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PROJECT CONTROLLER/COORDINATOR

Geoff Kinnish Appointed

The Board approved the appointment of Geoff Kinnish, Managing Director of Simon Anderson Consultants in Sale, as Project Controller/Coordinator and having taken up the engagement in September he has already been busy working on site establishment.

Geoff's engineering background is in the delivery of capital projects, asset management and infrastructure planning. His twenty two years engineering experience covering municipal design, traffic management, subdivision development, waste management, project management & delivery, contract management, drainage design and delivery will be an asset for the Board.

LAND OWNER APPROVAL TO COMMENCE WORKS

Bairnsdale Seventh Day Adventist Church Site Meeting

A number of HRC and SDA Board members met onsite to discuss the details and commencement of works under the terms of lease.

A subsequent occasion was held with Board Members, spouses and church members on Sunday 23 September 2018 with a cake cutting to mark the agreement and celebration of the imminent start, and the official start of the property lease.



SDA Pastor Andrew Wilson and HRC Chairman Peter Down cutting the cake

SITE WORKS START ON STAGE ONE

Heavy Equipment Moves In

Monday 1 October 2018 noted the commencement of the build of our facility.

Excavators and bulldozers moved onto the property, with work on a storm water retaining lake, preparation and marking out of the slab for a major shed which will

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ultimately house the Arts Therapy Wing, and consolidation of the area for the main building complex.



Some vegetation has been removed to clear a path for the internal roadway, with work on the internal road foundations starting on Monday 8 October to enable contractor trucks and equipment clear accessibility to the major areas of construction.

The shed kit has arrived and the concrete slab for the shed has been ordered, with construction due to start shortly.

Fencing across the back of the 6 Ha property with an access gate to the balance of 28 Ha of SDA land used for cattle agistment will be commenced soon.

Discussions are underway to potentially partner in the Steers4Students Program, an initiative where cattle are raised and sold to help fund tertiary education for students, which will involve the residents of the Centre when Odyssey House Victoria (OHV) take over the operation.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board wishes to acknowledge the in-kind contributions in relation to the above works by Cliff Blandford Earthmoving, Denis Crane (Cranes Asphaltting and Bitumen Sealing) and Gippsland Treated Pine, and honorary bookkeeping by Yvonne Romp and Wendy Martin.

HORTICULTURE PLANNING

The fantastic contribution over the past six months or so of Liz Harris is acknowledged in putting together a detailed landscape, native vegetation and habitat creation horticulture plan which is intended to be passed over to the residents of the Centre for operation over the years ahead.

This \$100k+ project will maximise the health and productive capacity of the site as well as create participation in horticulture and environment education and outdoor activity for residents.

A minimised horticulture plan has been completed to cover the initial period of the building process.

East Gippsland Water Grant Success

An application was lodged with East Gippsland Water (EGW) under their Native Vegetation and Habitat Creation Grants program to financially assist over five years. The plan aligns with the Gippsland Red Gum Grassy Woodland & Associated Grasslands policy statement, and has attracted letters of support from the Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland.

The cost of native vegetation plants and shrubs has been calculated at \$86k and we are grateful that EGW chose to support the whole of this cost at \$17.2k per annum.

Planning and labour costs are not included in the Grant in which EGW directly pay relevant invoices.

OHV CEO, Dr Stefan Gruenert, said the Grant is fantastic news and this will be a great project for residents in which to be involved during their treatment.

HRC will now liaise with stakeholders to formalise implementation of the Plan, including Federation Training who are expected to provide relevant courses down the line, and be recruiting qualified community volunteers in due course to assist in the horticultural education and guidance of residents.

Donations or contributions to this project would be greatly appreciated, and queries or details of areas of assistance can be directed through Board member John Glynn who will keep a record for future involvement as the implementation of the Plan comes together.

PRESENTATIONS

HRC has conducted dozens of presentations to a myriad of organisations over the nearly three years of development of this project as a major component of its Awareness Program to gain support.

If you think the organisation in primary, secondary or tertiary health, or education, with which you are involved would benefit from a presentation, do not hesitate to contact Peter Down or John Glynn.

PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING

The Board is working with The Xfactor Collective, Australia’s leading social impact consultants and coaches, to assist in the raising of philanthropic foundation funding, immediately to complete the last vestiges for Stage 1 completion.

Contribution isn’t only in cash terms. The Board acknowledges the incredible time and effort put in by individuals to develop and realise the vision and objectives –

- Construction and establishment of a centre for management and treatment of substance abuse clients and families in Gippsland
- Advancing mental and physical health, education, vocational opportunities, and social welfare for substance abuse clients
- Reconnecting clients with family, community and sports
- Utilise professionally trained volunteers and assessed clients to provide programs to educate community in awareness, tolerance and compassion

Our region is indeed very fortunate to have such compassionate professionals and volunteers.

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 Bendigo Bank Bairnsdale BSB 633000 A/c 157891169 (name as a reference, and email details to info@hopecentre.asn.au for receipt)
- Workplace Giving (Contact us for further details)

PROJECT STATUS

Indicative Revised HRC Timeframe

