



MEDIA RELEASE

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McDONALD'S MILDURA SAYS THANK YOU TO MALLEE FAMILY CARE

It was briefly, 'all pens down' at Mallee Family Care on Tuesday morning, when staff from the Mildura and Irymple McDonald's restaurants popped by with morning tea – their way of recognising the contribution Mallee Family Care has made to the community during the COVID-19 crisis.

Throughout the various stages of restrictions in Victoria and New South Wales, the staff at Mallee Family Care continued to operate, ever mindful of the growing distress and need in the local Mallee communities.

The Agency, which delivers services developed to support the region's more vulnerable and disadvantaged, has witnessed a sharp increase in calls for assistance and advice since the virus first impacted Australia and the Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Jayet, says the staff have worked hard under considerable pressure.

"The challenges and uncertainty have at times been complicated but Mallee Family Care has never lost sight of the many people in our communities who have needed our help.

"With this in mind, I was heartened when staff from the McDonald's stores contacted me with the offer of a morning tea to thank us for the work and contribution all our staff have made. I know that having our work recognised by local people in a local business will provide a valuable boost to our whole team."

McDonald's licensee, Mr. Leigh Colbert, said that he'd become aware of the work Mallee Family Care was doing and the full scope of its services and understood the value of its impact on the community.

"Mallee Family Care has been at the forefront of the social response to COVID, helping people to manage and find a way forward. The work they do is incredibly important and they're leading the way in ensuring that everyone in our region has somewhere to turn.

"Of course this has meant a lot of work for their dedicated team and McDonald's simply wants to say thank you."

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