

## MEDIA RELEASE – OLIVIA'S PLACE

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### **Olivia's Place Celebrates Dads**

Olivia's Place Pregnancy and Early Parenting Resource Centre held their inaugural annual Father's Day dinner and fundraising auction on Saturday night with the theme of 'Celebrate Dads'. Almost 100 guests enjoyed delicious food at the Warragul Conference & Reception Centre, two auctions led by SEJ Real Estate's Paul Phillips, and a silent auction. Guests included local member for Narracan Gary Blackwood, member for Eastern Victoria Region Andrew Ronalds and Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Cr Murray Cook.

Coordinator of Olivia's Place Mrs Kirsten Finger said "We chose to tie this fundraiser in with the theme of celebrating dads and timed it for guests to be able to grab a special item for Father's Day the following weekend because we recognise the important and vital role that dads play in the lives of their children, and in supporting their partners during pregnancy and parenting. We want to highlight and celebrate their contribution, support them in their roles and encourage their ongoing involvement in the lives of their children."

The fundraising event was well received, with many guests saying they were looking forward to next year's event already. The event was successful in raising \$13,613 for Olivia's Place which will help with ongoing service delivery during the 2 year lease on premises in Barkly Street, Warragul set to commence in early October.

"Thank you to the more than 100 local businesses who donated items to be auctioned at the event, and thank you especially to our event sponsors Raymond Partners Accountants and Blackwoods Readymixed and Garden Supplies. Without the generous support of local business, the event would not have been as successful as it was" said Mrs Finger.

The event will be held on the weekend before Father's Day each year. The list of contributing businesses can be seen on both the Olivia's Place website and their facebook page.

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