

1. Who are the proponents, and what is the context, of this project?

A Board of Management comprising local people proposes to establish a 112 bed residential substance abuse treatment facility for Gippsland, 5 minutes east of Bairnsdale

2. Who will operate the facility?

Partners are Odyssey House Victoria to operate the residential therapy component, Federal Training, the skills training of residents & carers, & Anglicare Victoria for non-residential care

3. What about current professional services?

We have been liaising with a wide range of existing professional service providers and we have strong indications that they will work in an integrated manner with the operators

4. Are you bringing drug addicts to walk the streets?

Certainly not, because they will not be taking drugs while in residence. Accepted residents are voluntary who want to be free of their particular addiction, and will have already been through a professional detoxification program to arrive at the first level of long term rehabilitation

5. Will the facility attract drug dealers?

Most definitely not. The residents will not still be consuming their drug of addiction so drug dealers will not have a ready market

6. How long will residents stay at the facility?

Each resident goes through a proven individual assessment of their needs and a program to rehabilitation over 4 levels of treatment carefully mapped out by Odyssey. A resident may stay for 3 months or 3 years, or may choose to leave and come back to resume treatment at a later date. "Graduates" will have access to accommodation, training and post residential backup services

7. How successful do you expect the facility to be?

Some residents may require multiple goes such as the strength of their addiction, but in the long term we expect around 40% are successfully rehabilitated and returned to the community and society as worthwhile contributing citizens

8. Why is there a need for this facility?

Residential rehabilitation is the most successful form of treatment for substance abuse. In 2015 alone, statistics in Gippsland show that of the over 4000 addicts who sought treatment under one or more of the funded existing service providers only a handful could access a residential facility. Also, this facility will serve to integrate and complement existing non-residential professional services

9. Is there an economic benefit for the region?

Apart from the jobs associated with construction, the Health and Education sector is the largest employer in our region. Initially, 32 new direct professional jobs will be created by Odyssey growing to 50+ after 1 year. In addition, Federation Training and Anglicare Victoria will add staff in their programs, and expect other existing services to expand. For every \$1 of wages, a minimum of \$5 of economic activity is added in the region according to the ABS

10. How secure will the facility be?

There are no barbed wire fences because residents don't want to "escape", they just want to be rid of their illness. In 10 years of operation of a similar facility in Lower Plenty, Odyssey has recorded 1 altercation requiring police attendance which was not drug related, and 6 ambulance attendances which were from sporting injuries

THE HOPE RESTART CENTRE INC STORY & NEW PATHWAY

NOW

- > 5000 enquiries to Odyssey for assistance in 2016
- > 1000 Gippslanders unable to access residential rehabilitation in 2016
- Residential rehabilitation care simply unavailable to the most in need

HOPELESSNESS

HOW

- 112 RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION BEDS
- LOGICAL INTEGRATED PATHWAY TO DRUG RELEASE
- PROFESSIONAL FOLLOW UP THROUGHOUT PROCESS

THE JOURNEY

WHERE

Odyssey House

Federation

Anglicare

Coterie of
Employers

Service, Sport,
Activity Clubs

Existing Health
Professionals

Skills, education, dignity, self-respect, pride

SOLUTION

HOPE

WORTHWHILE RE-ENTRY INTO COMMUNITY