

CHARITY GOLF DAY

Bairnsdale Golf Club Friday 5 May 2017

18 hole 4 person Ambrose – enter your own team, or enter individually. Please refer to the attached Flyer and consider supporting this fundraising event – 20 team maximum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Reason

Planning Permits are a legal document required by Council for land use and development. A Building Permit application may be lodged at the same time, however, HRC has chosen to wait until Council has completed its assessment, which we expect soon, followed by a 28 day Public Notification process, after which Council may hold Planning Consultative Meetings with interested parties or objectors.

HRC has followed the recommended process, commencing with our research (over the past couple of years), together with Public Meetings over recent months, and an Open Day in February 2017. We lodged our application for the Planning Permit on 23 December 2016.

In this process, HRC has provided Council with a Traffic Impact Study, Social Impact Assessment (SIA), Planning Report, and all required information plus site plans.

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Positive Survey Support

You may be aware of the HRC East Gippsland Survey we have been conducting. This was principally for the SIA, be also for the HRC Board edification. These are some observations –

- 85% of respondents were either extremely or very concerned about the impacts of Alcohol or Drugs (AOD)
- Adults more concerned than younger respondents
- Over 70% reported their, or others', experience with AOD issues
- 63% did not believe available supports were adequate
- The use of AOD in East Gippsland exceeds the state average
- AOD funded treatment services across Gippsland (in 2013/14) were –

LGA	Clients	Course of Treatment
Bass Coast	347	579
Baw Baw	298	534
East Gippsland	507	916
Latrobe	955	1,888
South Gippsland	175	269
Wellington	336	640
Total	2,566	4,826

Source: Gippsland AOD & Mental Health Catchment Plan – Background Paper 2015

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- There were two versions of one question –
 - The community needs a residential rehabilitation centre in East Gippsland**

Strongly agree	68.40%
Agree	20.20%
Strongly disagree or Disagree	5.10%
Neutral	6.30%
 - Level of 'in principle support'**

Strongly Oppose or Somewhat Oppose	1.80%
Neutral	4.20%
Somewhat Support	7.70%
Strongly Support	86.30%
- How suitable do you consider the proposed location to be by proximity –

	0-5 km	5 to 10 km	10+ km	Total
Very unsuitable + Unsuitable	6.90%	5.90%	4.30%	5.50%
Neutral	6.20%	10.80%	10.10%	9.10%
Suitable + Very suitable	86.90%	83.30%	85.70%	85.30%

Managing Risks

The SIA highlighted that each client entering HRC will go through a comprehensive intake process individually conducted by Odyssey House Victoria. Once in residence, clients have been detoxed, and no AOD is allowed, with random room searches and urine and breath testing being undertaken.

At Odyssey Lower Plenty aggressive incidences have been rare, and any such cases have had no material impact on the local community.

Supervision will be 24 hours per day. Incidents of violence have been extremely rare at Odyssey's facilities at Lower Plenty or Benalla, and, furthermore, police have *never* been called to these facilities to respond to any such incident.

Admission to HRC will be *voluntary*, and residents may exit their program at any time assisted by staff with an exit strategy. Residents' motivation for leaving before they may have completed their designed program may be simply to return home rather than re-engage in AOD taking or anti-social behavior.

New residents are assigned a "buddy" who will monitor and engage them throughout their stay. Admission is predicated on acceptance of a set of house rules, indicating a genuine commitment to the rehabilitation process.

Client Profile

HRC residents would have a history of addiction and associated problematic behavior. People who have committed *serious* offences including sex offences, arson, or violent behavior would *not* be admitted.

Access to Community

Residents do not undertake community access visits within the first two weeks, and then only if deemed appropriate. Transport from the facility is only provided by facility staff and visits are supervised on 1:1 basis or in small groups approved by the facility manager.

Mitigation of Social Impacts

There may be many factors at play that effect community reactions and lack of acceptance of the HRC AOD facility. We believe information is a key to favourably influencing attitudes and we plan to gain the confidence of the small number of doubters. A Community Consultative Group reporting to the HRC Board will be established before the facility commences operation.

Founding Video

Copy and paste "Hope Restart Centre on YouTube" into your search engine to view our 7 minute video featuring our Founder, Patron, Board Member mother's experience, Odyssey Manger of Operations and Lower Plenty residents, BRHS CEO, and the HRC site.

Donations

Do you think this LOCAL Gippsland project is worthy of your donation, one off, or by regular payment?

You can make a donation at any branch of Bendigo Bank throughout Gippsland – BSB 633000 Account 157891169

Other than making a donation, or pledging a donation, you can best help by writing your support to our local politicians Darren Chester and Tim Bull, both of whom are strong supporters of the Centre in deputations to their political and bureaucratic colleagues.