

# LIONS HOUSE FOUNDATION

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

## Chairman's Update

October 2013

### "Building work is well underway"

Redevelopment building works commenced in July and we are now expecting handover to the Foundation in mid/late November.

Once the Foundation receives this occupancy approval, it will then be our responsibility to complete the fit-out of the internal areas and then the external living spaces. Some external garden areas will shortly be completed to ensure that the garden area is established before we begin the summer months.

We have been very fortunate to work with an outstanding building company – Building Engineering who are completing our renovation and building works. They have a great appreciation of the project and have a good understanding of what we are trying to achieve. Because of this approach, we are seeing progress happening on a weekly basis and at every site visit we see progress.

We are confident that if all continues this way our handover dates will be achieved in November as planned.

Below and following are a few of the external building photos where you can see the works being undertaken.

As you would imagine, there has been a lot of work involved in getting to this position and we are very grateful to the team at Y2 and the Austin Hospital for all their support and assistance.

We have finalised our plans to have a 22 bed/12 room facility with common areas for kitchen and relaxing, an outdoor enclosed area to relax, BBQ or just have the children play.



Internal photo of new bedroom area



Internal photo of hallway and small kitchen area



External view looking to front entrance and outdoor paved area

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Foundation held its Annual General Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Acacia Room at the Repatriation Hospital. The meeting was well attended with representatives from a number of Districts, Local Government and Guests joining to hear the achievements of the past twelve months and the plans for the near future. After the meeting, the attendees toured the external area of the building to see the progress of development.

The Elections were held and confirmed the following positions for 2013/14:-

**Chairman** – Tony Benbow  
**Deputy Chairman & PR Chairman** – Arthur Uren MStJ  
**Secretary & Accommodation Chairman** – Pauline Harris  
**Treasurer** – Garth Whitchurch  
**Building Development Chairman** – John Morgan  
**Regional Representation Chairman** – Margaret Sherriff

**General Committee:**  
Robert Winther OAM  
Craig Langdon

At the meeting the Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Trustees to all Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs, individuals and Corporate entities for their support, particularly over the past twelve months as building works commenced. The great support has enabled this long term plan to become a reality but we still have quite a way to go and help and assistance is still a critical need.

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## **“Wish List”**

When the Foundation wrote to Clubs prior to the end of the last Lions year, it provided a **“WISH LIST”** of items needed for Lions House. The response was very good and we have received quite a number of donations as well as commitments. If Clubs are still interested in supporting by purchasing some of the household items, please contact the Secretary Pauline who can advise what is still needed.

We still have several rooms that are available for sponsorship. This would be a lasting recognition for your Club or an individual that deserves your acknowledgment.

## **“Donate a Brick Paver”**

Over the years as part of the fundraising efforts for Lions House, many Clubs and individuals have contributed by buying a brick paver which has their Club or individual name engraved on it.

The pavers will be laid as a permanent feature and recognition of those who have supported the Foundation.

This is the last month that this offer will be available as production will need to commence in November so that the final pavers, will be laid in the new year.

If you would like to be part of this long term acknowledgment, you can still donate a brick or several bricks engraved to your requirements.

A paver costs **\$25.00** each, which will entitle the donor to their name engraved in the brick.(up to 34 letters). Double bricks can be purchased and they have an allowance of up to 64 letters



**If you would like to donate a brick(s), please send your cheque and details required on the brick to the Foundation at the P.O. Box address below.**

**All orders must be finalised by the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

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or contact us by e-mail at:-

[contact@lionshouse.com.au](mailto:contact@lionshouse.com.au)

We thank you for your support and look forward to your continued assistance

**Please send your donations to:  
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