



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Building Community and Empowering Voices: Mallee Family Care's Homelessness Initiative**

Homelessness is a complex and pressing issue that affects individuals and families in communities across the globe.

In the Mallee region, Mallee Family Care is taking proactive steps to address this issue through a multi-faceted approach.

As a part of their efforts, Mallee Family Care recently organised an important event during Homelessness Week, aiming to involve past and present clients of the Mallee Family Care Swan Hill Specialist Homelessness Service.

Clients who attended were able to interact with the Mallee Family Care homelessness team and other participants by discussing their journeys, challenges, and successes.

Mallee Family Care Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Jayet said, "Organising this event not only provided clients with a safe space to connect with others, but it also fostered a feeling of community among participants."

"Often, we encounter clients facing challenges in socialising and meeting with others, and this event was all about bringing people together."

Clients who attended the event were also encouraged to provide feedback on the service information packs Mallee Family Care distribute as an organisation, with a focus on what they believe would be valuable for future individuals seeking assistance.

"This empowers our clients to contribute to the continued improvement of our services and support we provide for those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness."

"As an organisation we value the voice of the people we work with, their feedback is critical to ensuring we are constantly delivering our services at a high standard which meets the needs of the community."

Mallee Family Care continues to advocate and lobby for social and affordable housing in the aim to end homelessness all together.

But it's not just putting an end to homelessness which needs to be considered, it's providing services and supports to people once they're in housing so they supported throughout their journey, and more needs to be done.

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