



Newsletter



Ryder-Cheshire Mount Gambier Home Board

June 2011

Welcome to the Newsletter of the Ryder-Cheshire Mount Gambier Home Board.

The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation is dedicated to the relief of suffering among people who are sick, disabled or destitute, without regard to age, race, religion or gender. In this spirit in 2006 the Ryder-Cheshire Mount Gambier Home Board built, and now owns, a home in Mount Gambier that provides accommodation for five physically and intellectually disabled women. This informally links with other homes in Australia, and with Raphael in India and Klibur Domin in Timor Leste.

Management

The home is leased to DisabilitySA who manage the home.

There is a Parent's Committee that liaises with the residents and DisabilitySA.

The Home Board is responsible for the building and infrastructure, in essence it is the landlord.

The management of the home is very successful and is regarded as a sound model for the future.

Visitors and Publicity

In 2009 the home was visited by Ryder-Cheshire patron The Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce. In 2010 the home was visited by another patron, the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR. These two patrons spent considerable time with the residents and both were obviously pleased to be able to visit the facility.

The visits resulted in good publicity for the home.

The June 2010 issue of SACarer, the magazine of Carers SA, reported on the home in a one page article that includes the photograph at the top of this Newsletter.

In January 2011 The local paper, The Border Watch reported on the visit by Johanne Sunnex to Raphael, the Ryder Cheshire Home in India, and in a parallel profile piece summarised the activities of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation in Mount Gambier.

Strategic Vision

The Board has developed a Strategic Vision. Firstly, to ensure that the current home remains viable into the future and continues to be a model accommodation support for the disabled in our community. Secondly, to plan towards the establishment of a second home on the block of land adjacent to our current home.

Now that the Home Board has paid off the bank loan we are accruing funds for use as a deposit on a second building. We believe that with the current home as collateral we will be able to service a considerable loan using the same management model as at present. Unfortunately we believe that by approximately 2013 we will still be about \$500,000 short of balancing the books. The Home Board plans to follow up various Government and other funding options. The Board will continue to update the construction plans and draft financial plan so that we will be able to take advantage of any opportunity that arises.

Current Board

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Robyn Downs
Mary Heysen
Olive Lane
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Diane Little

