

PETITION to Bass Coast Council to help fund a rehabilitation centre for the mentally ill and youth at risk

I Shirani Perera owner and business manager of Claypot Curry House 733 Turnbull – Woolamai Road Woolamai 3995 along with the under signed committee members are raising funds to build a rehabilitation centre for the mentally ill within the Bass Coast Community.

Names and addresses of Committee members:

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On 10th October 2015 world mental health awareness day we held a fundraising dinner to bring awareness to the community of Bass Coast. The response was overwhelming. Here are some of the key elements missing within the community to support both victims and carers within our community which was highlighted on the night.

These elements have also been echoed by others in the wider community who have held forums in Wonthaggi recently to inform the public on issues related to mental health.

I, along with a committee consisting of interested members within this community are attempting to raise funds to build a rehabilitation for the mentally ill and a refuge for their carers. (more details of the facility and its programs will be available as the fundraising is close to the target)

The target to purchase premises and commence a program is a million dollars.

We are hoping to gather as many signatures as possible to present the case to the Bass Coast Council and looking for community support so that we could request the council to match some of the funds required.

- Absence of youth projects within the community for the youth of the area to be engaged in
- Rising problems of theft and other violent behaviours due to drug abuse
- Parents and carers have little support to cope with the problems of drug abuse or listlessness of youth due to boredom
- The mental health facility in Wonthaggi is understaffed and constantly under pressure

