align with this new management of “Lions House”.

We still have the key focus of our Accommodation Management, but now key liaison roles appointed for Lions and Austin Health. Once a building development function was key to establishing the facility but now that this has been achieved that focus has changed into managing the property and the operational issues that occur with this facility. Fundraising will still be needed to build up a “Capital Fund” which will be the source for future income allowing for replacement of items due to wear and tear, up-keep of the facility and grounds.

Each Member of the Board is a Trustee in their own right but they also carry other duties within the Foundation. The Trustee roles and responsibilities are as follows which reflects a more appropriate structuring of our key focus areas. We are always looking for others to support us in these areas and would welcome any enquiries.

Chairman

Deputy Chairman (including PR Manager responsibilities)

Secretary (including the Accommodation Manager responsibilities)

Treasurer (Foundation financial responsibilities)

Lions Liaison (Direct liaison with all Districts with the promotion of the Foundation)

Austin Health Liaison (Key liaison with Austin Health on behalf of the Foundation)

Property Manager (Operational management of all facilities of the "House")

General Trustee (Local community representation and involvement)

The Trustees are continually looking at enhancing the image of the Foundation and the communications that are issued. The Lions House Foundation Website is now under new management and is presently being updated which will allow for its release in the near future.

I would like to acknowledge and thank each of the Trustees for the work that they have done this year. It has not been by any means an easy time as it has required long hours, many meetings and discussions to see the official opening of a permanent facility come true.

We have been amazed with the support and contributions made by Austin Health, with particular acknowledgement of the CEO Dr Brendan Murphy and his Executive Team. The Property Division of Austin have worked with us throughout the build and together with our builders BE and Architects Y2, we did achieve something in 2014 that we can only be proud of.

As the Chairman of the Lions House Foundation, I can only be proud of what we have done, and that has been only because of a real team of dedicated people, the Trustees, working together for our end goal.

As you occasionally meet some of the residents staying at "Lions House", they echo the same words of "thank you"... "without Lions House we don't know how we would have coped" .... We knew there was a need, we now have this wonderful facility that does make a difference in the lives of so many and we will continue to do so for as long as we can.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all Trustees for their outstanding effort over this past twelve months, it has been that real "team" effort that has worked so well and has delivered for us "our dream".

A.J. (Tony) Benbow

**CHAIRMAN**

## **Administration Report**



This last past year has seen many changes for the Foundation, we now have our own premises and our Main Office is now at Lions House at Repatriation Hospital, 190 Banksia Street, Heidelberg. Lions and Lioness Clubs and Community support has continued through the past year for 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 2014/2015 as the next twelve months.

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 and this financial year changed significantly mainly due to our expenditure of close to \$1.2m on leasehold improvements and furniture and fittings. Contributions from Public Donations, including Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs and individuals has been wonderful.

Lions Clubs have responded magnificently to our call for help to fit out and finalize our building project for our own House. While too many to list individually in this report; we are preparing an update of our honor board for our Web site which will list all clubs that have donated over the years.

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.

Consolidated financials, Cash Flow Statement and Profit and Loss accounts are included with this report together with notes to the accounts.

The Accommodation Account ran at a slightly improved profit due mainly to our new and bigger premises which we have occupied since February. We managed to reduce our overall costs which has also helped.

Assets of the Foundation have increased by \$323,576 (\$118,015) over the past twelve months and is shown mainly in our Leasehold Improvements and Furniture and Fittings being brought into the balance sheet at cost.

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 Witchurch  
**Trustee & Treasurer**

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(\$ rounded)

## CONSOLIDATED FIGURES TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014.

2013	RECEIPTS:-		
59,086	Accommodation Account (Trading) (1A)	168,371	
1,963	General Account (1B)	37	
176,889	Public Fund (1C)	322,956	
<b>237,938</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS GROUP</b>	<b>491,364</b>	
	<b>PAYMENTS:-</b>		
49,614	Accommodation Account (1A)	152,268	
20,982	General Account (1B)	NIL	
46,294	Public Fund (1C)	1,185,990	
<b>116,890</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS GROUP</b>	<b>1,338,258</b>	
<b>121,048</b>	<b>SURPLUS TOTAL FOR GROUP (DEFICIENCY)</b>		<b>( 846,894 )</b>
	<b>Represented by:-</b>		
	<b>CASH AT BANK 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b>		
66,138	Accommodation Account	83,074	
NIL	LESS Outstanding cheques	833	82,241
10,368	General Account		10,405
339,482	Public Fund		126,448
<b>415,988</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS IN BANK 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.</b>		<b>220,760</b>

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014.

	ASSETS:-		(Movement)
415,988	Bank Accounts- Westpac Melbourne	220,760	-195,228
750,000	Public Fund 1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage Investments	100,000	- -650,000
250	Petty Cash Float	250	NIL
1,950	Rental Bond	NIL	-1,950
NIL	Improvements leasehold premises	1,092,950	+1,092,950
NIL	Furniture & Fittings	77,804	+77,804
<b>1,168,188</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,491,764</b>	<b>+323,576</b>
<b>NIL</b>	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>1,168,188</b>	<b>SURPLUS / EQUITY</b>	<b>1,491,764</b>	<b>+323,576</b>

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

		<b>(Movement)</b>
<b>Cash flow from Trading Activities:-</b>		
Receipts from Customers/ Trading	58,861	+3,594 -
Payments to Suppliers	(46,180)	-3,734
Bond refund	1,950	-1,083
NET PROFIT (LOSS) ON TRADING	14,331	- +5,645
<b>Cash flow from Accounts &amp; Investments:-</b>		
Interest- Bank	4,744	+2,236
Interest 1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage Investments	21,090	-79,353
NET INCOME INVESTMENTS	25,834	-77,117
<b>Cash flow from Donations and Grants:-</b>		
Donations	98,693	+26,983
Grants	93,750	+93,750
NET INCOME DONATIONS/GRANTS	192,443	+120,733
<b>Cash flow re Building Project</b>		
Feasibility Study	NIL	- +20,982
Architects fees re tender & building contract	(15,236)	- -31,058
Building Contract and associated works.	(1,092,950)	+1,092,950
Furniture & Fittings	(77,804)	+77,804
TOTAL OUTGO re BUILDING PROJECT	(1,185,990)	- +1,160,678
<b>Cash and cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at end plus Investments	320,760	-847,428

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 (\$ rounded)****2013****ACCOMMODATION ACCOUNT (1A)****RECEIPTS:-**

48,229	Accommodation tariffs	56,951
3,033	Bond refund.	1,950
7,038	GST *	107,998
780	Interest-Bank	1,372
NIL	Parking Holding Fund for Austin Hospital	100

**59,086 TOTAL RECEIPTS 168,371****PAYMENTS:-**

23,400	Rent	15,600
8,375	Cleaning	15,958
1,254	Secretarial	234
2,489	House	4,262
1,417	Admin.	2,487
5,808	Services	5,000
687	Telephone	267
943	Public Relations	2,077
264	Bank Merchant Card Fees	295
4,977	GST transfer to Public & General Accounts *	106,088

**49,614 TOTAL PAYMENTS 152,268****9,472 SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY ) ON TRADING 16,103****56,666 ADD BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/7/2013 66,138****66,138 BALANCE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014. 82,241**

(Continued) PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014.

**GENERAL ACCOUNT (1B)**

**RECEIPTS:-**

1,907	GST	NIL
56	Interest-Bank	37
<b>1,963</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>PAYMENTS:-</b>		
20,982	Feasibility Study	NIL
<b>20,982</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>(19,019)</b>	<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>29,387</b>	<b>ADD BALANCE Brought Forward 1/7/2013</b>	<b>10,368</b>
<b>10,368</b>	<b>BALANCE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014.</b>	<b>10,405</b>

**PUBLIC FUND (1C)**

**( Authorized account for receipt of Tax deductible donations)**

**RECEIPTS:-**

61,553	Donations Lions Clubs	*	85,303
10,157	Donations-Public	*	11,090
NIL	Donations for Brick Pavers.	*	2,300
100,443	Interest Investments (1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgages)		21,090
1,666	Interest- Bank		3,335
3,070	GST recovery		106,088
NIL	Grants		93,750
<b>176,889</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>322,956</b>
<b>PAYMENTS:-</b>			
46,294	Architect fees re tender process & Building contract		15,236
NIL	Improvements leasehold premises		1,092,950
NIL	Furniture & Fittings		77,804
<b>46,294</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>1,185,990</b>
<b>130,595</b>	<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)</b>		<b>(863,034)</b>
<b>108,887</b>	<b>ADD BALANCE Brought Forward 1/7/2013</b>		<b>339,482</b>
<b>100,000</b>	<b>LESS Transfer to 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Investment</b>		<b>100,000</b>
<b>200,000</b>	<b>ADD Transfer from 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Investment</b>		<b>750,000</b>
<b>339,482</b>	<b>BALANCE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014.</b>		<b>126,448</b>

\*Note:- required for Fundraising Act Registration No 12443.



## **NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:-**

Books are maintained on a simple Receipts and Payments basis.

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 19 Station Road, Rosanna till March and now at our own leased premises at Austin Hospital Repatriation site which contain 12 bedrooms against previous premises of 4 bedrooms.

GST refunds from building project went through this account and inflated receipts/payments considerably.

**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. 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. Donations \$2 and over are Tax deductible and an appropriate receipt is issued. Surplus funds are invested on 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage lent at no more than 60% of valuation, no more than a yearly rollover and earning on average 9.6%. 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. This year we were able to obtain such suitable long term lease premises which including building and fitting out cost close to \$1.2 million and is the reason for depletion of our funds. In running of our "House" we will need to act as landlord and pay for our own renovations and repairs and maintenance. This will necessitate the build up of a capital reserve fund of around \$400,000 .

## **COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL FOR YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014.**

**(1A )" Accommodation".**

In March we vacated our leased premises in Rosanna and moved into our newly renovated and completed "Lions House" within the Austin Hospital precincts consisting of 12 bedrooms and accommodation for 24 guests.

Budget is generally on a break even basis with the VPTAS reimbursement scheme unchanged. While rent will be low (because of us fitting out premises) cleaning expenses will rise to about \$24,000 per annum. It is anticipated that other running cost could be similar. Profit was up slightly on last year and is regarded as reasonable under the circumstances of change of premises and set up.

**(1B ) "General"** Only income is from Interest.

**( 1C ) "Public Fund"** is dependent on donations and interest from 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Investments. This financial year interest income was down dramatically due to draw down of investment to pay building contract. On the other hand donations increased and Grants from Australian Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Fund of \$93,750 assisted greatly our cash flow. We entered into a contract with the Austin Hospital to renovate rooms which cost \$1.2 million (gross) with a further \$20,000 approximately for retention monies and extras is outstanding.

**Garth D.C Whitchurch**  
**Treasurer & Trustee**

**Anthony J. Benbow**  
**Chairman & Trustee**

## **Deputy Chairman** **Public Relations Report**



I am delighted to present my Deputy Chairman's / Public Relations Report to 2014 Annual General Meeting.

The dream is now a reality, Lions House after many years of hard work, planning and a huge effort by the Board of Trustees has seen the official opening of facility in February of this year.

Our Chairman PCC Lion Tony leading a dedicated team has worked tirelessly over many years to bring to fruition this wonderful facility.

The opening was a huge event with over 200 dignitaries, guests and lions attending the official opening by the Governor of Victoria.

We have seen since the opening of Lions House an increased need for such a facility, and we can be assured that this need will continue.

I should also mention that had it not been for the vision of Dr. Brendan Murphy the CEO of the Austin Hospital we may still be looking for a home. Our grateful thanks go out to him and the Austin Hospital Board.

To those many, many Lions Clubs and individuals that have donated to the Foundation our most grateful thanks to you all.

One of the notable aspects to the external part of the house, is the paved area that has acknowledged individual and groups, I encourage anybody visiting the house to take the time to have a look at this area.

The gardens which are looking fantastic due to the hard work of Chairman Tony.

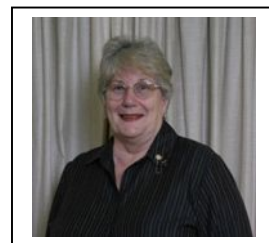
A U-tube video produced by one of our residents Mrs. Lucy Jacob who has been in the house for over 100 days will soon go on line and hopefully we will be able to show that at the AGM., it is a most heartwarming experience to watch and it is about what we do as an organization.

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"

Moving into 2015 my aims is to continue with the current PR model.

**Arthur Uren MStJ (PDG)**  
**Deputy Chairman / Public Relations Manager**  
**Lions House Foundation Inc**

## **Lions House** **Accommodation Management Report**



This year has been very exciting time, as in February, 2014 we had the privilege on moving our residences who had been staying in our rental residence to our New Home at Lions House on the Repatriation site.

With the thanks of many I with the help of the Trustees had great pleasure in refurbishing the new premises to make the atmosphere friendly and homely, providing all appliances and utilities to make their stay as accommodating as possible. So that any family member stay with us only has to provide the clothing and food for their stay.

The atmosphere in the new house has been commended by all I have welcomed to the House for their stay while their family member has a stay at either the Austin Health or Mercy Hospital for Women.

The outdoor area has been greatly appreciated as they are able to sit out there and enjoy the fresh air and relaxation in this a stressful time.

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.

Also the Country Women's Association of Whittlesea also have been supporting us with Welcome Packs. Thank You.

I would like to again thank Sue Ford who supports me with welcoming guests when I may not be available and when I take my time away to visit Michelle (my daughter) in Perth. Sue also had support from Janet Condron when Sue took her trip overseas, Thank you to Janet.

I have had the opportunity to show many Lions over the house during the past eight months, which has been a great opportunity for those who could not make our Official Opening in February to see how their ongoing support has helped the Foundation.

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.

It is great pride I have the role of welcoming family members into our "Lions House" and very happy when I receive the compliments for what we have achieved. That would not have been possible without the support of many.

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

Pauline Harris  
**Accommodation Manager**

# Property Management Report



At last year's AGM I reported that we were all looking forward to the official opening of Lions House on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 and as you all know this turned out to be a wonderful event where all the attributes of the new building were shown off and admired by the attendees.

The only item that needed to be completed which has now been done was the laying of the pavers in the front courtyard formally displaying the names of the many supporters.

This list of names will grow greater and greater over time until the whole courtyard is filled.

My role will continue to oversee that any defects in the building will be rectified and I can report that our builder has been very prompt when a number of minor things have occurred and I believe that this will continue.

However it remains important for the ongoing viability of the House that it is able to expand to cater for growing demand especially in light of the continuing expansion of all the sought after medical facilities on both the Repatriation and Austin/Mercy sites.

As such we are currently planning some realistic avenues of how we can successfully achieve this on the Repatriation grounds and we look forward to continue to work with our excellent Architect and the Austin Health staff that we have forged good relationships with.

As all our loyal Lions supporters know only too well this can take considerable time however we are confident that we have now established superb lines of communication with Austin Health and look forward to reporting back to all of you whose financial support we depend on that we are moving further ahead with creating the larger accommodation that will certainly ensure our future viability.

John Morgan  
**Property Manager**

## **Lions Liaison**



What a great year it was, with the opening of the Lions House facility in February 2014.

Lions of all Districts and all clubs must be congratulated with the continued support The Lions House Foundation receives from you all. Please continue to support your Lions House.

Many thanks also to the Lionesses and Lion Ladies for their continued support with Bonnets, jackets and small rugs for the babies at the Mercy Hospital.

Pauline Harris, Secretary of Lions House Foundation and myself were pleased to visit the District Conventions last year, updating everyone on the progress of the new facility.

Please continue to support our work, there is still many more things to complete at the house.

Margaret Sheriff  
**Lions 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 Austin Hospital, its Executive and management for their continued support of the Foundation.**

**They have worked with the Foundation over the past twelve months to see the aim of the Foundation – the establishment of a permanent facility achieved.**

**There are so many that have been part of the Foundation's history that it is difficult to acknowledge them all individually at this time. We have appreciated their efforts and support as without it, we would not have achieved our "Dream"**

**Thank you to all who have made this year a very successful one for the Foundation. We have opened the new "Lions House" and are able to provide more support to those many families at difficult times in their lives, and they are the ones that make it all so worthwhile....**

**Thank you**