



Chairman's Update

March 2015

“Lions House” .. celebrates its 1st anniversary since opening...

Twelve months has gone so quickly and here we are celebrating our 1st anniversary since the new “House” was opened by his Excellency the Governor of Victoria on the 23rd of February 2014.

So what better way to acknowledge such an important date in our calendar than to put on a BBQ dinner for those currently staying at “Lions House”

The Trustees joined residents for an informal bbq dinner at the “House” on Monday evening the 23rd of February....12 months to the day since opening.



“Lions House” is looking great and this is because those that stay at the house appreciate the facility and look after it like their own. This makes a big

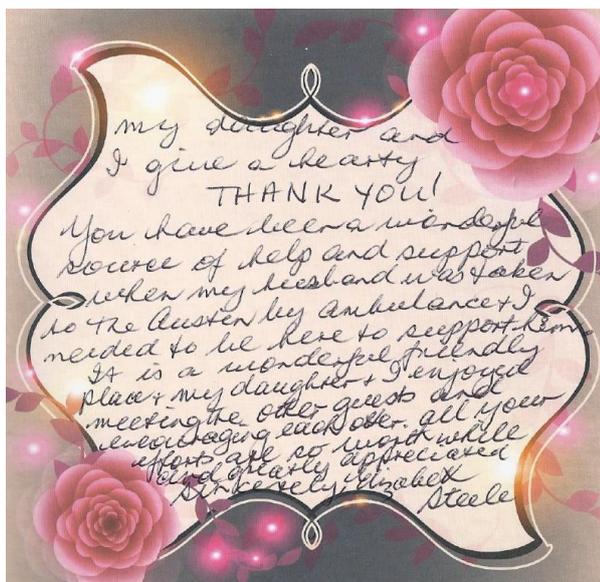
difference for us and as we have seen over the past months, the number of “thank you’s” that we have received from residents that have stayed, only confirms in our minds that we have done what is needed and are making a difference with the help of many individuals together with Lions and Lioness Clubs.

Since the opening last year,



there have been over 150 individuals and families who have stayed with us from all around Australia and a couple from overseas. Our occupancy levels vary from month to month, sometimes we have to turn people away as we have all rooms filled and then others we can easily accommodate for their needs. It varies so much...

Thank you from residents



Dear Sir
 I'm writing to thank the Lions Foundation for my stay in the Lions House in Banksia Street Ivanhoe. This was a wonderful place that allowed me to visit my sick husband Ken everyday in the Austin hospital. We have been together for sixty years and in that time only been apart for five weeks. And I know that by being able to be with him everyday this enabled him mentally and physically to be strong and allowed him to a faster recovery. The lions House gave me a safe home away from home it is a credit to your all. I have enclosed a donation in appreciation for everything that you did for me.
 Thank you so much.

The message is certainly out there as we do receive a number of enquiries direct from Lions members for their family who may need to be accommodated. Once we know the availability, we can refer these through to the hospitals for confirmation.

Club support continues with sponsorship of another room

Thanks to the **Lions Club of Melbourne Chinese** who have sponsored Room 12 at the House. The Club held its Annual Ball late last year in favour of the Foundation where it presented a cheque covering its sponsorship of the room.

Brick Pavers

In our last edition of the Chairman's update we mentioned about further opportunities for Individuals and Clubs to support the "House" by purchasing an engraved brick, which can then be laid in the "Margaret Heathorn" Courtyard area.

We will be having another order shortly, so please consider this great idea and show your support.



Website

The Foundation's website has undergone an upgrade and is now looking really good. Our webmaster has done a fantastic job and it is improving all the time.



Please visit our site at www.lionshouse.com.au or contact us by e-mail at: enquiries@lionshouse.com.au

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