



Chairman's Update March 2014

SPECIAL
EDITION

"Lions House" opens

On Sunday 23rd February 2014, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC accompanied by Mrs Chernov, opened "Lions House".

Over 250 guests were in attendance to see His Excellency officially open the "House" and unveil the commemorative plaque.



The Governor of Victoria, the Hon Alex Chernov AC QC, Sir James Gobbo AC CVO and the Chairman of the Foundation PCC Tony Benbow with the plaque unveiled by the Governor

Those attending included the Foundation's Patrons – the Hon Sir James Gobbo and Lady Gobbo, His Excellency the Consul General of the Sultanate of Oman - Dr Al-Alawi Hamed Ali, International Director Sheryl Jensen and Kevin representing our President Barry Palmer, Council Chairman Gary Parker and Lion Lois, Chairman of the Australian Lions Foundation PDG Glenn Herbert as well as the Member for Jagajaga- the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Assistant Commissioner of Police Andrew Crisp, Executive from the Austin and Mercy Hospitals and the Mayor and members of the City of Banyule to mention a few

There were many Lions and Lioness Clubs represented to share this very special day in the history of the Foundation.



The Trustees pictured with the Governor, Mrs Chernov and the Patrons of the Foundation (L-R Garth Whitchurch, Lady Gobbo, Sir James Gobbo, Craig Langdon, Governor and Mrs Chernov, Tony Benbow, John Morgan, Pauline Harris, Robert Winther, Margaret Sheriff, Arthur Uren)

The Chairman of the Foundation PCC Tony Benbow in his address to the guests acknowledged and thanked the support given by so many Lions and Lioness Clubs around the V Districts because without that, this project would not be here today.

The project has taken just over ten years to fund and build at a cost of \$1.2 million. The Board of Trustees are so proud that the doors are now open for residents and by the end of the first week, the "House" is over 50% full with more to arrive in the first week of March.

During the opening address, the Foundation also unveiled its new Logo that can be seen at the top of this "Update" and on the plaque.



International Director Sheryl Jensen and Kevin with the Deputy Chairman of the Foundation PDG Arthur Uren

Following the official opening, guests enjoyed an afternoon tea and then a tour of the new "Lions House".



Lounge area



Galley Kitchen



The front wall of the new premises showing the new logo



One of our past Trustees Margaret Heathorn OAM, a member of the Lions Club of Heidelberg Warrigal passed away several weeks ago. Margaret was a driving force behind the set-up of the Foundation and the Trustees have recognised Margaret by naming the outdoor area "the Margaret Heathorn Courtyard".



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