

Grand opening of Stage One

His Excellency Michael Bryce, Woden Seniors' new Patron and husband of the Governor-General, officially opened the new wing of the club on Friday 12 December 2008.

After the opening ceremony His Excellency stayed on to meet many members, impressing all with his enthusiasm and friendliness.

About 300 people attended.

John Hargreaves, ACT Minister for Aging, and Senator Gary Humphries

Wishful thinking?

We don't think so!

If every member of Woden Seniors were to donate \$20, the club would benefit by \$15,000.

Quite a thought, isn't it?

Already club members have made personal donations.

All members are urged to consider doing so. Cash donations (cash, cheque, or electronic funds transfer) are tax deductible.

also took part, Senator Humphries presenting Federal Government volunteer awards to three members, Robin Brinton, Barry Hogan and Vivienne Sinclair, all of whom have given great service to the club in many



His Excellency Michael Bryce opens the new wing. Mr Frank Zurer on left, President Anne Murray, and John Hargreaves, ACT Minister for Ageing.

capacities. A special guest was Frank Zurer, whose 94th birthday it was. Frank was the first member to donate to the club's Building Fund.

Master of ceremonies was television and radio personality Phil Lynch.

President Anne Murray emphasised that the new wing was stage one of a proposed three-stage club development. She said the club's Management Committee would continue to seek Federal and ACT Government grants to help it achieve its long-term plan, and would

continue to organise fund-raising events.

"We have a long way to go to finalise our goal", Anne said. "We have to pay off our Bendigo Community Bank loan and then secure funds for Stages 2 and 3 of the Master Plan".

She said the support and enthusiasm of club members was pivotal to the realisation of the club's plans.

Anne said opening day had been such a resounding success because of what she described as "the faithful backing of so many wonderful people.

"Their work was fantastic: hanging paintings, tidying and setting up rooms, providing and serving food and drinks, managing spaces including the kitchen, contacting the media and managing the office - just some of the work which was carried out with great willingness of spirit and generosity".

Anne said the club's growing network of business "Friends" was also producing a very positive effect. "For example some of the beautiful furniture in the new wing was provided by Mr John Cusack, of Cusacks; and four workstations and a meeting table were donated by Mr John Gasson of Construction Control", she said.



The club's impressive new wing.