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National Children's Commissioner to speak at Mallee Family Care AGM

National Children's Commissioner Deb Tsorbaris will deliver the keynote address at Mallee Family Care's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Mildura Arts Centre on Thursday 15 October.

Commissioner Tsorbaris will reflect on children's rights and access to justice. She will also speak about the vital role community legal services play in ensuring children and families understand their rights and have their voices heard.

Audience members will have the opportunity to ask Commissioner Tsorbaris questions following the keynote speech.

Mallee Family Care's Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Jayet, said Commissioner Tsorbaris' visit to Mildura is an exciting opportunity for the local community.

"Having the National Children's Commissioner in Mildura gives our community the chance to hear directly from Australia's national advocate for children's rights, and to ask her about the issues that matter to children and families," Ms Jayet said.

"Commissioner Tsorbaris' focus on making sure every child is safe, belongs and is heard aligns with our vision at Mallee Family Care for children and families to live their best life."

Commissioner Tsorbaris' visit comes as Mallee Family Care marks 30 years of its Community Legal Centre, which will be celebrated at the AGM. The Community Legal Centre provides free and confidential legal advice, information, referrals and casework to people across Victoria and New South Wales.

"This year is particularly special as we reach three decades of delivering community legal services across the Mallee and beyond. For 30 years, our legal service has helped people access justice, understand their rights and navigate complex systems," Ms Jayet said.

Community members are invited to attend the event to hear from Commissioner Tsorbaris and learn about Mallee Family Care's achievements in 2025–26.

Event details

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026

Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, followed by lunch

Venue: Mildura Arts Centre, 199 Cureton Ave, Mildura

Cost: Free

RSVP: Email events@malleefamilycare.com.au, including dietary requirements

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About Commissioner Deb Tsorbaris

Deb Tsorbaris is a leading advocate for children, young people and families with over 30 years of experience in executive roles in the not for profit and public sectors. As National Children's Commissioner, she promotes and protects children's human rights.

An essential part of her job is listening to Australia's children and young people about their needs and experiences, so she can inform decision-makers and hold them accountable for policies and services.

Before commencing her term in November 2025, Commissioner Tsorbaris was the CEO of the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, Victoria's peak body for child and family services.



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