

15 June, 2006-

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF THE ILLAWARRA OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK MEMBERS WHO HAD THE PLEASURE OF DR. GOOLEY'S COMPANY, LAST MONTH, WHEN HE CAME TO CORRIMAL TO DISCUSS HIS EXCITING PROPOSAL FOR A NEW AGED-CARE MEDICAL COMPLEX.

WE WERE PRESENTED WITH A ROUGH DRAFT OF THE PLAN, WHICH THE DEVELOPERS, 'LA VIE DEVELOPMENTS, PTY.LTD.' WITH DR. GOOLEY, HAVE CREATED.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION, AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION, OUR DECIDED TO FULLY SUPPORT THIS GREAT PLAN.

AS OLDER WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT AND DETAIL WHICH HAS GONE INTO THIS ENDEAVOUR.

THE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE OLDER, AND POSSIBLY INFIRM CITIZENS, HAS BEEN WELL-THOUGHT OUT AND APPEARS TO BE CONVENIENT AND EASY TO MANAGE.

WE WISH, FOR DR. GOOLEY AND HIS ASSOCIATES, A FAST-TRACK AND EXPEDIENT RESOLUTION TO THIS BADLY NEEDED FACILITY IN ALBION PARK.

YOURS TRULY,



ARLENE LITTLE [SECRETARY]

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24<sup>th</sup> May 2006

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**RE: Aged Care Approval Round 2006**

I am writing in support of an application by Dr Brett R. Gooley for aged care beds in the next ACAR.

Dr Gooley has given the Northern Illawarra Aged Care Assessment Team members an overview of his planned multidimensional health and aged care complex.

The Northern Illawarra Aged Care Assessment Team is supportive, in principle, of the plan to supply aged care beds to those who would normally require access to Australian Government funded aged care services.

There is a need for aged care services in the Illawarra at this time and a choice for clients is always welcome.

I am pleased to support them in this application.

Yours sincerely



Lyn Jamieson. CNS

Team Leader Northern Illawarra Aged care Assessment Team

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**QUESTION 23.1 Letters of Support**

Dr Gooley  
La Vie Developments Pty Ltd  
PO Box 323  
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Our Ref	S:SV:KS
Date	10 April 2006

Dear Dr Gooley

### Residential Aged Care Needs – Wollongong Local Government Area

I write to you in response to your request for information regarding the residential aged care needs of people living in the Illawarra. I would like to thank you for this opportunity and to provide you with information regarding the residential aged care needs for people living in the Wollongong Local Government area (LGA).

According to the Australian Local Government Associations "Planning and the Local Government response to Ageing and Place 2004", the population of people above the age of 65 in Wollongong is 28,824 persons. This number is projected to grow in size to approximately 42,646 persons by the year 2022 which equates to a 48% increase in the total number of residents above the age of 65 living in Wollongong. At the same time the population of people in Wollongong above the age of 85 is expected to increase from 2,830 persons to approximately 6,199 persons. This will mean a 119% increase in the total number of residents above the age of 85 living in Wollongong. When compared to the rest of NSW Wollongong is currently the 71<sup>st</sup> oldest LGA of a total of 153 and by the year 2022 it has been predicted that it will be the 83<sup>rd</sup> oldest.

The ageing of the population of Wollongong is an important issue and recently the housing needs of older people featured in Councils newly adopted Wollongong Housing Strategy (2006) which can be made available upon request.

A summary of the important considerations that have been noted for the City of Wollongong from a variety of sources including the Illawarra Aged Care Assessment Team, Healthy Cities Illawarra Aged Task Force and the Aged Accommodation Task Force include:

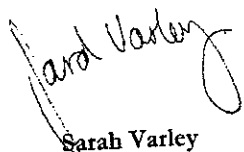
- The need for more facilities that offer an 'Ageing in Place' model of care which enables older couples to remain living together.
- The local need for additional dementia specific residential aged care placements.
- The need for residential aged care facilities to be easily accessible to public transport for carers and more active residents.
- The need for dental care, podiatry and social support services to be easily available to residents living in aged care facilities.
- The need for residential aged care places for people with disabilities who are ageing earlier.

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If you have any questions or require further information please contact Sarah Varley,  
Community Development Worker Aged and Disability services on 4227 7243.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Varley', written in a cursive style.

**Sarah Varley**  
Community Development Worker – Aged & Disability Services  
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To Dr B R Gooley,  
Dear Sir

Further to our meeting  
with you, I would like to say we  
think it is a terrific complex & badly  
needed in the Illawarra region. I  
sincerely hope it receives all the  
support it deserves, it really seems  
to fulfil all the needs of the aged  
of our area, I look forward to  
following the progress & hope you'll  
keep in touch with our group.

Best Wishes  
Mary Doherty  
Hon Secretary

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26.4.2006

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Dr. B.P. Gooley,

Re your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> April  
2006. regards in establishing a 200  
bed Aged Care Facility in Allion Park  
my club the R.S.L. Macquarie Day Care  
Club is affiliated with the Allion  
Park R.S.L. Sub Branch of which  
I understand you have also  
approached. The need is certainly  
here and I am sure the Sub-  
Branch will support the facility

Yours Sincerely  
(Mrs) Sue Duggan P.A.M.

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15<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Dear Dr Gooly,

**Re: Letter of Support: Residential Aged Care Needs of Croatian Community - Wollongong Local Government Area**

I am writing to thank you for engaging with the Croatian Community and for the opportunity for the Croatian Day Care to provide feedback on your plans for an aged care facility in Albion Park. The members of the group found your concept exciting and would like to add their support for the plan. The Croatian speaking community is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest in the Wollongong LGA. The community like many other first wave emigrating communities is ageing. According to 2001 statistics the median age of the Croatian community in Australia was 53.9yrs, a median reflected in the local Croatian population.

An aged care facility that provides cluster type residential care which is culturally appropriate is an issue of considerable concern for the community. Investment in such facilities in Wollongong has to date been inadequate. Many Croatian families want to see their elderly parents happily settled in a setting which will cater to their cultural needs. A facility that would meet these needs would have the support of the Wollongong Croatian Day Care members.

If you require further information please contact Darinka Radinovic Wollongong Croatian Day Care (HACC Funded) Coordinator on 0414 746 760

Yours faithfully

*Darinka Radinovic*  
(Coordinator: Wollongong Croatian Day Care)

***This letter of support has been endorsed by the members of the  
Wollongong Croatian Day Care – 2006***

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# Italian Social Welfare Organisation



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10 May 2006

Dr B R Gooley  
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Dear Dr Gooley

## SUPPORT LETTER RE PROPOSED NEW AGED CARE FACILITY

The Italian Social Welfare Organisation of Wollongong supports the application by the La Vie Developments Pty Ltd for the establishment of a new 200 bed Aged Care Facility in Albion Park.

According to the 2001 Census figures the total number of Italian speaking 50 plus population in the Illawarra region is 3615, 78.7% of the total Italian speaking population. Projections by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (2001) "Projections of Older Immigrants" the Italian 70 plus population in New South Wales will be peaking in 2011.

Therefore, facilities such as the one proposed will ensure that the needs of the Italian aged community will be met. The Italian Social Welfare Organisation would be willing to provide its services on a consultative basis.

Wishing you all the best in your application

Yours sincerely

Giovanna Cardamone  
COORDINATOR

Honorary Patrons: Lord Mayor of Wollongong City  
Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong



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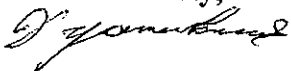
Dear Dr Gooley,

Following the discussion that you held with our president and committee members re the proposal to build a publicly funded Aged Care Facility in Albion Park, we wish to confirm our support for this project, as we believe that there is a general shortage of nursing home beds that will cater for our ageing Greek community.

Our understanding is that some beds will be allocated for the Greek community and we believe that an allocation of beds should be made to respite care and also married couples.

Please keep us informed of any further developments.

Your Sincerely,



Mr Dimitrios Yiannakenas  
President  
Autocefalic Grekk Orthodox Church  
Illawarra Community

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