



Newsletter



Ryder-Cheshire Mount Gambier Home Board

May 2012

Welcome to the second 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 Disability Services who manage the facility. There is a Parent's Committee that liaises with the residents and Disability Services. 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.

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.

Our Architect, Mr Stephen Herbert of Chapman Herbert, has prepared a concept plan. The second home will be very slightly larger and, building on our experience from the first home we have made some very minor changes to the design.

In January we applied to FaHCSIA (The Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for funding under their SAIF (Supported Accommodation Innovations Fund). We received endorsement from Disability Services. Unfortunately we were advised in April that our bid was unsuccessful.

The Board will follow up with FaHCSIA to determine whether we can improve our application. We are unsure whether or not more funding may be available next year.

The Board will continue to monitor possible funding options.

News

On April 12 the Hon Ian Hunter, Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion and Minister for Disabilities, visited our home.

This provided staff and residents the chance to showcase the home and demonstrate just how successful our model is.



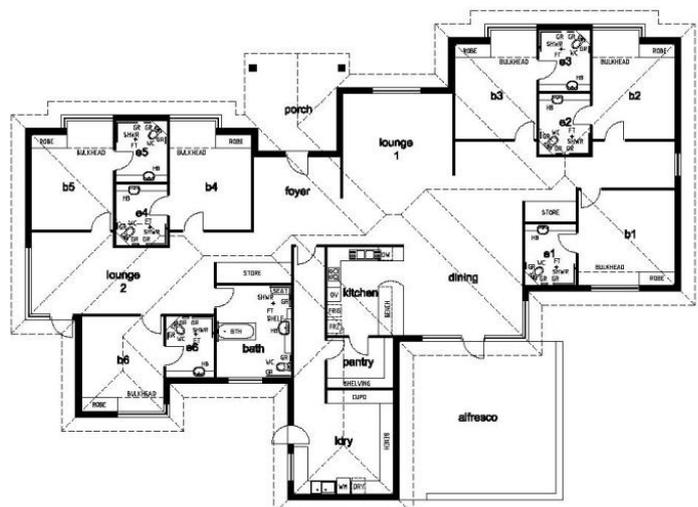
The home was also visited by a Rotary group from Iceland. The group included a manager of a similar facility and the discussion was valuable to both sides.

Just before Christmas a very successful Brunch was held for residents, family, staff, our Home Board and the Ryder-Cheshire SA Foundation Board.

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