

LIONS HOUSE FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 30, Ivanhoe, Victoria. 3079

Chairman's Update

February 2014

"OUR DREAM HAS COME TRUE"

The Board of Trustees is so proud to advise that building works have been completed and the fit-out of the premises is nearly finished.



Photo looking at the front entrance area. Next stage for completion is the garden and outdoor area

It has taken over 10 years for the project to deliver its goal but we believe the wait has been worth it.

Since our last update, the main building redevelopment was completed in late November and then the Trustees have been extremely busy undertaking the fit-out of the property.

Thanks to the many Clubs who have contributed to the "Wish List" as this has made the program a lot easier.

Even at this time we still have a way to go but there will be an "Official Opening" on the 23rd of February 2014.

We are delighted that His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC and Mrs Chernov will attend and open the new "Lions House".

All Clubs are invited to attend and a formal invitation has been sent through the V District Cabinet Secretary's to each Club. We have also included a copy in this update. If Clubs or representative of Clubs would like to attend it is essential you advise the Secretary of the Foundation of your attendance to allow for seating and catering.

On a sad note, our Honorary Life Trustee **Mrs Margaret Heathorn OAM** passed away on the 23rd of January after an extended illness. Margaret played a vital role in the start-up of the project and then the establishment of the Foundation. Her enthusiasm and drive as part of the Board of Trustees will be sadly missed. Margaret was able to come and visit the completed building a little over a month ago and was so pleased to see what had been accomplished.



Margaret with daughter Cathy (a past Trustee) and PDG Pauline Harris (Secretary of the Foundation) are pictured when Margaret visited the "House"

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Patrons

The Hon Sir James Gobbo AC CVO and Lady Gobbo

The Chairman, Tony Benbow and the Board of Trustees
have pleasure in extending an invitation to

Presidents, Members and partners of the Lions & Lioness Clubs of the V Districts

to attend the official opening of

“Lions House”

by the Governor of Victoria,
the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC and Mrs Chernov
on **Sunday February 23rd 2014**, commencing at 2.30pm

Official proceedings will take place in the Acacia Room,
Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital

(enter via Gate 9, Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West)

followed by refreshments and a tour of the new facility.

The Lions House Foundation Inc., was established over 10 years ago with the aim to fund and build an accommodation facility for families of patients attending Hospitals in the Heidelberg precinct. For over 6 years, accommodation has been provided to more than 600 families in temporary facilities.

We have now seen our dream fulfilled with our own permanent facility built and ready to open.

We would be delighted for you to attend this special event and share with us the realisation of our dream with the opening of our new “**Lions House**”.

**RSVP (essential if attending)
to the Secretary Lions House Foundation Inc.**

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15th February 2014

We would like to thank the many Clubs and individuals who contributed to the “**Brick Paver**” program. It has been very successful and we will continue this after the opening. We have received many enquiries since cut-off so will be having another offer after the opening as so many others wish to participate.

We have had to close order 1 off to try and have the bricks completed and laid for the opening.



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

**Please send your donations to:
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