

LIONS HOUSE FOUNDATION

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Chairman's Update

February 2013

"Plans are approved and building to start"

In the October Update we announced we had entered into formal discussions to establish the permanent Lions House. This has progressed well over the past months with the formal plans now being agreed and approved by the Board and a tender will be issued to contractors shortly to undertake the building.

As you would imagine, there has been a lot of work involved in getting to this position and we are very grateful to the team at Y2 and the Austin Hospital for all their support and assistance.

We have finalised our plans to have a 22 bed/12 room facility with common areas for kitchen and relaxing, an outdoor enclosed area to relax, BBQ or just have the children play.

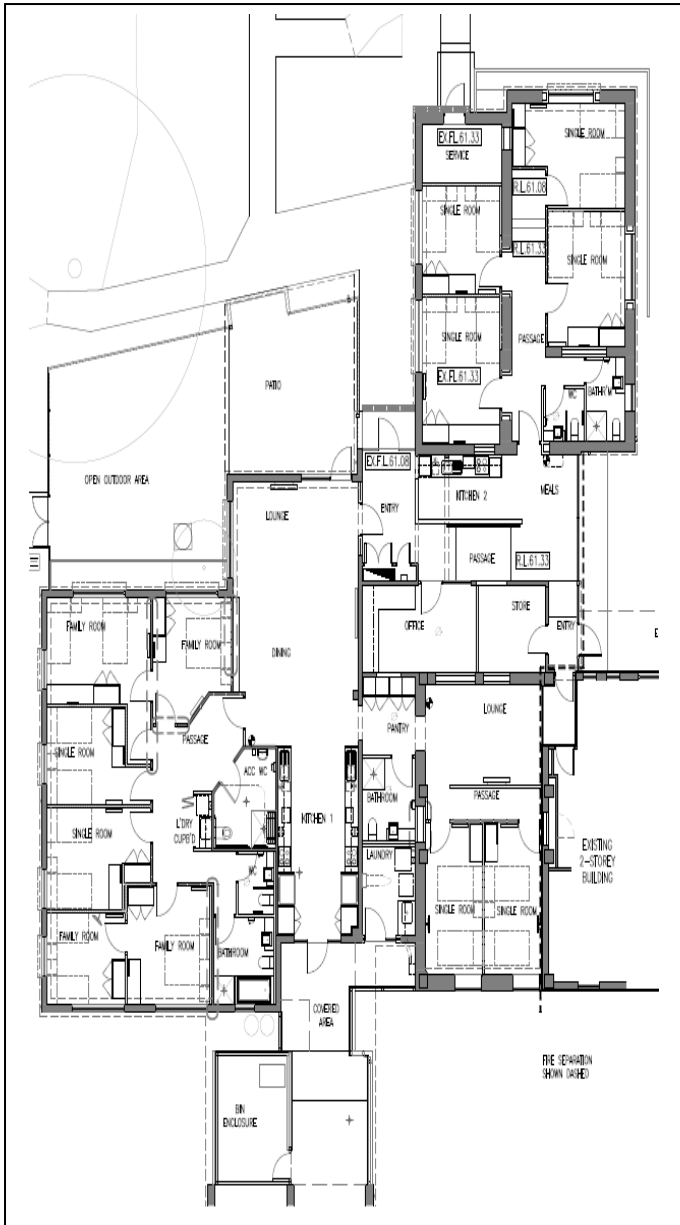
The below image is of the proposed view of the updated building which is situated on the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital site.

As you can see from the image it will have a great look and feel, not as a commercial type building but one with more of a community / family atmosphere.

Our Architects Y2 have done an outstanding job in designing something that is practical, comfortable and has more of a homely atmosphere than something that reminds you of a plain hotel look.

There are more images of the new "Lions House" on our website for you to view but we have the below view for information together with a copy of the floor plan showing the room layout and facilities.





The new plans provide for a 22 bed facility with a mix of family and individual rooms to meet the needs of residents. It has been designed this way to accommodate as many options for residents staying with us, as we have learnt from the years of providing interim facilities.

Once the tenders have been received and reviewed, a contract will be entered into for building which we hope will see us occupy the new facility in November/December 2013.

It may seem pretty straight forward but we still have a lot to do as a Foundation to have the new "Lions House" fully functional and fitted for occupancy by the finish date..

YOUR HELP IS REALLY NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A REALITY.....

There are many items needed for the new Lions House including, furniture, fittings, white goods etc and so we will be setting up a **"WISH LIST"** that your club might like to consider purchasing and donating to the Foundation.

We already have had a number of Clubs approach us with donations to have rooms named in honour of someone that has been an important part of their history or simply in recognition of the Clubs contribution to the Foundation... some include a room being named after a past member of the Lions Club of Warrandyte (V5) being the "Graham Doig Room" whilst the kitchen area has been recognised for the Country Women's Association (CWA) contribution who were one of the first significant donors to the Foundation in its early years.

We still have a number of rooms and areas left that Clubs may consider the naming of.

Next Month, we will be sending a letter to all Clubs, outlining our plans, the "Wish List" we are putting together and how you may become part of this project to help those around us.

If you would have an early interest, please contact the Secretary PDG Pauline Harris who will be able to provide some relevant information.

"Interim Lions House"

Although the focus has been on the new development, our interim House is still providing on-going accommodation for residents and their families.

Thanks to the Lions Club of South Vermont (V5) who undertook a great garden clean up over Christmas which made the property look really good.

Please visit our site at www.lionshouse.com.au

or contact us by e-mail at:-

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We thank you for your support and look forward to your continued assistance

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