



# Chairman's Update November 2015

## “The “House” is full !!

As the heading says...the “House” is full... it is certainly is great to see that the house occupancy is reaching capacity on many occasions. This is what we want to achieve knowing that we have the demand and the need for supporting the families.

Unfortunately, when this happens, it means that someone can't be accommodated in the short term until we have a vacancy and that doesn't help the families. We are lucky that in some of these cases the hospitals will be able to help out until we have room.

### Lions House Foundation – Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg West.

Although not a large attendance at the meeting, we were able to acknowledge the continued support of the many Clubs from throughout Victoria and also the generous assistance provided by Austin Health.

The meeting confirmed the appointments of the Trustees for a further 12 months.

Chairman – PCC Tony Benbow OAM  
Deputy Chairman  
& PR Manager – PDG Arthur Uren MStJ  
Secretary and Accommodation  
Manager – PDG Pauline Harris  
Treasurer – Garth Whitchurch (retiring)  
Property Manager – John Morgan  
Lions Liaison - Vacant  
Austin Health Liaison – Robert Winther OAM  
General Trustee – Craig Langdon

The formal reports of the Trustees were presented together with the audited financial accounts. These were accepted and passed.

Overall, the first full year of managing the “new Lions House” has gone extremely well. Occupancy is growing all the time and as our headline states, on many occasion were are 100% full which is fantastic.

“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 to our maintenance and running costs.

***Since our AGM, our Trustee-Treasurer has decided to retire from the role, so attached to this Update is an “Expression of Interest” for any Lion to consider.***

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A recent addition to the Foundation has been a marker on the Repatriation site signifying that Lions is here.

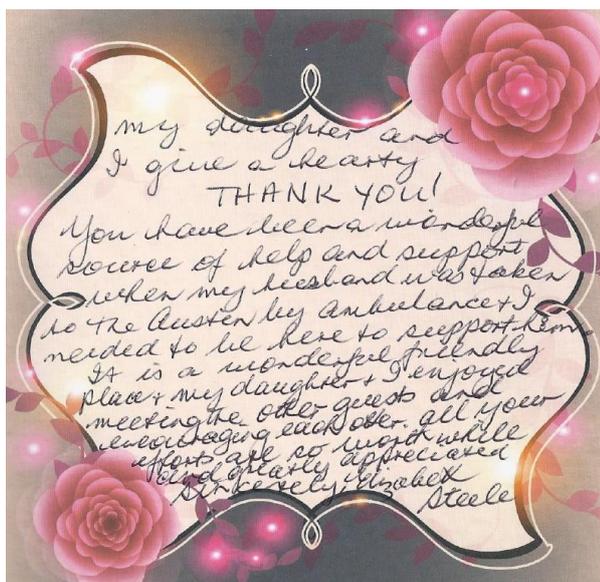
The special cast plaque was sourced through the Late PDG Fred Jacobs (V1-4) by the Foundation and has been embedded in a granite rock by the front entrance path to the House for all to see.

An impressive recognition that shows Lions is represented on site and is an integral part of the hospital support complex.



## "A thank you"

Those few words that mean such a lot



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.

## Brick Pavers

We have had many enquiries from Clubs and individuals wanting to purchase pavers that can be laid under the pergola area of the outdoor area.



Shortly on the website, and order form will be available for you to download and send through to the Foundation. so attached with this Newsletter is an order form.

The Board of Trustees have approved a special acknowledgement for Clubs that have contributed over the past years in excess of \$10,000.

A special paver is to be commissioned and laid as our thanks an acknowledgement of the Clubs support.

The first of these special pavers will acknowledge the following Clubs.

1. Ivanhoe Lions Club
2. Warragul Lions Club
3. Inverloch & District Lions Club
4. Marysville & District Lions Club
5. Northcote Lions Club
6. Melton Lions Club
7. Warrandyte Lions Club
8. Melbourne Chinese Lions Club
9. Vermont Lions Club
10. Whittlesea Lions Club
11. Heidelberg Warringal Lions Club

## Are you a "Star Wars" fan ?

On December 18, a special fundraising night has been organised through the Lions Club of South Vermont in support of the Foundation. The screening of the new Star Wars movie which is only released the day before is planned.

A circular will be sent to Clubs in the local area inviting them to attend this special "one-off" event. Please also check our website for further details.

We would welcome your attendance and thank Karen Fuhrmann and "South Vermont Lions" for their ongoing support

Please visit our site at [www.lionshouse.com.au](http://www.lionshouse.com.au) or contact us by e-mail at:- [enquiries@lionshouse.com.au](mailto:enquiries@lionshouse.com.au)

Please send your donations to:  
Lions House Foundation Inc.  
P.O. Box 30, Ivanhoe Victoria 3079.



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## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **POSITION OF TRUSTEE-TREASURER** **- Lions House Foundation Inc.**

The Lions House Foundation Inc. is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified Lions or members of the public to join the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy of our Trustee-Treasurer.

The role of Trustee-Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the Foundation including all banking arrangements, payment of accounts, financial recording and reporting.

The successful incumbent will be required to attend bi-monthly board meetings to present financial reports and provide their professional advice and direction for the benefit of the Foundation.

We are looking for a candidate with the following experience and skills:-

- Have a sound financial background.
- Ideally be an Accredited Accountant (CPA) but not essential
- Have some knowledge of the Foundation or Not-for-Profit organisations
- Be able to work within the approved Financial Operating system of the Foundation or be able to implement a suitable system of financial management
- Is capable of drafting reports from the (Financial Operating System) for the Trustees to peruse each month and end of year regulatory reports
- Has a knowledge of GST and its implementation

Applications can be made direct to the Foundation ( P.O. Box 30, Ivanhoe, VIC. 3079) or contact through either the Chairman - Tony Benbow OAM (0419 592 003) or Deputy Chairman - Arthur Uren MStJ (0404 401 121).

The Foundation would be looking to appoint this new Trustee as soon as possible.