



HOUSE NEWSLETTER

2018 Spring Edition

Official Newsletter Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Inc.

Our Purpose: Gippsland Rotary Centenary House provides affordable and supportive accommodation for patients undergoing cancer treatment and other medical services at the Latrobe Regional Hospital and their families. Stage 1 was opened in September 2006 with Stage 2 following in October 2011. The total cost of both projects was approximately \$5million financed by grants from the Federal & State Governments, Latrobe City, philanthropic trusts, Rotary Clubs and other community organisations, businesses and the public. GRCH is operated on a non profit basis using volunteers.

HOUSE INFORMATION UPDATE:

Another milestone achieved for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House

At the Committee of Management meeting on the 18th July a recommendation was tabled and agreed to appoint Kingbuilt as our Stage 3 builder.

This outcome has been achieved through the implementation of a very thorough strategy to confirm funding for the \$2.124 million project, complete the detailed design, and achieve a very satisfactory financial outcome.

We obtained our funding through a successful \$900,000 grant application to the Commonwealth Government through the Regional Jobs and Investment Package (RJIP), a generous \$600,000 donation from the Latrobe Regional Hospital, \$80,000 from the Blue Ribbon Foundation and the balance from our own accumulated funds.

With the retirement of our Stage 1 and 2 architect Audun Pedersen and on his recommendation, the COM appointed Kingbuilt, our Stage 2 builder, to undertake a revised Stage 3 schematic design and following its approval by the COM, the detailed design. Kingbuilt successfully applied for a Planning Permit from the Latrobe City Council and are currently working with the Council building surveyor, Chris Watson for our building permit.

On the commercial side we engaged quantity surveyor, Cost Control Victoria Pty Ltd (CCV), to complete a project estimate based on the schematic design and that estimate of \$2,126 million was used as the basis of our application for the Commonwealth Government grant.

Following the completion of the detailed design Kingbuilt were requested to prepare a firm bid and CCV to undertake an independent cost report. The bid and the estimate were remarkable similar which confirmed the competitiveness of Kingbuilt's bid. As a result a contract for the building of Stage 3 has now been signed with Kingbuilt.

So where to from here. Construction will commence almost immediately with the building of a temporary access through the LRH owned property to the west of the Stage 3 site. This access to our "land locked construction site" has been made available to us through the generous co-operation of LRH. The construction site will be securely fenced and work will begin. We expect Stage 3 to be complete by the middle of 2018.



Lemon trees in the GRCH gardens

Of course this work will cause some disruption to our guests over this period for which we apologise, but as the old adage goes "you can't have the gain without some pain".

In the end we will have a magnificent 13 family unit extension which will meet Gippslanders needs well into the future and is a testament for Gippslanders caring about their fellow Gippslanders. Without the support of the Gippsland community this project would never have eventuated.

THANK YOU GIPPSLAND!

Ken Peake
Chair, Committee of Management
Gippsland Rotary Centenary House

Preparations for Stage 3 development commence!



GRCH Chairman Ken Peake signs the contracts for stage 3 with Kingbuilt General Manager Lochlin Wall

The Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Committee of Management is pleased to confirm that local builder Kingbuilt has been contracted to build the stage 3 development. Kingbuilt has a long association with Centenary House having built our second stage in 2006 and completed several maintenance projects years since.

GRCH Committee Chairman Ken Peake was very happy to officially start the project by signing the stage 3 building contracts with Kingbuilt General Manager Lochlin Wall.

With work set to start on the stage 3 development in the next few weeks we have been undertaking preparations at the site.

To allow access to the site by the builders we had planned to remove some of the trees from the row of cypresses that bordered our land on the west. The trees were growing on the property next door which belongs to the Latrobe Regional Hospital. Fortunately, the hospital arranged for a local tree removal contractor to take out all the cypress trees on the block (located on the corner of Village Avenue and valley Drive) so we now have full access through their property.



Cypress tree have been removed along the western boundary of GRCH

Kingbuilt will now install an access road for their vehicles that will allow entry to the site through our garden storage area. Our team of volunteers have worked hard to cleared the storage area of items, including spare bricks and pavers, to allow this access.

It is hoped that this plan will limit the impact on guests during the building of the stage 3 expansion.

Kingbuilt expect the building of stage 3 to be completed by the end of June 2019.



GRCH Chairman Ken Peake and Operations Manager Carol Crewe with the Kingbuilt team



Volunteers from the GRCH gardening and maintenance team clear the garden storage area behind Centenary House in preparation for stage 3 work



The site of the stage 3 extension behind the current building

Come along and join us

ROTARY CENTENARY HOUSE

for our

Chat & Chew Girls Fun Day Out

Saturday 1st September 2018

12.00pm

Grand Junction - Function Room
Traralgon

2 Course Meal with Tea & Coffee Available
Raffle's, Silent Auction, Door Prize

For Tickets - Phone 0417679224 0431144674



Keith Chenhall Charitable Trust gives again

When businessman and humanitarian Keith Chenhall established the Trust to support local charitable organisation in the Traralgon area, he may not have foreseen the significant impact his generosity would have on the community. However his gift to the Traralgon community continues to give time and time again through the legacy he created with the formation of the Trust.

Established in 2002 the Keith Chenhall Charitable Trust has supported a wide variety of local causes and Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is extremely grateful to have received funds again in June 2018.

The Keith Chenhall Charitable Trust has provided a grant of \$14,212 which will be used to replace a variety of furniture and equipment at Centenary House. The items to be purchased will allow Centenary House to update broken or worn items in the guest rooms and will include refrigerators and microwaves for the kitchenettes, dining tables, beds, bedside tables and lounge chairs.

"The donation will help ensure that our facility is maintained to the highest level. Providing an environment that is comfortable and promotes rest and relaxation is crucial to the wellbeing of our guests, so we cannot thank the Keith Chenhall Charitable Trust enough for their ongoing support" said Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Operations Manager Carol Crewe.



Volunteers Wanted - Join this mighty crew!

We need volunteers to help out with a broad range of jobs including maintenance, gardening, cleaning, laundry, working bees or maybe even assisting with the newsletter.

Please contact Operations Manager Carol Crewe on 5171 1600 for more information.

Centenary House and SOAP AID™

SAVING LIVES

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House recently sent 96 kilograms of unwanted soap to be recycled at the Soap Aid facility in Melbourne. Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation committed to saving children's lives through improved hygiene while positively impacting the environment.

Soap Aid reprocess and deliver recycled hotel soap to disadvantaged communities in Australia and overseas, where groups like Rotary work closely with local communities to provide vital hygiene education on the importance of handwashing with soap.

Tragically, 1.4 million children under the age of five die each year due to preventable childhood infectious diseases. Globally, diarrhoea and pneumonia are among the leading causes of childhood deaths. Nearly as many children die from these two diseases as from AIDS, malaria, measles, meningitis and tetanus combined.

The provision of soap combined with education has resulted in a significant reduction in illness and mortality in these communities.

Centenary House has been collecting soap left behind by guests here and at several local hotels. The boxed up soap (pictured) was then transported by Rotarians to Soap Aid to be recycled into new bars.

For more information on Soap Aid please go to www.soapaid.org



Mother's Day Wrap

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood's gift wrapping counter has long been a crowd favourite at Mid Valley Shopping Centre.

While many local community groups participate in the Christmas wrapping sessions, Hazelwood Rotary supports Gippsland Rotary Centenary House by donating all the proceeds from the Mother's Day event.

This year the Rotary Club of Hazelwood raised \$1,000 by wrapping presents for three days at the shopping centre.

Pictured: Centenary House volunteer and Hazelwood Rotarian Rosalie Davey on duty at the gift wrapping counter.

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Centenary House has a new fax number! In preparation for updating the phone system with the additional rooms in stage 3, we are changing some of our phone numbers. The main reception number (03 5171 1600) will stay the same. The new fax number is **03 5171 1660**.

Centenary House guests sleep easier thanks to donation!



A generous donation of \$3,000 from the Koringal Womens Service Club was used to purchase new pillows and bed linen for our guests.

“A lot of the pillows and sheets we were using were originally purchased when the house opened in 2006, so we were in great need of replacing a significant quantity of items” said Operations Manager Carol Crewe.

The donation allowed for the purchase of a new pillow on every bed, as well as 10 each of single bed linen sets, mattress protectors and pillow protectors.

Pictured: Koringal Womens Service Club members (L-R) Jess Cruickshank, Chris Grigg (President), Carol Crewe (GRCH Operations Manager), Jean White, Nance Browne and Bev Hall.

Maryvale Mill Open Day

Australian Paper celebrated 80 years of pulp and paper production at the Maryvale Mill with a community open day on Sunday 25 March 2018.

Community members donated a gold coin on entry and the proceeds were distributed to local charities. Centenary House was fortunate to be one of the beneficiaries, receiving a cheque for \$2,920.40 from the day.

Pictured: members of the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Fundraising Sub-committee receiving the cheque from Adrian Berton, General Manager of Manufacturing for Australian Paper.



Rotary Club of Drouin event raises funds for two worthy charities.

On the 2017 'Variety Bash', Drouin Rotarian PP Leigh Bates PHF sat and had a chat with entertainer Mike Brady and invited Mike come to Drouin for a show. The result of that casual chat in outback NSW was a sell-out event at Logan Park in Warragul on Saturday 5th May 2018 which raised \$20,000, split equally between Gippsland Rotary Centenary House and Variety-the children's charity.



The event was jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Drouin and members of the two "Elvis" cars which have driven with Gippsland teams in the annual Variety Bash, captained by David Hobbs of Warragul, who has raised around \$190,000 over the eleven years he has been involved.

Pictured: GRCH Operations Manager Carol Crewe receiving the donation of \$10,000 from the Rotary Club of Drouin 17/18 President David Proposch.

Upcoming Events to support GRCH (save the date!)

- ◆ **Chat and Chew** — Saturday 1st September 2018 (see flier page 3)
- ◆ **Narkoojee Winery** — Friday 26th October 2018 — 3 course dinner @ \$79 per head
- ◆ **Yarram Golf Day**— Sunday 7th October 2018

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