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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **RIVERINA REGION CALLS FOR FOSTER CARERS**

*Foster Today! Don't Delay!*

Life Without Barriers (LWB) are looking for **foster carers** in the Riverina / Murray Region of New South Wales.

Albury, Wagga Wagga, Corowa, Mathoura, Deniliquin, Wanganella, Darlington Point, Moombooldool, Mirrol, Wallenbeen, Cootamundra, Gundagai, Jerilderie, Narrandera and Leeton – that means you!

LWB are running foster care information sessions in **Albury on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** and in **Wagga Wagga on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – details below. Got the room in your heart and home? Foster Today! Don't Delay!

Life Without Barriers is currently seeking compassionate individuals, couples and families to become Foster Carers by providing long and short-term care or weekend respite foster care for children and young people in need. Carers can range in age and cultural background and can be single, same sex couples, defacto or married couples, and have their own children. All you need to have is a caring and stable home environment and be able to support the child or young person.

As a Life Without Barriers Foster Carer you will be provided with:

- 24/7 support
- Ongoing training, and
- Financial reimbursement to meet the cost of providing care.

If you have room in your heart and home would like to learn more about becoming a foster carer - please attend our information sessions in your local area.

#### **ALBURY INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

**Venue:** Life Without Barriers Offices - 601 Englehardt Street, Albury NSW

**Date:** Tuesday 30 May, 2017

**Times:**

Session 1: 10.00am

Session 2: 1.00pm

Session 3: 6.00pm

**Date:** Wednesday 31 May, 2017

**Times:**

Session 1: 10.00am

Session 2: 1.00pm

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In the spirit of Reconciliation, Life Without Barriers acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country, and their connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to them, their cultures and customs, and to Elders both past and present.

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## WAGGA WAGGA INFORMATION SESSIONS:

**Venue:** Wagga RSL, Fife Room - corner Kincaid & Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga NSW

**Date:** Thursday 1 June, 2017

**Times:**

Session 1: 10.00am

Session 2: 1.00pm

Session 3: 6.00pm

**Date:** Friday 2 June, 2017

Session 1: 10.00am

Session 2: 1.00pm

To become a foster carer and make a difference in a child's life please **RSVP** for an info session at:

**Phone:** (02) 6809 9500

**Email:** [westnswcarers@lwb.org.au](mailto:westnswcarers@lwb.org.au)

**Web:** [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au)

"We need Foster Carers to share their home, heart and time with a child or young person. Children in foster care need committed, trustworthy and resilient adults to guide them to a positive future. If you can be the positive change in a child's life, contact us today!" encourages Jeannine Farrell from Life Without Barriers.

Bronwyn Taylor and Dale Hennessey are a local foster caring powerhouse from Trangie. Over the last 15 years they have cared for over 30 children in respite, emergency, short and long term care.

"A friend told us years ago about the need for more foster carers and Dale and I had just brought a home and wanted to share with children who needed a loving, safe environment. We have been foster carers ever since," explains Bronwyn.

"For 15 years we have had the privilege of caring for so many wonderful young people. We have seen them become young adults, get married, have their own children, become stable working members of society, overcome various obstacles and succeed. To see happy children who now know who they are, feel worthy of love and are part of a family - there are no words to describe that! We are the blessed ones to have the pleasure to help them to become anything they choose to be. Fostering has brought so much into our lives and we hope to continue to foster for years to come!"

To read Bronwyn and Dale's full foster care story please [click here](#).

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## Available for Interview

**Bronwyn Taylor - Foster Carer**

**Jeannine Farrell - Life Without Barriers**

**About Life Without Barriers:** Life Without Barriers (LWB) is one of Australia's largest leading social purpose organisations, working in more than 300 communities across all states and territories. Its major areas of operations include family support and out-of-home care (foster care), mental health services, youth justice, disability services, community based aged care, homelessness services, support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and support to refugees and asylum seekers.

## **Who can be a Foster Carer?**

### **Foster Carers:**

- Are over 18, with relevant life experience. Upper age limits may apply for some types of care such as long term care or adoption.
- Are from any cultural or linguistic background; we welcome diversity!
- Are single; defacto, married, including same sex couples.
- Are with or without children.
- Have a spare room in their home or apartment – can be renters or home owners.
- Are well and healthy and have the emotional and physical capacity to deal with some of the challenges that can sometimes come with caring.
- Have the time free to focus on the needs and development of the child.
- Need to have the patience and resilience to build a positive relationship with the child, who may themselves struggle to trust you and be resistant to your care.
- Have a regular source of income to meet their own family's needs.