

LIONS HOUSE FOUNDATION

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

Chairman's Update

October 2012

"Special Announcement"

At the Foundation's Annual General Meeting last night, it was announced that the Board had entered into formal contractual discussions to establish the permanent "Lions House" facility on the Repatriation site in Heidelberg.

The feasibility study undertaken over the last 6 months has been completed and a draft plan produced that has been approved by the Board.

The proposal is to refurbish an existing building area on the Repatriation site to accommodate the long term operation of the Foundation.

This has come about through the great support of the Austin Hospital and the working relationship that the Foundation has with them.

The tender process will now be fully completed and a contract signed. It is anticipated that works will commence in early 2013 with completion likely after June next year.

The draft plan is modelled on the construction of 10 rooms, being a combination of single, family and double rooms with kitchen, lounge areas together with outdoor facilities.

The Board will present the plans at its Annual General Meeting being held on October 8th at the Repatriation Hospital.

There still is a way to go with funding the project to full completion and this will continue as an ongoing need to cover future requirements.

Our thanks and appreciation is extended to the CEO of the Austin Hospital – Dr Brendan Murphy and his team for what has been achieved to date.

"Interim Lions House"

With the expiry of the lease on the Interim House in Eaglemont, we have moved once again into temporary premises to maintain our accommodation support while our permanent facility is being constructed.

The new residence is in Rosanna, a little smaller than before, but is a great place for our residents.

It is close to shops, public transport and facilities and provides an easy to commute to local hospitals.

Occupancy is very high as the demand continues to support many families from around Victoria and interstate areas.

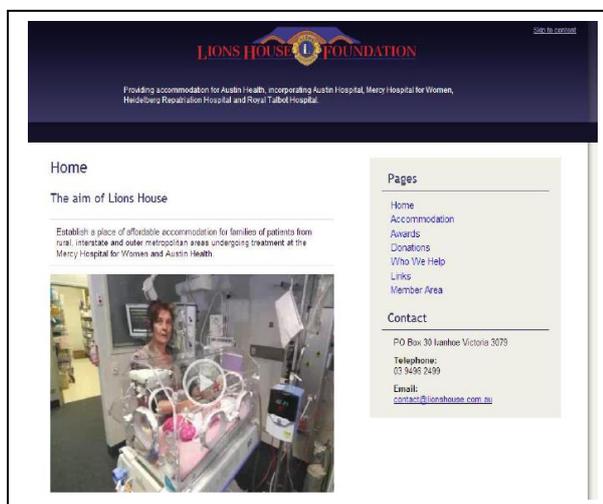


We hope that we will stay in this place until our moved to the permanent facility.

"Lions House" - our new advertisement

Our latest media release is the new advert promoting the Lions House. It has been classified by the Communications Board and available for release.

We have placed it on our website for viewing and will now be seeking support from various media and television groups around the state to air this advertisement as part of their Community Service sections.



The Foundation is indebted to Mr Vince Collosimo for supporting us in the advertisement and Mr Robert Apicella and his production company for making this media production.

A great new initiative to show the public what we are doing to help those around us who need that extra bit of Lions support.

“Lions House Foundation Website”

The Lions House Website is continually being updated.

The advertisement has been uploaded and soon we will be showing the plans for the proposed new Lions House for your viewing.

Please visit our site at www.lionshouse.com.au
We can be contacted by e-mail at: contact@lionshouse.com.au



“Longer Term Vision”

The Foundation still has a way to go to fund the building completion and operational aspects of

running the new facility. We estimate that a further \$250,000 to \$500,000 will be required to fully fund and operate “Lions House” well into the future years.

Many Lions Clubs and Lioness Clubs have contributed over the past years to ensure that we can meet our goal and this is happening. Many contributions have been made to provide funding for a specific area or room in the name of the Club, District or individual as designated by the Club. All these contributions have meant that areas can be fully furnished and operational from the beginning.

Lions House is being built and operated not as a profit making concern but to provide low cost affordable accommodation to those in need while covering its costs of operation and having in place sufficient capital to maintain and upkeep the building and fit-out to the standards required.

That is why we need your continued support and contributions to allow this to happen.

Has your Club thought about funding a room, or providing funding for individual items such as furniture and facilities etc.

We will be producing a “Wish List” as we identify the requirements for the “House” and you or your Club may wish to consider these as a way of support. We will not be accepting actual good as donations to the “House” because we will purchase a co-ordinated fit-out will be fitted out



During the Convention period, representatives of the Lions House Foundation may be attending your Convention. Please make yourself known and learn from them a little more about what the Foundation is doing and how you and your club can assist.

This is an exciting time as we progress a little more in securing the final permanent placement for “Lions House”. We still have that way to go so please continue your support and interest as everything you do makes life a little easier for someone in need.

**Please send your donations to:
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