

## MAJOR MILESTONE REACHED

### East Gippsland Shire Council Approves Planning Permit

The Public Notification Period closed on 19 May 2017, and the Shire issued their determination of approval on 18 July 2017. A further 21 days was allowed for additional submissions, after which the Shire issued the Permit on 14 August 2017.

## CONCEPT OF OPERATION FOR MANAGEMENT

### The Reason

As an initial guide to how the Board intends to implement their new integrated model for rehabilitation, Terry Morgan *GradDipStratStud* was engaged to examine interaction with local professional and community entities, as well as information from the World Health Organization, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and Australian National Drug Strategy 2010-15, and he reviewed Odyssey House Victoria Administration to compare with the proposed HRC Model.

Prospective governance of HRC was analyzed from the Board through proposed staffing and partnerships with favourable assessments.

## ADVISORY PANELS

### Health Professionals Advisory Panel

The Board has established this independent Panel initially comprising chair Sue Medson CEO Gippsland Lakes Community Health, Stefan Gruenert CEO Odyssey House Victoria, Therese Tierney CEO Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, Dr Patrick Kinsella Lakes Entrance GP and Iain Cartney Advantage Pharmacy Bairnsdale.

The Panel is tasked to ensure seamless integration of existing health service providers and may add other persons from significant elements of health provision in Gippsland.

### Education Professionals Advisory Panel

The Board is in the process of forming this independent Panel which will be tasked to set a pathway for delivery of a range of educational objectives for people, carers, families, schools, and public, with the use of existing education providers through Federation Training.

## FUNDING

### Government

Discussions continue well with State and Federal Government representatives. You can assist by writing to the Health Ministers with your support.

### Donations

Do you think this LOCAL Gippsland project is worthy of your donation, one off, or by regular payment? You can make a tax deductible donation at any branch of Bendigo Bank throughout Gippsland – BSB 633000 Account 157891169.

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## WORKPLACE GIVING

### Corporate Community Initiative

Employees can give small regular donations from their pre-tax pay and effectively receive their tax benefit straight away. The employer may choose to pledge an equivalent amount so the value of your donation can be doubled.

Where you are interested in coming aboard with this initiative send us an email and we will contact you.

## WEBSITE

### One Pager Launched with Full Version Published Soon

After some false starts, the Board engaged local webmaster Jane McKay Communications to complete our website. A minimalist one pager went up with the full version soon to be published at [hopecentre.asn.au](http://hopecentre.asn.au) – check it out in a week or so.

Jane has developed the website with a modern format and we look forward to adding valuable information for people, carers, families and communities as the Centre approaches construction and the new HRC rehabilitation pathway to recovery takes public shape.

## NEW BACKING

### Level of Support Continues to Expand

Since the last Newsletter in April 2017, the Board has engaged in quite a number of meetings and, significantly, has achieved more support from significant local organisations, including Gippsland Local Government Network, Gippsland Primary Health Network, East Gippsland Marketing, and Committee for Gippsland.

## OUR FIRST EMPLOYEE

### Rebecca Slavin To Join Us

Those who have attended any of our Public Sessions will have knowledge of this vibrant young woman who has travelled and survived the addiction journey through to rehabilitation.

Rebecca was awarded Young Citizen of the Year for Bass Coast Shire in 2016 and attends speaking engagements around the country at schools, sporting clubs and civic presentations.

The Board is partnering with Odyssey House Victoria in Rebecca's full time engagement from next month.

## PHILANTHROPIC GRANT APPLICATION

### Collier Charitable Fund

The Board has lodged its first application for a philanthropic grant to defray a proportion of the cost of employment of Rebecca Slavin. The Collier Charitable Fund is a supporter of Odyssey House Victoria so we are hopeful of success.

### Other Funds

Further applications will be made in the near future and an appropriate expose document is being prepared for approaches to organisations with the assistance of Hon Darren Chester MP for Gippsland.

## OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE

### East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership Forum

Members of the Board attended this Forum at Bellevue Lakes Entrance in July. This was funded by the Ice Task Force and education/awareness was identified across all sectors of attendees as the principal challenge amongst many facing Gippsland. This aligns with the objectives of our Education Professionals Advisory Panel

*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 with deputations to their political and bureaucratic colleagues.*