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## FOOTSCAPE

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## From The President

As the days are now getting shorter I can't help but sympathise with the plight of homeless persons throughout cold Melbourne nights. Contending against bitter wintery conditions must be physically and mentally arduous for individuals without a permanent roof over their heads. As such Footscape recognises the work of cohealth (a newly established configuration of several agencies including our friends at Dousta Galla Community Health) and their outreach Podiatry service which endeavours to improve the quality of life for persons experiencing homelessness. Amongst facing numerous health and well-being issues, homeless persons are at risk of developing foot problems as they are often forced to walk long dis-

tances upon poor footwear. Accordingly Footscape has been collecting second-hand shoes and new socks for cohealth to distribute to their homeless clientele. Thus far several hundred items have been sourced and dispensed to cohealth.

An example of a client helped is a homeless man presenting with the shoes below which were too small for his feet. The consulting Podiatrist was able to provide some newly washed, correctly fitting runners and new socks. As walking is currently his only mode of transport, his mobility will now be much better over the coming months. If you would like to assist this project and help such described persons then please start gathering your old shoes!





*An assortment of donated shoes at cohealth awaiting distribution*

In previous newsletters I highlighted the implementation of the Children's Orthotic Project at ISIS Primary Care and Plenty Valley Community Health. In doing so, Footscape has been funding orthoses for financially disadvantaged children attending these organisations with foot problems. I'm now pleased to report that the Footscape Committee has decided to expand this exciting project throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area. Over the coming period Podiatry Managers of all Community Health Centres will be informed of the project and invited to develop a working relationship with Footscape. Memorandum of Understanding documentation has already been completed with cohealth, Darebin Community Health, Inner South Community Health and Merri Community Health Services. I look forward to reporting the establishment of further relationships in the future.

As subscribers will be aware only a small handful of Footscape newsletters have been compiled and distributed in recent

times. This is reflective of firstly a need for more volunteers and secondly a focus upon promoting organisation membership as a preferred platform to engage supporters. Whilst Footscape intends to continue producing newsletters I request that all subscribers complete and submit the membership application form on page three. Membership is free of charge. As a Footscape member you will:

- Automatically receive electronic newsletters subscribers' currently access.
- Be notified and encouraged to attend our bimonthly member forum.
- Have the opportunity to attend and vote at Annual General Meetings.
- Have the opportunity to stand for General Committee election.

*Anthony Lewis  
President  
Footscape*



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## Membership Application/Renewal Form 2015-2016

Footscape Inc. encourages all supporters and volunteers to be members of the organisation. Membership is free of charge. Applications will be processed at the following General Committee meeting. To conserve resources it is intended membership correspondence will be undertaken via email. Please advise Footscape if you wish to receive correspondence through an alternate medium.

Please complete the following details and submit to Footscape Inc. via email:

[secretary@footscape.com.au](mailto:secretary@footscape.com.au) or mail: Secretary, Footscape Inc., 12 Dunvegan Crescent, Macleod, Victoria, 3085.

### Member Information

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if not Australia) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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