

CHANGE OF NAME

The Reason

During the month, the Board of our Association legally changed its name to **Hope Restart Centre Incorporated** from *Hope Restart & Education Centre East Gippsland Inc* to better reflect our captive area – and it's not such a mouthful!

This is a Gippsland wide project receiving wide spread support throughout the region.

Open Day

The Board is conducting an **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 4 March 2017** from **10.30 am to 3 pm** at St John's Anglican Church Hall, at the corner of Francis and Service Streets Bairnsdale.

You will see the progress of the project first hand during the day, including our Video and PowerPoint presentations, site and buildings plans, and assorted supporting documentation.

The day will be conducted on an informal basis and Board Members will be present to answer as many questions as possible in the time available.

Hope Ambassadors

Do you see yourself as an ambassador for our residential substance abuse rehabilitation?

We hope so.

It is so easy and isn't time consuming. You will also learn more about the depth of the issue and our logical path to providing solutions by best utilizing existing quality services.

Interested? Here's what you do.

Get on the net and enter this in the address line –

<https://youtu.be/ZQcBQcSrs3U>

... and watch the clip right through.

After drying your eyes, then enter this into your search engine

Nuggets - Filmbilder

Invite your mates around for a quiet lunch or dinner and ask them whether they would mind viewing a couple of clips without giving them any details.

Let them watch these clips without comment.

If they want to be added to our email distribution list, get them to send their email to 

If they want to know more tell them whatever you know about our residential substance abuse centre proposal.

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What more do you need to know?

In their moments of clarity, 98% of addicts want to be relieved of their habit.

Residents are voluntary presentations, and only residents who have been through a prescribed detoxification program will be admitted.



Health and education are Gippsland's core service sector employing 25% of the Region's workforce.

The Board has presented a very strong business and therapeutic case to all levels of government. Fully built, there will be 112 beds for residents, and in some cases dependent families.

Our case meets **all** Rural Development strategic objectives and integrates the jigsaw of **all** substance abuse therapeutic services in Gippsland.

Multiple new direct and indirect jobs will be created.

The Centre will support existing professional treatment services throughout Gippsland, and will lead to a reduction in recidivism.

According to the ABS, for every extra \$1 in wages spent in the Region, \$5 of extra income is generated in the Region.

There are **four components** to the Centre.

Odyssey Victoria will run the therapeutic component, Federation University/Training the skills component for residents **and** carers, a coterie of employers will provide work opportunities to fit in with skills training, and service and sporting organizations will assist in the re-introduction into the community of worthwhile, contributing citizens.

In 2015, over 1000 "registered clients" in Gippsland would have benefited from residential rehabilitation. Only a miniscule number could actually access a residential rehabilitation facility due to no spots being available in the public system, or the cost of private facilities was simply too high.

An Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association/Government Study in 2009 of 62 participants revealed that the cost to the community in the previous 12 months was \$49m, or \$2.2k per day.

Even the most expensive treatment options are far below this cost.

Funding

We are a registered Not-for-Profit incorporated association and donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

We have conducted a few public presentations, principally to build awareness, and whilst we haven't entered our formal gifting stage just yet, we have received nearly \$50k in unsolicited donations from \$10 to \$10,000.

That's a pretty good indication of the support for the Centre.

We will be needing and utilizing the philanthropic division of Anglicare Victoria, and the Bendigo Bank Connected Communities Foundation, as well as seeking public and private donations, but a significant proportion of the \$10m building cost is being sought from the Federal and State governments.

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.