

MEDIA RELEASE – OLIVIA'S PLACE

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Olivia's Place to Open Doors

Olivia's Place Pregnancy and Early Parenting Resource Centre has the keys to their rental premises at 2/7 Barkly St in Warragul, and is preparing to open doors in mid-October. Centre Coordinator, Mrs Kirsten Finger says that their staff and volunteers, as well as members of the community are very busy with all the preparations that goes into setting up a shop front for a service organisation such as Olivia's Place. Part of the preparations have also included employment of a second Centre Coordinator to assist with running the venture as Olivia's Place has recently welcomed CJ Rovers, who has a degree in Psychology, on board.

"We have been so grateful for the community support to date, and particular of local business' support for establishing our centre, and we are blown away in particular by the support of Craig Cannon from Allure Kitchens", said Mrs Finger. Allure Kitchens has been a key sponsor in assisting Olivia's Place to establish, donating custom made furniture and other items exceeding a total of \$7,000 in value.

Staff and volunteers will be busy with fit out and setting up over the next week, with their first day of service provision planned for Tuesday October 14th. The team will spend the first few weeks ensuring everything is running smoothly before increasing hours with time. Initial opening hours through the month of October and into November will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 3pm. Fridays from 9:30am – 4:30pm will be added around mid-November and there is a plan to add Saturday opening hours in the New Year.

A parent room will be provided to the town of Warragul and its families during our opening hours, and parents are welcome to go and have a look at facilities if they're in the area. An official open day, with local MP Gary Blackwood officiating, will be held on Saturday morning November 15th from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Kirsten Finger – Centre Coordinator

