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## **Olivia's Place receives Funding for Training**

Olivia's Place Pregnancy & Early Parenting Resource Centre has been announced as a successful applicant for funding from Trinity Families. The organisation has received \$10,000 from the charity, which provides funds to tax deductible organisations that deliver community services with a focus on families.

Olivia's Place Centre Coordinator, Mrs Kirsten Finger has said, "This generous boost will enable our volunteers to have regular access to quality training days and presenters throughout 2015, and is a timely area to be funded given we have recently opened our centre in Warragul."

Olivia's Place has received a great deal of community support, particularly from local businesses in recent months. During August they were able to raise over \$13,000 as a result of a fundraising dinner and auction that celebrated dads and their role in the community, with the event attracting donations and sponsorship from in over 100 businesses. Other local businesses, including the Warragul Business Group, String & Salt, and the Warragul Gazette have opted for a financial contribution to assist the organisation in establishing their centre in a location accessible to families shopping in the CBD. Mrs Finger says, "It's fantastic to be receiving acknowledgement for our hard work in supporting local families through financial donations that will ensure our continued work into the future. The staff and volunteers are excited to feel that not only is our work valued, but as a result families are valued and appreciated by such a generous and supportive community."

Olivia's Place is currently open at 2/7 Barkly St Warragul on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-3pm, with Fridays and Saturday mornings to be added to those opening hours in the coming months. During the upcoming 'Warragul goes to Market' event on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, Olivia's Place will be providing parent room facilities to the event as well as celebrating an Open Day where the public can drop in to the centre to find out more about the services offered. "We are more than just a parent room for local families, we also provide support across areas of social, emotional, practical, material and financial needs to parents at any stage of pregnancy or early parenting", said Mrs Finger. Gary Blackwood MP will be officiating a ceremonial opening at 11am during the Open Day activities.

To make a tax deductible donation to Olivia's Place, contact 5622 1022 or donate direct via their website [www.oliviasplace.org.au](http://www.oliviasplace.org.au)

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