

WE SERVE ALL THOSE IN NEED

- The Foundation is non-denominational and non-discriminatory in all ways. Any individual referred by a hospital social worker or other professional is accepted. Residents have the widest range of serious medical conditions – the largest single group is cancer patients attending the Peter MacCallum Hospital for therapy. Kidney Dialysis patients at Austin Health, Epilepsy patients and carers of brain-damaged accident victims are regular residents.
- War veterans, peacekeepers and emergency services personnel receiving intensive Post-Traumatic Stress Therapy at the Repatriation Hospital are regular residents.
- In most instances a carer accompanies the patient. Each treating hospital agrees to admit any resident immediately in an emergency. Carers are also accommodated alone when a patient is hospitalized, provided that accommodation is available at the time.

VOLUNTEERS

- The Homes welcome many volunteers who perform a wide range of tasks on a regular basis or as required.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer our resident carer would be delighted to meet you, show you our facilities and discuss volunteer opportunities with you.

You will join our current volunteers in providing a wonderful service to those in need.

DONATION

The Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes
(ABN 94 074 894 677)

receives no Government funding and is financed entirely through its own efforts and the generous support of Caring Friends.

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible

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If you would like to make a donation, please fill in the form and send it to:

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OUR MISSION

- The Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, occupies buildings in Donaldson Street, Ivanhoe, to provide short-term residential accommodation for country, interstate and occasional overseas patients who must attend various Melbourne hospitals for serious and urgent medical treatment, together with their carers.
- The first Ivanhoe Home was opened in 1981 because research had indicated that there was a desperate need for this kind of accommodation, together with a caring atmosphere, at an affordable cost for individuals and families in crises.
- The Ivanhoe Homes are serving this need as we have a more than 90% nightly occupancy, despite our capacity expanding to three buildings. The Homes accommodate more than 15,000 bed nights each year involving more than 2,500 individuals.

OUR FACILITIES

- We operate from three buildings. Two were leased from the RSL War Widows' Trust from 1981 until purchased in late 1999. These buildings were constructed circa 1960. The adjoining newer Ryder-Cheshire House was purpose-built by the Foundation in 1992.
- The Ivanhoe Homes have 43 units available for residents. Most are twin-bed rooms but some units can accommodate up to four beds. Families often use these when a patient is in the final stages of a terminal illness, or who otherwise need special support.
- Each en-suite unit has a small kitchenette, easy chairs, a television set and a balcony.
- We have a full-time Resident Carer on-site who is assisted by volunteers.

OUR INCOME

- Costs are kept to a minimum - \$35 per night for those who can claim travel and accommodation assistance; \$20 for those who cannot, and special assistance for those experiencing severe financial circumstances.
- The Ivanhoe Homes rely on this accommodation income together with support from many community groups, particularly in country areas, for their continued operation. The Homes do not receive any government financial or other support and do not seek it, as we prefer to be independent as far as possible. The support of service groups and individuals from towns whose residents have benefitted from the homes has helped sustain our operations. Many former residents remain active supporters.

OUR ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

- The Foundation is an incorporated non-profit association registered under Victorian and Commonwealth legislation.
- The Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes are part of the world-wide mission of the late Group Captain Lord Cheshire VC, the most highly-decorated service person in the Second World War, and his late wife, Baroness Sue Ryder, herself a distinguished war hero, who devoted their lives to the relief of human suffering. There are now more than 400 self-governing homes in more than 50 countries. The Ivanhoe Homes are unique within Ryder-Cheshire in providing short term, rather than permanent accommodation for residents.
- The Committee of Management is comprised of local people and all services are voluntary. Community groups associated with several local churches and other individuals support the committee. Many residents assist with the various chores associated with the homes. This assistance is also important therapy in many instances.