



The pride of Vietnamese community in Australia

“Brimbank Vietnamese Aged Care is the symbol of long time and precious contribution of all the members, donors, volunteers, executives as well as the efficient continuous supports from the state and federal governments.

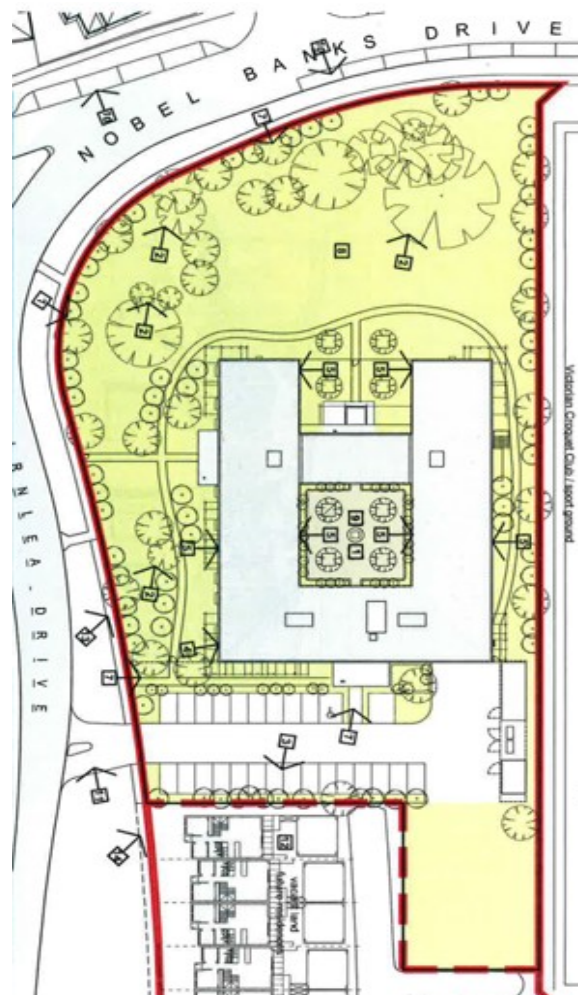
This second Vietnamese aged care facility will offer the most modern, convenient and effective care to the Vietnamese elderly in Victoria”.

- Mr Quan Van Tran, OAM, JP, IERA President

Our Vision and Mission:

“To be First Choice for the Vietnamese Community for Aged Care Services in Victoria” .

- *Promote the Vietnamese lifestyle, culture and traditions.*
- *Provide a total family service.*
- *Deliver the highest quality care tailed to individual needs.*
- *Manage funds sustainable to invest in aged care services in the future.*
- *Be a leading advocate for the Vietnamese community for Aged Care Services.*
- *Ensure our staffs are proud and passionate.*



INDOCHINESE ELDERLY REFUGEES ASSOCIATION
VICTORIA INC.

**BRIMBANK VIETNAMESE
AGED CARE
GROUND BREAKING
CEREMONY**

Date: 21/8/2014
The 13.5 million valued facility

Location:
Corner Cairnlea Drive & Nobel Banks Drive,
Cairnlea, Victoria 3023

About IERA-VIC



The Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association Victoria (IERA-VIC) is a not-for-profit and state-wide organisation. It was formed in March 1981 and became incorporated in June 1987.

The IERA-VIC focuses on assisting the Indochinese elderly persons in their resettlement process and helps to preserve and promote the members' cultural heritage. Particularly, through services and activities, IERA helps the senior citizens to live a healthy, happy lifestyle with dignity and traditions.

It aims to:

- * Provide general information, practical aid, referral, counselling to assist the settlement and integration of the Indochinese elderly persons.
- * Maintain and develop the cultural heritage and traditions of its members.
- * Advocate and represent its members in political arena, health, education, and social welfare issues at state and local government levels.
- * Foster and maintain a sense of friendship and solidarity and a spirit of co-operation among Indochinese elderly community and people of other ethnic backgrounds currently living in Australia.
- * Create opportunities for all Indochinese elderly persons in Victoria to have equal access to activities in all aspects of life.

IERA's members & sub-branches:

- IERA members: 2400
- Six sub-branches: St Albans, Kensington, Collingwood, Footscray, Preston, Richmond
- Members meet once every week
- Exchanging government and related information and support
- Learning English, physical exercises, dancing, singing. Outing trips and joining festivals, birthday party, and traditional events
- Participating into the Alzheimer's Australia Memory Lane Café Program



Achievements

Funded by the State Government and the Federal Government, IERA offered services to the seniors through the Planned Activity Groups, the Home and Community Care and the Residential Care.

Planned Activity Group Program (PAG)

- Started from 1990
- Five centers North and West of Melbourne
- The major goal of the PAG is to support an individual's ability to live at home and in the community through social interaction, respite and support from carers.

Residential Care

From Mekong Vietnamese Hostel to Mekong Vietnamese Aged Care

- Founded 1995 for the Vietnamese Senior Citizens
- Offered low care
- 32 beds
- 2008: received fund from the Federal Department of Health and Ageing
- The Hostel has been renovated and enlarged into the Aged Care Centre with 65 beds
- Inaugurated March 2010
- Mostly high care and dementia



Brimbank Vietnamese Aged Care - Victoria

Brimbank Aged Care Facility construction

- 5 June 2013, received the Grant from the Department for Mental Health and Ageing
- Estimated cost: 13.5 million Australian dollars
- 21 August 2014, Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Construction: in 14 months, started in September 2014
- Planned to have Grand Opening end of 2015
- 60 beds for high care, low care and dementia.

Fundraising efforts

- IERA received the 2012-2013 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) Grant on the 5th of June 2013
- The total Capital Grant: 8 million
- The total Zero Real Interest Loan: 3 million
- The total cost of the construction 13.5 million

Continuous efforts

- Recruiting and training staff cadres for the betterment of care.
- IERA has intended to have a suitable program for more support from the government to provide care for the growing numbers of senior citizens.

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