

9<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Dear Tony,

My name is Allison Cliffe and I am a Senior Worker with St Luke's in Mildura. St Luke's is a non-government social work organization that provides a service called 'Family Services'. This program is aimed at preventing intervention by statutory services. The program also works at encouraging families to build on their strengths and resources as they work through issues that impact on their lives. Family Services is a voluntary program.

I am writing this letter in support of running the Family Wellness program in Mildura; St Luke's have successfully been running the Family wellness program in Mildura over the past eighteen months as part of it service delivery to families. During this time St Luke's has presented five series of Family Wellness to the local community with the sixth series to begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2007.

57 families have actively participated in these sessions, this equates to 169 individual people in attendance. Out of those 169 people we have catered to a broad range of families from a variety of age, socio- economical and cultural backgrounds participants have ranged from new born to grandparents.

Out of the 169 participants 7 of these were of indigenous decent. With many participants in Family Wellness coming from a range of diverse cultural backgrounds including Greek, Italian and Tongan as some. We currently have 15 families on the waiting list to participate in the series about to commence on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

In closing I have attached with this letter some client feedback information that demonstrates the benefits that families have identified for themselves in attending Family Wellness sessions. I hope you find it useful.

Kind regards



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