

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Supporting Annie's career with scholarship

**The budding childhood education career of a young Mallee woman is getting a boost thanks to the Foundation of the Mallee Track.**

Annie Brown has been awarded a scholarship from the Mallee Track Health and Community Service's Foundation of Mallee Track.

The support will allow Annie to complete a Diploma of Early Years Education and Care.

Raised at Underbool and now working for MTHCS at Mallee Minors at Ouyen, Annie said receiving the scholarship was an honour.

"I've never actually had a scholarship before," she said.

"It helps me to get my books and whatever else I need to do my studies.

"Working with Mallee Track has been great – they've given me opportunities and asked me what I want to get out of work and about my goals.

"They've been really good."

Annie said she was passionate about working with children – especially the youngest community members at Mallee Minors.

"I just love working with kids, really," she said.

"I am from a big extended family, and I grew up with babies around me. Ever since I was a kid, I've always loved babies and children and so I'm loving the opportunity to work with them every day."

The Foundation of Mallee Track aims to fill the gaps between government funding sources and help make it possible for MTHCS to do more to provide the best care for Mallee communities,

MTHCS Interim Chief Executive Officer, Tracey Wilson, said the organisation was keen to support its emerging staff.

"Annie is a great local success story and an example of how we want to grow our own people to deliver quality services for our community," she said.

All Community members are invited to attend the Foundation of Mallee Track Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 13th September 6:30pm Ouyen Club, Copper Room. Please RSVP to Sarah on [foundation@mthcs.vic.gov.au](mailto:foundation@mthcs.vic.gov.au) or Mobile 0413 346 112. You can learn more about the Foundation of Mallee Track at [www.mthcs.com.au/foundation](http://www.mthcs.com.au/foundation)

**Picture: Annie Brown with MTF founder Howard Crothers, and Tess, Ally and Lola at Mallee Minors, Ouyen.**

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