

THE BIRTH OF THE VISION FOR OUR RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION FACILITY APPROACHES ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY

PLANNING CLOSES IN ON STAGE ONE START

Original Vision develops towards reality

As the commencement of the build of our facility gets closer, it is timely to acknowledge the contribution of so many people since the kernel of the wonderful vision of Peter Down, supported by spouse Margaret, took seed nearly three years ago in October 2015, which has now grown to a 112 bed facility, to be built in stages.

The HRC is planning a special function to mark the occasion as the second phase of our Gippsland \$1.5m Fundraising, at which we hope to exceed this target.

Contribution isn't only in cash terms. Other contribution in equal importance is the incredible time and effort put in by individuals to develop and realise the expanded vision, including in-kind design, engineering, and architectural services, and preparation for the integration of health and education services.

Our region is very fortunate to have such compassionate professionals.

Building Improvements focus on residents' recoveries

The old saying is "if you fail to plan, you are planning to fail", and the degree of planning on multiple levels has been immense. Not only in the design and construction components, but also in primary and secondary health and education, with tertiary health in the safe hands of Odyssey House Victoria.

Enhancements to the building plans, which haven't materially affected the footprint, have improved the amenity for residents, providing an improved health care environment.

Better supporting a collaborative care model and introducing more light while identifying space savings has kept the Stage One budget at a similar level.

The updates have also required new drawings and thanks to the remarkable efforts of the Gippsland Office of Gamcorp, Structural and Civil Engineers, in Bairnsdale the second set of full plans will be ready very soon.

So, when is it going to start everyone is asking?

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ESTABLISHMENT TIMEFRAME

Three Month Reschedule

Our plan is to be ready to go out to tender in early to mid-September with Stage One, and have tenders returned early October. The assessment of tenders should be completed during that month.

The indicative timeframe is shown at the end of this Newsletter.

FUNDING STATUS

Stage 1A December TARGET now \$875k

The long awaited decision on our capital funding application to AusGov Department of Industry, Innovation and Science for \$822k under the Building Better Regions Fund has unfortunately been declined. A plethora of applicants around Australia sought a bite of the \$640m Fund.

Congratulations to Baw Baw Shire being allocated \$1.1m for their Early Learning Centre, and East Gippsland Shire being allocated \$1.5m towards their Omeo Mountain Bike Project.

This means that the HRC Board is looking for more donations to fully fund Stages 1A (cost \$7.644m) and 1B (cost \$739k) so please advocate far and wide to assist in reaching this target.

Odyssey House Victoria is negotiating with a number of Foundations which will hopefully make up some of the current shortfall, and the HRC Board is planning further functions, events and philanthropic approaches to ensure the balance is realised.

Cash, Pledge, or In-Kind Contributions

Cash contributions can be made –

- By cheque to PO Box 583, Bairnsdale, Vic 3875
- Via the Donations Page on our website (automatic tax deductible receipt will be issued)
- By transfer to BSB 633000 A/c 157891169 (name as a reference, and email details to info@hopecentre.asn.au for receipt)

Pledge or In-Kind contributions can be made using our attached Commitment Form. Contact us for further details.

Workplace Giving

We are ecstatic to announce our first Workplace Giving arrangement. **Patties Foods** has signed up from last month.

This involves tax deductible contributions by employees from their wages through the employer's payroll system, matched by up to 100% by the employer.

If you know of an employer who might be interested in discussing Workplace Giving have them contact us.

PROJECT STATUS

Indicative Revised HRC Timeframe

