

Bayside Transformations value to the community:**PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT:**

Bayside Transformations is urgently seeking funding of a deposit to purchase the premises that they currently occupy at 234 Torquay Terrace, Torquay, Hervey Bay. The owners have just advised them that the property is being put on the market. It would be a disaster for their program to close, or to relocate. And the probability of finding another suitable property in the Wide Bay area to cater for what they do is highly unlikely.

WHAT WE DO

Bayside Transformations has been offering a 32 Bed AOD and mental health residential recovery program in the Wide Bay Area for 12 years. Men and women come from all Australia to get recovery. Their program provides evidence based, peer to peer supported community service that helps people recover from mental health and drug and alcohol addiction related issues. Many of these men and women who arrive on their doorstep have gone through the prison system, mental health, and may have suffered and faced suicidal ideation, domestic violence, family breakdowns, unemployment, homelessness, and physical and sexual abuse relating to PTSD and Complex PTSD.

According to the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) Wide Bay had an interim rate of 20 suicides per 100,000 people, compared to the Queensland rate of 16 per 100,000 people. 1 in 5 people experience mental health. The AIHW research and statistics reveal there are more than 40000 people die or are hospitalized each year from drug and alcohol related diseases in Australia. Our prison system is overloaded and at a cost to the community with Drug and Alcohol related crimes. It costs \$110,000 for *one person* per annum to house an inmate (with minimum positive outcomes) compared to \$40,000 per person per annum to operate an AOD residential recovery program.

Bayside Transformations target vulnerable individuals in communities where these problems are the most prolific.



Courtney Melbourne



Alex – Hervey Bay

Their service offers inhouse holistic care, alongside professional psychological therapy, case management, psychoeducation, including inhouse recovery course work, upskilling for job ready in certificate training programs such as hospitality, retail, community health services or in the latter stage of their program as an elective to enroll in a Trade, TAFE, or university. The organisation provides 'On the ground job training' in their own social enterprise Bayside Vegies or at their Op-shop. It is here they learn basic skills in work ethics, communication, and teamwork. Most of the participants receive on the job Certificate level training in Hospitality, Retail and Community Health through processing, packaging, and delivering well over 3500kg of vegetables to customers every week of the year. All profits and funds we raise are passed on to Bayside Transformations to help fund the rehabilitation facilities.



Josh – Townsville

The outcome of their program has seen their clients sustain sobriety, and wellness, give back to the community, become employable, and be reunited with family. Some men and women have gone on either to work, university, TAFE, owning their own business, doing a trade, employed in the Community Social Sector or Transformations program have employed them.

Internal statistics reveal that 60-65% their clients go on to live a healthy, functional life in the community. This is proven through hundreds of positive testimonies from clients..

CONTEXT:

Bayside Transformations are signing a sale contract for 1.2 Million. They have received a pre-approval from their bank for a mortgage/commercial loan providing Bayside Transformations can contribute a deposit of around \$250,000. They have been saving funds for several years for the purpose of purchasing the premises, however, now find themselves in urgent need of approximately \$150,000 towards their deposit to enable their purchase offer to proceed.



Rob – Hervey Bay

They have spent over \$100000 customizing these premises to suit their programs, especially the commercial kitchen area where the Bayside Veggies production is conducted. Relocating would not only severely disrupt their program delivery but cause serious financial difficulties for them.

NEXT STEPS: (URGENT)

They have appealed for the Federal and State Government, with little success so far. Now they are seeking public and private funding bodies to assist with funds to enable them to move forward with their offer to secure their premises and provide absolute future security for the delivery of their critically valuable program for the Wide Bay and beyond.

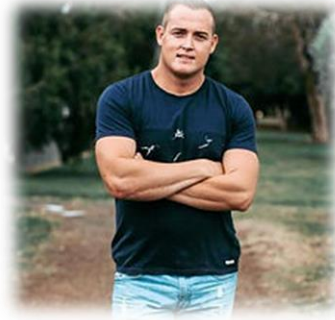


Ciaran - Maryborough

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Ashley – Gold Coast

Ashley was in and out of jail for many years. He came into Bayside Transformations with a bad attitude. His parents were distraught worrying about him. The program helped him transform his life and his attitude. He has been clean for over 7 years. Ashley has a Diploma in Community Services and is now helping others through recovery in a private Recovery Program and Transformations in the Gold Coast. He is happily married and studying and undergraduate of Counselling. He has also worked overseas sometimes in his holidays rebuilding villages that were destroyed by cyclones.



Demmi - Melbourne

Young, and free, peer pressure, and partying, Demmi became lost in her addiction to ice. Heartbroken and traumatised through relationships and her addiction caused Demmi to search out recovery. She came to Bayside Transformations 5 years ago and has been clean for nearly 4 years. She is now living in Melbourne working as a Youth Worker. She is in a healthy relationship, loving yoga and studying health care.



Josh – Hervey Bay

Josh is proud of his aboriginal heritage. Josh had lost the respect of his family and friends from his behaviour using ice. He tried recovery programs before, but he never seemed to be able to stay clean. He graduated our program in 2018. He stayed on as a House Supervisor and then onto a Program Coordinator. Josh has his own business now, he is happily married, with a new baby and brought his family a new home. Josh loves helping people, fishing, camping and the outdoors life without drugs and alcohol.



Dan Smith – Gold Coast

Daniel, who was achieving his goals of becoming a national swimmer nearly lost his career through his drug use. His parents paid out a lot of money to get help either through psychologists or other rehabs. But since doing our program in 2014 he has been drug free. He went back into swimming, and he was chosen for the swimming team in the 2016 Olympics. Dan is now a motivational speaker, happily married and going into high schools teaching young people the danger of drugs.

