



Chairman's Update September 2014

“Lions House” .. meeting the needs of the community !

Since the opening of the new “Lions House” in February this year, the Foundation has been delighted by the responses we have received from so many Lions and Lioness Clubs.

When a project that has been in the planning for so long and eventually comes to fruition it is a great feeling and this has been acknowledged by so many.

We can only say thank you for your comments, but also the continued support that is so needed to provide the accommodation to those families in need.

We asked again this year for your support when considering disbursements and the generosity of Clubs throughout the “V Districts” was just wonderful.

Your continued help ensures the long term viability of the “House” and its ability to provide the accommodation to those families from rural and interstate areas.



Looking across the lawn area from the BBQ

At the moment, we have several residents that have been staying with us for nearly 100 days. That is a long time to be away from their own home and family but when their young children are born so premature, they cannot leave the hospital until such time that they are well enough to be either transferred to a hospital close to home or can go home with their parents.

We are going to include the story of one of these residents on our website in the near future. See her comments about “Lions House” and watch the video of the progress of hr little boy, born 23 weeks premature and how he has progressed to going home. This is what makes “Lions House” so worthwhile and we are glad that we can help in such a way.

VALE

It is with a great deal of sadness that we acknowledge the passing of a long time supporter of the Foundation being Lion Alan Hayward. Alan and his wife Trish from the Whittlesea Lions Club have been wonderful supporters of the Foundation for many years. Alan was an outstanding Lion who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. The Foundation extends its deepest sympathy to Trish and her family.



Front entrance area of the House

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Lions House Foundation Inc. will be held on Monday evening the 13th of October 2014 in the Repatriation Hospital Chapel Area, The meeting room is located through Gate 9, Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West entrance and is in the main building. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm. After the meeting, a light supper and refreshments will be provided.

Meeting room directions will be displayed outside.

If you would like to attend, please advise the Secretary of the Foundation, PDG Pauline Harris on either (03) 9496 2499 or secretary.lionshouse@gmail.com by no later than 9th October 2014.

Brick Pavers

Many Clubs and individuals supported the Foundation with the donation of "engraved brick pavers" These pavers have been laid since the opening and look really good under the pergola area.



We have had a number of requests to set up the "Brick Paver" donation scheme again so we will be putting this in the next Newsletter and on the website for your consideration. There is plenty of room to fill the whole area so the more new pavers the better....

Lions House Foundation Website

The Foundation's website is presently being updated and will have a new look, thanks to our webmaster Lion Malcolm Qualtrough. The new website will have a listing of all the supporters of the Foundation. This will include all Lions and Lioness Clubs who have supported us since inception with a special acknowledgement to our major supporters and donors.

Photos and pictorials covering the history of the Foundation and its various events will also be included. We have a proud history and will be pleased to share these times with all who view the website.

Thank you to our major supporters

Lions and Lions Clubs of the "V Districts"
Lions Club of Heidelberg Warringal
Austin Health
Lions Clubs International Foundation
The Australian Lions Foundation
Y2 Architects



Occupancy of residents at Lions House

Since the "House" opened in February, the demand has continually increased. Families of patients from both Austin Health and Mercy make up occupancy in the high 80%.

We have even had some Lions families stay as they also were supporting members in the hospital as well.

We have had a number of questions asked about visiting "Lions House" by some Lions members. At the moment this is not possible as it is a residential premises and we have an obligation to our residents for privacy, just like a normal home we can't have people walking through the property at any time. We may in the future look to hold an "open day" to give those interested an opportunity to see the "House".

Please visit our site at www.lionshouse.com.au
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