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NEWSLETTER



WISHING YOU COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON & HAPPY 2020 NEW YEAR

... AND BEST WISHES TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Appointment of Facility Manager

At the December 2019 Board of Management meeting we were pleased to have in attendance Geoff Kinnish HRC Project Superintendent and Eric Allan Executive Manger Residential Treatment Programs - Odyssey House Victoria.

Eric was delighted to introduce Andrew Adam to the Board as the newly appointed Manager of the Hope Restart Centre.

Andrew has extensive experience in the sector and has taken up residence in the Region. He looks forward to the work ahead in the establishment of the Centre.

Sincere Thanks

Our Chair Peter Down and the Board extend sincere thanks to every person who has contributed in any way over the past four plus years to achieving the progress of this magnificent project, from retired Board Members, to financial and in-kind donors, to Panel volunteers, and the myriad of moral supporters.

Our Project Superintendent was pleased to inform the Board that Brooker Builders had advised that the building will be basically complete by Christmas.

The remaining work after Christmas break will be completing landscaping, car park and road works including connection and checking of all services.

Practical completion is now expected at the end of January, with planning underway for official opening of the Hope Restart Centre in March 2020.

Operators of the Hope Restart Centre

Staff from Odyssey House Victoria have been very busy in the background and Eric and Andrew at our Board meeting passed on a message from CEO Dr Stefan Gruenert thanking everyone for the outstanding achievements to date in realising the vision. They informed the Board of the extensive stakeholder engagement that has been occurring in the planning of the operational establishment of the Hope Restart Centre including the recruitment of staff.

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They both look forward to the exciting period now working with the Board on the timelines of the handover of the building and finalising the Hope Restart Centre operational establishment to accept clients.

Reflections

It was just one year ago that we presented you with the stark 15 acre paddock with a new shed and the makings of a retention basin.



View from the front of the block at the beginning of 2019

The Board is proud to present the Project in its present state and looks forward to its imminent completion.



View to the front of the building at the end of 2019



View from the back of the block at the end of 2019

Drone Videos

We have uploaded a drone video taken by one of our volunteers of the current building and construction progress. These can be viewed from our website Homepage while you are reading this Newsletter.

We encourage you all to revisit our webpage to reflect on our values and vision.

DONATIONS

Nearly 300 individual donations nearing \$700k have been received since August 2016

How to Contribute

Cash contributions can be made –

- By cheque made payable to Hope Restart Centre Inc 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)
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