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This week was National Families Week and this weekend Goldbridge Rehabilitation Centre on the Gold Coast is opening its doors to residents and their families. It has been operating since 1987 and open it up every year to show how important family support is. CEO Charlie Blatch joins the show. Blatch says they provide a range of programs for alcohol and drug dependencies. He discusses how difficult it can be for patients to accept family support and how it can be difficult for parents and family to look past the stigma of drug problems to be able to offer that help. He says they call them residents rather than patients because they are a health service but not a hospital. There is a large demand for spaces and they often have to turn people away. It is a shortage suffered by other facilities also and so they struggle to refer people elsewhere. Residents stay is generally around 6 months and then help them transition back to society.