

G K TUCKER SETTLEMENT



Adrian Harris, Regional Manager of the Brotherhood's Peninsula Division, looks over a near finished cottage with Mrs Brown, a resident of the Settlement.

APPEAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Supporters,

The Peninsula Division Appeal has been a great success for the Brotherhood of St Laurence, achieving a figure of \$730,000.

This magnificent result demonstrates the support the Brotherhood has from friends within the community.

The Appeal received a great number of donations from individuals as well as service clubs and churches in the Peninsula region with several charitable trusts also supporting with large donations.

Although the target was oversubscribed, the extra funds will enable the Brotherhood to tackle a number of needs at the



G K Tucker Settlement sooner, and with more impetus than had been expected.

I am grateful to all those who have contributed towards the Brotherhood's Appeal and I would particularly like to thank the hard working Appeal Committee members whose efforts guaranteed its success.

Yours sincerely

Cr David Triplow,
Mayor of Frankston
Appeal Chairman

The Brotherhood
of St Laurence

REPORT FROM ADRIAN HARRIS

Regional Manager, Brotherhood of St Laurence
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The Brotherhood of St Laurence is delighted with the result of the Appeal. It has helped to ensure that the Division continues to offer a high standard of accommodation to people of limited means in the region. The Appeal's success has also allowed the development of several new projects for the area.

My congratulations to Cr Triplow for the success of the Appeal. We are very fortunate to have had his involvement and help, particularly during his busy schedule as Mayor of Frankston.

I would also like to thank Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, our Appeal Patron, for her support and generosity to the Appeal.

Settlement Redevelopment Project

The 22 cottage reconstruction project is well underway with the first five new cottages already completed.

The brick cottages were designed specifically for the Settlement. They have a bright modern appearance and add further variety to the village, their high gabled roofs and earthy colours blending well with the surroundings.

The official opening ceremony for the cottage project is to be held on the Settlement's fair day, Saturday 14 November.

Thirty of the Settlement's fibro-cement cottages are also in the process of renovation, including redecoration and modernisation. In addition, a heating system and electronic doors are being installed in the Cox Court Hostel and the Settlement Private Hospital.

New Projects on the Peninsula

As well as redevelopment within the G K Tucker Settlement, the Appeal's success has meant that the Peninsula Division can give support to several new initiatives.

The Brotherhood has opened a Material Aid Service in Frankston which provides clothing, furniture and household items free, to people in need in the Western Port area.

The Service was established after an intensive study of the Western Port region demonstrated the urgent need for supplementary support for people depending on pensions and benefits as their only source of income.

The Brotherhood is also working on the possibility of developing a Day Care Centre for frail older people in Frankston, working in co-operation with several other organisations.

Funding will be sought from the Home and Community Care Programme (HACC) to employ a full-time co-ordinator for the Centre. Most importantly the Centre will provide socialisation and activities for frail older people who are still living in their own homes.

Brotherhood Donated Goods Division

The well known Brotherhood bin is an extremely important feature in the financing of the Brotherhood's programme on the Peninsula.

In the last financial year through collections from the bins and other sources, the Peninsula Division raised over \$200,000 towards its services for older people and low income families.

Few people realise the major process involved after the bins have been emptied, the goods baled and weighed and delivered to the Brotherhood's Donated Goods Division in Frankston.

The goods are pre-sorted into three separate categories which are then each sorted into further specific categories.

Clean wearable clothes, bric-a-brac, shoes, bags, manchester and household items are distributed among the Material Aid Service in Frankston and the eight Brotherhood Shops on the Peninsula.

"Unwearables" are processed by the Brotherhood for use as industrial wipers or sold overseas as rag.

The whole process, beginning with the bins, is totally operated by the Brotherhood of St Laurence, and all profits are used for the Brotherhood.

All in all, the Donated Goods Division features as a very important operation in underwriting the Brotherhood's services in the Peninsula area. It offers some permanent and casual employment as well as being supported by a large number of faithful volunteers.

Frankston Mayoral Charity Ball

The Frankston Mayoral Charity Ball was held in May and raised around \$1600 for the Brotherhood of St Laurence's Peninsula Division and a similar amount for the Frankston Hospital.

The Ball, which was held in the Chelsea Town Hall, was a great success with 350 people attending.

Money raised for the Peninsula Division will be used specifically in the rebuilding project at the G K Tucker Settlement.