



26th June 2018

Pick My Project

To whom it may concern,

I am very happy to offer a letter of support for Ms. Georgina Dymock with the Kidding Around Australia's Bush Bus application for the Pick My Project Program.

As the Coordinator of the Maternal and Child Health Program for Mitchell Shire Council, I am very aware of the issues and challenges that young families face in this area. Many parents can find parenthood very isolating and difficult, and many families find accessing the limited playgroups in the area difficult due to transport and availability issues.

We are a very fast-growing council with limited resources, especially for young families. We are happy to support innovative and creative programs that enhance the parenting journey within our Shire like the Bush Bus. The benefits to our children would be enormous and the potential to link parents, especially those feeling isolated, would go a long way to building stronger communities.

The Maternal and Child Health Service is happy to support Georgina with resources, including pamphlets and information linking families to services to increase their parenting confidence and skills. One of the benefits of the program is the mobile Bush Bus will be delivered in all the towns within Mitchell Shire, ensuring all members of our community have access to the playgroups and information.

I hope you will consider the Bush Bus application in the Pick My Project program. I feel this program would benefit so many families in Mitchell Shire, especially those in the important early years.

Yours sincerely

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