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Keeping Our House Beautiful

Since 2012, Our House has been helping the community who are travelling to Lismore for medical treatment.



Brad Gosling from Betta Electrical with Heather Williams from the Northern Star, and Rebekka Battista. Photo courtesy Northern Star

After six years and 6000 guests Our House needs to replace some of the original equipment to ensure Our House stays beautiful for years to come.

To start the up keep, items like the microwave and the dining chairs which have had much use are in to need of replacement.

This equipment will cost $10,000. Our House is looking for 20 people, businesses or service clubs who would like to contribute $500 per room to help purchase these much needed items.

To kick start Brad Gosling from Betta Electrical has organized their suppliers to get the best price for 20 microwaves so that the Our House guests are well looked after.

"We have had a long relationship with Our House and Our Kids, particularly with their Winter Ball. This was a great opportunity to be able to help Our House" Brad Gosling from Betta Electrical said.

"Our House plays a significant role with in our community by offering accommodation services to those needing cancer treatment and other medical services in Lismore. Our aim after 6 years of operation is that we can continue to have a beautiful place for those who stay with us" Rebekka said.

Our House was built in 2012 by joining the forces of the Northern Rivers Community Cancer Foundation, Our Kids, Government funding and our community. Our House continues to serve those coming to Lismore for treatment. Guests come from around the region, from Ballina to Glen Innes, from Coffs Harbour to Tweed Heads.

Recycling with purpose

Barry Hurren is a retired police officer who spent 37yrs in the police force. In his time as a police man Barry was involved in setting up Mission Beat in Sydney many years ago. This is a group that assists homeless people and has been going for 35 years.

Missionbeat patrols inner Sydney streets seeking out those in distress and offering them support. Missionbeat works in close collaboration with other services and government and non-government agencies to help break the cycle of homelessness.

Now settled in Casino, Barry and his walking group walk 6km around Casino, continuing to do their bit for the community.

During their walk they collect , bottles, cartons and cans that they can redeem for cash.

The money raised from the recycling walk is being donated to Our House.



Barry Hurren

Community Dinners

Each Tuesday and Thursday the Community Dinners at Our House continue to bless Our House Guests. There is over 40 groups helping to make these evening events happen. Recently the Our House Board hosted a thank you function to all the Dinner Teams to thank all for the time and effort they put in to make each night wonderful.

Special thanks to Lords Taverner's Australia who help each week with the administration of our volunteer teams. We could not do this without you.













The Dinner Teams enjoying a Thank You function hosted by the Our House Board.

Solar stars



Owner David Lewis and Sales Rep Shane O'Keefe from Solahart

Solahart is one of the many local businesses that have been supporting Our House to help keep our expenses down. Recently the team at Solarhart cleaned and checked the solar panels at Our House free of charge.

The future for Our House is solar batteries and the Solahart team have been incredibly helpful in assisting us with this plan. The eventual aim of Our House is having no electricity bills, a huge saving to our operational costs."

Humans of Our House



Courtney with her new twins, Izabella and Abel

We are always excited when we have babies particularly twins at Our House. Meet Courtney from Kyogle, Courtney stayed at Our House after giving birth to her beautiful twins Izabella and Abel. Izabella and Abel were early and needed to spend some time in Special Care Nursery, during this time Mum, Courtney stayed at Our House which helped her be close at all times to her little ones.

From all the family at Our House we wish you great blessings Courtney.

Snapshots of community



Thank you to the Goonellabah Workers Anglers Club for all their support recently through their raffles and Draws. $2,000 was generously donated to our Hardship Fund to help those coming to Lismore for treatment. Thank you to all involved for volunteering their time to raise funds … Happy Fishing



John and Grace Moloney, our dear friends from Sanctuary Village who, along with the Residents Committee, put on the Christmas light spectacular every year. They recently donated an incredible $1,567 to Our House.



A huge shout out to the Italo Stars FC - Lismore and Somerville Laundry Lomax who are hosting their annual Golf Day for Our House today ... thank you to Warren Walker and Peter Warren who organise the day.



Kyogle is such an incredible community minded town…and are supportive of Our House Recently the Ladies at the Kyogle Golf Day held their annual Golf Day and donated the proceeds to Our House.. thank you so much to all the ladies from across the area who played and joined in. Kyogle Ladies Golf Club you are amazing thank you. Pictured: Margaret Murray and Rebekka Battista



Another beautiful Day at the Tom Somerville Memorial Golf Day . Thank you to all who played and donated to help Our House care for those coming to Lismore for treatment. Pictured is Glen Griffon, Maureen Somerville, Rebekka Battista and Bruce Stratford.



Each year the Scope Club of Ballina host a high tea and generously give to the community. This year the Scope ladies gave Our House $1500. A huge thanks to President Jill Vizec and all the ladies who help Scope Ballina be so generous.

Humans of Our House



Meet one of our guests, Mrs Eileen Penny. Originally from Kyogle, Eileen a retired Register Nurse has stayed at Our House during her treatment for the last 4 weeks.

"I had no idea when I was told I was needing treatment where to stay and my head was spinning but all was sorted by one of the Lismore Base Hospital Social Workers, Mel Gregory and from there it was a total surprise, Our House is just beautiful' Eileen Penny said.

"It is a stunning accommodation built by the people for the people!" Eilleen said

Part of her nursing career was as a theatre Nurse in Woolongong, where the theatres overlooked the bay. Eileen's love of the outdoors and people then found her in the outback of NSW working as a holistic community Nurse under the Whitlam government. This bought her much joy working alongside elders and the government helping the aboriginal community in her area.

Having a break from nursing, Eileen then travelled north with her growing family and become a lighthouse keeper with her husband.

Settling in Kyogle for the past 30 years, coming to Lismore wasn't new for Eileen, however it is very different circumstances when you are here for treatment.



A huge thank you to the Lismore Inner Wheel. These beautiful ladies have been supporting Our Kids for years. Lets give them a cheer

Keep Our House Beautiful

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The following are options If you would like to contribute to help Keep Our House Beautiful

Dining Chairs	$250
Microwaves	$250
Table	$350
Fridge	$400
Air conditioner	$1,500
Bed	$1500
Fold out Couch	$2000

Yes I want to help Our House

I enclose cheque/money order for $
made payable to: **Our House**, or please charge my credit card.

☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card No. ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

Expiry date / Signature

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Send to: Our House
145 Laurel Avenue, Lismore, NSW 2480

Donations of $2 and over are tax deductible.
We will post a receipt to you.

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