

A Short History of Glenloch

Glenloch Inc is the current trustee of a public charitable trust that started in 1890 by Matthew Davies lawyer and Member of Parliament of Victoria, later Sir Matthew Davies.

The trust was created when 10 acres of land at Cheltenham owned by Matthew Davies who permitted its use as a convalescent home for men and became known variously as The Melbourne Convalescents Aid Society for Men and as the Cheltenham Convalescent Home. A public subscription raised the money to purchase the land and the money raised was donated back to the trust by Matthew Davies to construct suitable premises.

A deed of trust was made on 10 September 1890 acknowledging the assets were held on trust for the institution. On 22 August 1917 the name was changed to The Melbourne Convalescents Home for Men a philanthropic institution under the Hospitals and Charities Act 1915.

For this early history see the Victoria Gazette October 30, 1918 at page 3181. Parliament was petitioned to incorporate the Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men at Victoria Gazette 155, November 13th, 1918 p3279. The by-laws of The Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men, incorporated under the Hospitals and Charities Act 1915, are set out in full in two pages of the Victoria Gazette April 14, 1920 at p1595-1596.

The trust continued to operate until after WW2 when it was operated under the RSL War Veterans Homes. The land was sold - reference No. 448.—April 27, 1956 2212 Victoria Gazette: 'Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men was incorporated under the provisions of the Hospitals and Charities Act 1948 and sold the land to War Veterans Home Trust at Cheltenham.'

The 10 acres appears to have been spread amongst other charitable interests such as that noted in the press release:

1. A grant was made under the Aged Persons Homes Act to the War Veterans' Homes at Cheltenham as a contribution towards the cost of erecting 30 Darby and Joan Cottages with recreation facilities to accommodate 60 aged persons. *Moorabbin News*, October 12, 1960.

674 High Street Prahran was bought - in 1957 by Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men presumably from the proceeds of the sale of the land referred to War Veterans Home Trust at Cheltenham. This was the first of the current 'Glenloch' held properties.

The introduction of the Commonwealth Govt into 'Glenloch' that for many years was regulated by the Victorian Hospitals and Charities Act 1958 (and its predecessors) and a large degree of control was given to the Commonwealth in return for financial support shown in the Victorian Govt Gazette No.17 – 19 March 1986 page 707-708. Introduced into Glenloch's objects and powers were controls that imposed taking persons under the Aged Persons Homes and Disabled Persons Homes Acts.

This explains why 45-47 Sutherland Road was designed and constructed for disabled persons. Four Glenloch properties do seem to have been caught by this new rule (Oates Lane had not been purchased) and Baker Street query– they were also brought into the scheme by the change of objects and powers.

Glenloch Homes for the Elderly Inc was given a certificate of incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 on 30 May 1991 (Victorian Govt Gazette G 21 5 June 1991 at page 1460) and Glenloch Inc A0023152Y was registered under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 on 30, May 1991.

Glenloch Homes for the Elderly Inc applied on 6 December 1991 for titles to the four properties 1-4 below to be transferred into its name rather than the various names under which it was known when registration was under the Hospitals and Charities Act of Victoria. On 12 December 1991 the properties were transferred to Glenloch Inc.

Victorian law governs association incorporation and fund raising while Commonwealth law governs charity status, public benefit institution status, income and fringe benefits tax exemption and judge made trust law covers anything the first two miss. Complex – Yes! Glenloch Inc is an incorporated association under Victorian law but much of its charity function is also subject to Commonwealth laws. Much private money has gone into 'Glenloch' properties from its inception and over its more than 130 year history and would be represented by the Attorney-General of the State of Victoria.

1. High Street was bought - in 1957 by Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men
2. Wattletree was bought in 1961 by Glenloch Homes for the Elderly
3. 16 Sutherland was bought in 1968 by Glenloch (Pahran) Homes for the Elderly
4. 45-47 Sutherland was bought in 1982 by Glenloch Homes for the Elderly

Note:

Glenloch (Pahran) Homes for the Elderly

Victorian Govt Gazette No.17-March 11, 1964 page 537 the corporate name of Glenloch Home for the Elderly was changed to Glenloch (Pahran) Home for the Elderly

This was reversed by Victorian Govt Gazette No.24- April 20, 1977 page 1027 to Glenloch Homes for the Elderly

Glenloch assets subject to trusts for accommodation for aged persons:

Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men incorporated and registered under the Hospitals and Charities Act 1928 leased 20 acres 3 roods and 37 perches to the Trustees of the War Veterans Homes Trust for 5 years at a rental of 100 Pounds pa on 16 December 1947 (Gazetted 17 Dec 1947).

Mr G Davis Secretary of Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men in communication with the Victorian Dept of Lands notes the agreement of the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Social Services Dept (letter dated 23 September 1955) in finding land for the provision of accommodation for aged persons.

Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men Inc. on 17 April 1956 sold to the said Trustees 6 acres 26 perches (CT V.2296 F.459063) for 5,000 Pounds (Gazetted 27 April 1956) but actual value 45,000 Pounds as per side Equity Agreement. Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men Inc. with the agreement of the Minister of Health and Cabinet (9 April 1956) resolved to sell the balance of the land at Cheltenham for subdivision purposes that on sale raised 30,500 Pounds with total funds available of 75,500 Pounds and use the funds raised to acquire suitable properties for the provision of accommodation for aged persons.

Representations were also made to the Commonwealth Government for a grant under the Aged Persons Homes Act.

The Dept of Lands was unable to locate Crown Land close to the city for the provision of accommodation for aged persons and so with the agreement of the Hospitals and Charities Commission the Melbourne Convalescent Home for Men Inc. started a search for other sites with suitable existing buildings for the provision of accommodation for aged persons.

On 8 October 1956 674 High Street property was bought for 15,500 Pounds.

On 23 December 1960 Wattletree Road property was bought for 21,000 Pounds.

Subsequently other properties were purchased.