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**CLASS 1 LOCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
FOR THRESHOLD INCREASE APPLICATION
FOR PREMISES AT HOXTON PARK ROAD, PRESTONS**

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Liverpool Catholic Club

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This Class 1 Local Impact Assessment is lodged by Liverpool Catholic Club Limited ("**the Club**") in support of and as part of an application to increase the gaming machine threshold ("**Threshold**") of its premises at Hoxton Park Road, Prestons, having liquor licence number LIQC300231755 ("**Premises**").
- 1.2 The Premises is located in the Liverpool Local Government Area.
- 1.3 For the purposes of section 33 of the *Gaming Machines Act*, the Liverpool Local Government Area is classified as a Band 2 area by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority ("**Authority**").
- 1.4 The current Threshold of the Premises is 401.
- 1.5 401 poker machine entitlements are issued to the Premises.
- 1.6 401 gaming machines are kept and operated at the Premises.
- 1.7 The Club is applying to increase the Threshold of the Premises by twenty (20) so that twenty (20) additional poker machine entitlements can be transferred to the Premises from one or more registered clubs located outside of the Liverpool Local Government Area.
- 1.8 The Club complies with its responsible conduct of gambling obligations.
- 1.9 If the application is granted, it will result in the positive contributions to the local community set out in Section 6.
- 1.10 This LIA contains the following sections:
 - (a) Application;
 - (b) Information about the Club;
 - (c) Details regarding the Club's responsible conduct of gambling practices;
 - (d) An analysis of the Club's local community;
 - (e) Details regarding the proposed positive contribution;
 - (f) Conclusion.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1 The current Threshold of the Club's Premises is 401.
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3. THE CLUB

- 3.1 The Club was created in 1979.
- 3.2 From 1979, the Club has occupied and traded from the Premises located in Hoxton Park, Prestons.
- 3.3 Prestons is located in Sydney's south western suburbs (approximately 25 kilometres from the Sydney CBD).
- 3.4 Prestons is located within the Liverpool Local Government Area and has a population of approximately 14,400 people.
- 3.5 The Liverpool Local Government Area comprises 42 suburbs and has a population of approximately 200,000 people.
- 3.6 A map of the Liverpool Local Government Area (and its suburbs) is attached as Annexure "A" to this LIA.
- 3.7 The Liverpool Local Government Area is located in the Greater Western Sydney region.
- 3.8 The population of the Greater Western Sydney region is approximately 1.9 million people.
- 3.9 The floor space of the Club's Licenced Premises is approximately 12,679 square metres. The Club's Licenced Premises includes:
- (a) multiple bar, lounge and entertainment areas;
 - (b) multiple bistro, café and restaurant offerings;
 - (c) multiple function room and function areas.
- 3.10 However, the Club has extensive facilities that are over and above the Club's Licenced Premises. The additional facilities include:
- (a) ice skating complex;
 - (b) mini golf course;
 - (c) gymnasium;
 - (d) two (2) football fields and associated change facilities;
 - (e) one (1) cricket oval and associated change facilities;
 - (f) six (6) netball courts and associated change facilities;
 - (g) a one hundred and four (104) room hotel;
 - (h) car park facilities for approximately one thousand one hundred (1,100) cars.
- 3.11 The Club's membership fluctuates between 35,000 and 55,000 members (depending on the time of year). The Club participates in the ClubGRANTS Scheme and offers

various forms of community support and donations to local community groups in the Liverpool Local Government Area generally.

- 3.12 A full list of the Club's community support under the ClubGRANTS Scheme for the twelve (12) months to 31 August 2015 is set out in Annexure "B" to this LIA.
- 3.13 The Club is a member of the Liverpool Liquor Accord.
- 3.14 The Club is applying to increase the threshold of the Premises to allow for the possible future transfer of the poker machine entitlements from one or more registered clubs located outside of the Liverpool Local Government Area.

4. RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

- 4.1 The Club complies with all obligations in relation to the responsible conduct of gambling that are imposed by the *Gaming Machines Act* and *Gaming Machines Regulation*.
- 4.2 In accordance with the Guidelines produced by the Authority for Class 1 Local Impact Assessments, the Club is not required to set out these matters in this LIA.
- 4.3 However, in addition to the steps and actions required by the legislation, the Club undertakes the following measures:
 - (a) The Club is a member of ClubsNSW and has agreed to, and adopted, the ClubsNSW Registered Clubs Responsible Conduct of Gambling Code of Practice – Best Practice Guidelines. This involves the following:
 - (i) Promotion of responsible gambling practices that conform to local community standards and expectations.
 - (ii) Providing a patron complaint resolution process.
 - (iii) Encouraging responsible practices in advertising and promotions related to gambling and ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
 - (iv) Providing policies which ensures all legislative requirements related to cheque cashing, payment of winnings and financial transactions are implemented and encourages patrons to develop responsible practices in the use of finances for gambling purposes.
 - (v) Providing procedures for handling personal information relating to gambling patrons in a club to protect their rights of privacy.
 - (vi) Providing a pleasant and safe gambling environment.
 - (vii) Informing and training staff on legislative requirements, harm minimisation issues, the risks of not complying with legislative requirements or not adopting and practising harm minimisation strategies and taking appropriate steps to promote patron and employee care.
 - (viii) Encouraging patrons to take responsibility for their gambling activity through an effective self-exclusion procedure or other mechanisms.

- (ix) Informing patrons and staff of the Club's responsible gambling policy and program, the nature of gambling products and the availability of support services for problem gamblers.
 - (x) Developing links between the club and relevant community organisations that will provide support and advice for problem gamblers and their families.
- (b) The Club is also a member of the Club Safe Program. Club Safe is a club industry responsible conduct of gambling program. The Club is an active member of Club Safe which helps the Club manage responsible gambling operations which meet legislative requirements and community expectations.
- (c) Club Safe provides guidance in the responsible provision of gambling services. The Club has adopted the Club Safe principles of:-
- (i) Compliance;
 - (ii) Consumer Protection;
 - (iii) Harm Minimisation;
 - (iv) Risk Management; and
 - (v) Measurement of Effectiveness.
- (d) The Club participates in patron and staff education in providing a responsible gambling program together with providing programs and policies on the prevention and intervention of problem gamblers.
- (e) The Club is a member of the Gambling Awareness, Intervention and Support ("GAINS") program. The GAINS program:
- (i) is a joint initiative of CatholicCare Sydney and a number of registered clubs (including the Club); and
 - (ii) is a 'self-referral' service that links people who believe they may have a gambling addiction or alcohol problem with a range of specialist gambling help and alcohol abuse support services;
 - (iii) provides assistance and support to a number of persons, including persons located in the Liverpool Local Government Area.
- (f) As part of ClubGRANTS, the Club has donated \$150,000 to the GAINS program over the past three (3) years and the Club will donate \$50,000 to the GAINS program this year.

4.4 Additionally, the Club does not permit patrons to be admitted as temporary members (being the form of membership which is commonly made available by clubs to people who live at least 5 kilometres from a club) unless the person is staying in the Club's hotel (referred to in clause 3.10(g)) above. Therefore:

- (a) Unless the person is a guest of a member or staying at the hotel, a person who wishes to enter the Club's premises must complete an application for membership form and be formally admitted to membership of the Club; and

- (b) This measure provides the Club with a greater opportunity to implement the Responsible Gambling programs referred to above.

4.5 It is the Club's position that these additional measures are appropriate for the Club to help prevent the misuse and abuse of gambling.

5. LOCAL COMMUNITY

5.1 In order to demonstrate the positive benefits to the local community if the application is granted, the Club has considered the definition of the "local community" for the Premises.

5.2 In broad terms, the Club considers its local community to consist of persons who use the services, amenities and facilities of the Club and/or who may be affected by its operations.

5.3 As indicated above, the Club is located in Prestons in the Liverpool Local Government Area.

5.4 Although the majority of the Club's members live in Prestons and its neighbouring suburbs, due to the range of services and facilities provided to members and their guests, the Club has a number of members from the other suburbs in the Liverpool Local Government Area and the Greater Western Sydney region.

5.5 Accordingly, the Club's local community for the purposes of this LIA is:

- (a) persons located in Prestons and its neighbouring suburbs; and
- (b) persons located within the Liverpool Local Government Area;
- (c) persons located within the Greater Western Sydney region.

6. POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

6.1 As indicated above, the Club is applying to increase the threshold of the Premises by twenty (20) so that twenty (20) additional entitlements can be transferred to the Premises from one or more registered clubs located outside of the Liverpool Local Government Area.

6.2 If the application is granted, the Club will make the following donations as its positive contribution to the local community:

- (a) \$120,000 to Sisters of Charity; and
- (b) \$55,000 to Autism Advisory Support Service;
- (c) \$30,000 to Karitane.

For the avoidance of doubt, the above donations are in addition to the donations provided by the Club under the ClubGrants Scheme.

6.3 If the application is granted, and the Club therefore makes the donations referred to above, it is very conscious of the fact that those bodies would best know how the additional resources could and should be spent. Indeed, this is part of the reason why the Club proposes making these donations as opposed to spending the money on a

project of its own choosing, as bodies directly involved in the provisions of services to the community know how best to provide this assistance.

6.4 Copies of the letters received from the Club from the recipients of the proposed donations are attached as Annexure "C" to this LIA.

6.5 These letters from the recipients provide:

- (a) a brief background about the recipients and the services that they provide;
and
- (b) a summary in relation to how the proposed donations will be used;
- (c) an acknowledgement that the donations are related to a gaming application and conditional upon this LIA and the Application being approved.

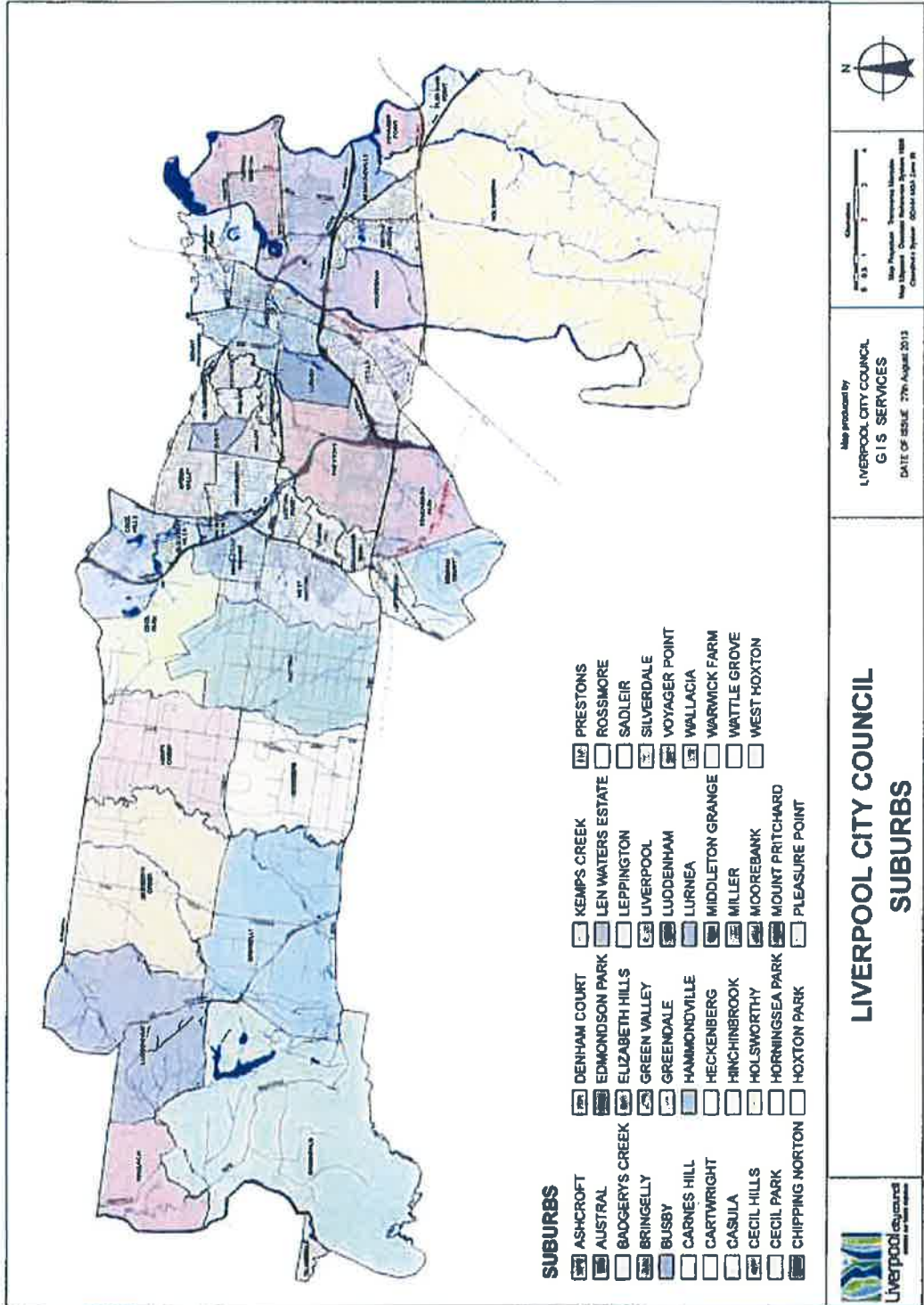
7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 The Club complies with its responsible conduct of gambling obligations.

7.2 If the application is granted, it will result in a positive contribution to the local community.

ANNEXURE "A"

MAP OF LIVERPOOL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



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SUBURBS



ANNEXURE "B"**COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 AUGUST 2015**

Recipient of Donation	Amount of Donation
All Saints Primary School	\$30,000.00
All Saints Senior College	\$9,925.00
Alzheimer's Australia	\$3,500.00
Anowah Community Living Inc	\$17,660.00
Anzac Memorial	\$10,000.00
Carols at the Club	\$67,000.00
Catholic Care	\$50,000.00
Catholic Education Office	\$3,800.00
Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand	\$60,000.00
Karitane Mothercraft Society	\$11,100.00
Kokoda Challenge	\$17,835.00
LCC Charitable Trust	\$500,000.00
Liverpool Council, Seniors Concerts	\$29,400.00
Melkite Catholic Welfare Association	\$9,564.00
Our Various LCC Intra Clubs	\$183,585.00
PCYC	\$2,500.00
RSL Services Australia	\$4,000.00
Scholarships	\$97,301.00
Sloosh Kids Care	\$14,400.00
St Catherine of Sienna Primary School	\$16,800.00
St Christopher's Catholic Primary School	\$10,000.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$19,846.00
The Salvation Army	\$4,000.00

Thurgoona Community Centre	\$1,945.00
Thurgoona Football Club	\$5,340.00
Thurgoona Lions Club	\$1,250.00
Thurgoona Men's Shed	\$1,250.00
Thurgoona Toastmasters	\$1,500.00
Variety Club	\$1,500.00
William Carey Christian School	\$4,948.00
Youth Off the Streets	\$15,000.00

ANNEXURE "C"
LETTERS FROM RECIPIENTS

See following pages.





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COMPASSION IN ACTION

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Sisters of Charity Outreach is a community service organisation committed to providing assistance to families in need across New South Wales through the active participation of trained volunteers and staff. Outreach supports the vulnerable in our society, with an emphasis on women and families, offering services that are professional, flexible and responsive to emerging community needs.

Outreach operates 8 programs ranging from home visit programs, short-term crisis accommodation for women and families escaping domestic violence, low-cost accommodation, transport service to attend medical appointments, court support programs. Our programs support all aspects of society particularly the vulnerable and the poor which include unemployed, refugees and asylum seekers.

In 2015 we celebrated 25 years of helping the poor and vulnerable of NSW.

Funding request

We request that the funding of \$120,000 be submitted to Outreach to support two programs in the local Liverpool LGA.

Project A – South West Visit Program

This is a no-cost service operated by trained staff and volunteers. It provides companionship and support to the frail, aged, disabled, unemployed and socially isolated through home visits and outings.

Area covered

The program operates within the Liverpool LGA.

Need in the Liverpool LGA

- Nearly 19% of people living in Liverpool, are aged 55 years or older
 - Between 2006 - 2011 there has been a 20% increase in the population of those aged 55 - 74 years
 - In the same period, 2006 – 2011, there has been a 31% increase in persons aged 85+ years
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Target Group

The South West Visit Program clients are frail aged, disabled or suffering from a medical condition resulting in a loss of mobility. Our clients include approx. 30% with mental health conditions, people from CALD backgrounds (including migrants refugees and asylum seekers), people with disabilities, people over the age of 55 and people from Indigenous backgrounds. Of the clients we support 27% are unemployed and are receiving a disability pension or unemployment benefits.

Objectives

- Increase the number of clients in the Liverpool LGA accessing the visit program
- Increase the number of volunteers supporting this service
- Increase the knowledge of the home visit program in the Liverpool LGA
- Implement new IT/CRM infrastructure to support staff

Budget

Item	Amount
Salaries and wages	\$120,000.00
IT/CRM	40,000.00
Mileage	7,500.00
Education / Development of staff/volunteers	5,000.00
Community Education	
- Educational Flyers	
- Introduction Packs	
- Referral Kits	7,500.00
Rent / Lease	12,000.00
Socialisation Events (up to 4)	10,000.00
Other	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$217,000.00

Outputs and Outcomes

Receiving the \$100,000 will allow us to achieve the following

- Reduce Social isolation through fortnightly visits to a minimum of 30 clients by trained staff and volunteers
- Provide an opportunity for socially isolated clients to attend up to four socialisation activities/events over the year
- Introducing a new pilot program to reengage socially isolated persons into a smaller group setting
- Increase the number of volunteers supporting this program by 50%
- Increase the number of referrals to our program by 20%
- Increase the number of migrants and people of CALD background accessing our program

- Implementation of a new IT infrastructure to improve the safety and wellbeing of our support staff and volunteers as well as improving the efficiency of our service.

Project 2 – Greater Access to Health Care

As well as the Visit Program operating in South West Sydney, Outreach over the next 12 months intends to look at establishing other suitable services within the Liverpool and surrounding LGAs to have greater access to Health Care. Outreach intends to do a feasibility study into the needs of the Liverpool LGA and how best to facilitate a suitable program to provide greater access to health care.

Area covered

The program operates within the Liverpool LGA.

Need in the Liverpool LGA

In a 2015 community forum it was identified that one of the greatest unmet needs for refugees, migrants and asylum seekers is access to health care. With over 5000 new Syrian refugees being resettled in and around the Liverpool LGA there will be a significant need from this group.

It has also been identified that due to the low socio economic areas – eg Miller that a preventative from individuals to be gainfully employed is linked back to their health and the access to (or lack of access to) healthcare.

Target Group

Outreach will be looking to support various stakeholders including but not limited to the newly arriving Syrian Refugees, clients with Social health, mental and physical problems; the unemployed and people who are Socio economically disadvantaged; women and families. These groups have been identified as in recent community forums providing greater access to health care was identified as one of the key needs of these individuals.

Objectives

- Greater access to Health care

Budget

Item	Amount
Feasibility report and pilot program	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$20,000.00

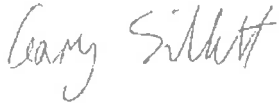
Outputs and Outcomes

Receiving the \$20,000 will allow us to achieve the following

- Determine the feasibility of operating a program to provide the target group with greater access to Health care
- Operating a pilot program targeting initially the Syrian refugees

The Sisters of Charity Outreach understands that the funding is linked to a gaming application.

Thankyou again for your ongoing support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Sillett".

Mr Gary Sillett
General Manager
Sisters of Charity Outreach

A Public Benevolent Institution (ABN 39 967 916 030) of St Vincent's Clinic (ABN 95 003 635 498) | Under the stewardship of Mary Aikenhead Ministries

ATTN: Mr Dave Vidler

26th February 2016

Liverpool Catholic Club- Funding Application

Project Title: Parent-Child Interaction Therapy for young Toddlers (PCIT-T): An early Intervention for disruptive behaviour disorders

Background

Karitane have developed and delivered high quality, comprehensive evidence-based parenting services for children 0-5 years, as well as education and training to a range of healthcare professionals, NGOs and parents in NSW since 1923. The organisation has demonstrated the ability to respond to the changing needs of target communities and has evolved to become leaders in parenting services. The models of care for each Karitane service reflect the benefits of a multidisciplinary approach, which is demonstrated by the comprehensive, strengths-based, family-centred approach involving a team. This multidisciplinary approach has been shown to lead to significant clinical improvements in a range of conditions including parenting competence, maternal depressive and anxiety symptoms, parenting stress and child behaviours. Workplace diversity and capability to meet the needs of the target group is further reflected in the other multidisciplinary teams working throughout the Karitane sites including the many Karitane Volunteer Program positions held by bilingual workers, enabling them to better consult with and support the various Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities, CALD groups and growing numbers of refugee and asylum seeker families throughout Liverpool and South West Sydney.

Mental illness is a significant problem in Australian society. Given that the majority of adult psychological problems have origins in the earliest years of life, the importance of early intervention during childhood has become apparent. This study will be of immediate and longer-term benefits for Australian children as it will ascertain the effectiveness of a brief attachment-based intervention for toddlers presenting with disruptive behaviours. Indeed, with improvements in the frequency and intensity of treatment of child disruptive behaviours, the quality of parenting, parental psychological functioning and importantly, child attachment patterns, the trajectory towards later behavioural, emotional and conduct problems for many children may be averted. This is also seen as a wise investment to prevent burden on juvenile justice and other corrective services and has far reaching impact and a major social return on investment. The potential positive flow-on effects for parents, siblings, future offspring, and ultimately, Australian society, is undeniable.





Chief Investigator: Dr Jane Kohlhoff Ph.D, D.Clin.Psych, B.A. (Hons) works as a Senior Lecturer in a joint position at Karitane and the University of New South Wales' School of Psychiatry. Her research interests and expertise include perinatal anxiety and depression, early parent-infant relationships, attachment theory and early intervention treatments for early childhood behavioural disorders. She has made significant contributions to the literature in this area, having published around 25 research papers and presented at over 40 scientific conferences, nationally and internationally. She is a highly credentialed in a range of early parenting, attachment and childhood research tools, having completed training and accreditations in the US, Europe and Africa.

Background

Neurobiological research highlights the importance of the early years for mental health outcomes, showing the first three years of life to be a 'critical' developmental window in which the majority of changes in the brain take place and when maladaptive brain patterns are established (Perry et al., 1995). Child development during this time is therefore very important in setting the course of functioning across the entire lifespan. Indeed, studies over many years have shown persistent disruptive behaviours in early childhood to be associated with a range of later mental health problems, including treatment resistant behavioural problems, social and emotional problems in middle childhood, conduct disorders in adolescence and psychopathology in adulthood (Campbell, 1995; Hemphill, 1996). The importance of providing effective interventions for behavioural problems and early parent-child relationship difficulties in early childhood is therefore paramount.

Behaviour training programs such as Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) have demonstrated efficacy in the treatment of childhood behavioural disorders but converging evidence points to the importance of earlier intervention (i.e., in infancy and the toddler years), when the child's attachment relationship with the caregiver is being established and before problems have become entrenched. To this end, we have developed a treatment program for infants aged 15-24 months displaying disruptive behaviour problems called 'PCIT-for young Toddlers' (PCIT-T). Pilot data has provided initial evidence of the program's effectiveness (Kohlhoff & Morgan, 2014) but there is a need for larger, controlled studies and for investigations of the program's impact on parenting sensitivity and the quality of parent-infant attachment relationships. The aim of the proposed study is to fill this gap

The proposed research

The major aim of this study will be to examine the efficacy of PCIT-T for young children with early onset disruptive behaviour problems. Specifically, we hypothesise that:

1. PCIT-T will be associated with (i) improvements in parental sensitivity and positive parenting behaviours, (ii) decreased frequency and severity of disruptive child behaviours, (iii) decreased numbers of children with insecure attachment patterns, and (iv) improvements in parenting self-efficacy and psychological functioning.



2. Child and parent improvements will be sustained at 6-month follow-ups.

Research design

This study will be offered to 80 families from around Liverpool and the south west Sydney suburbs with a child aged 15-22 months referred to the Karitane Toddler Clinic for treatment of clinically significant disruptive behaviours. This will include children in families from a range of vulnerable, multicultural, refugee and Aboriginal backgrounds. This study will utilise a randomized, wait-list controlled design to examine treatment efficacy and a longitudinal follow-up to examine the stability of changes over time.

PCIT-T treatment will consist of ten 30-minute sessions spread over a 5-week period, plus daily home practice. The intervention will be provided by experienced PCIT therapists and in specially designed and state-of-the art facilities at Karitane. Study variables will include child, parent and environmental factors, all measured using validated assessment tools. Practical feasibility of the project is demonstrated in the fact that, to date, 38 of the required 80 families have already been recruited.

Budget overview

A total of \$30,000 is requested for this project. One of the most important outcome variables in this research will be the child's attachment relationship with his or her care-giver. The *Strange Situation Procedure (SSP)* (Ainsworth, 1978) is the gold-standard method for assessing attachment styles in young children and will be used in this research. For this study we will need to have 160 tapes coded (2 tapes per family, i.e., Baseline & 6-month follow-up). At the price of \$150 per tape, this will amount to a total of \$24,000. An additional \$6000 is requested to cover additional costs associated with the research, e.g. copyrighted questionnaires, photocopying, phone calls and interventions which will be delivered by trained clinical psychologists and PCIT trained nursing staff.

Significance of the research

This project will be ground-breaking on two major fronts. First, it will be the first study to evaluate whether PCIT alters child attachment patterns. Evidence-based interventions for changing attachment patterns in children with clinically significant DBDs are lacking, and despite purporting to be an attachment-based treatment (McNeil & Hembree-McGill, 2010), there have been no systematic investigations of its impact on this core risk domain to date. Obviously, if lasting changes to child attachment can be achieved at such an early age (i.e., before attachment patterns become entrenched), then the chance of healthy functioning across the lifespan will be elevated for many individuals. This work will be of particular relevance to the Liverpool and greater South Western Sydney given the area's growing numbers of young families, high rates of social adversity and marginalised groups including predicted increase in refugees (with 12,000 Syrian and Iraqi refugees expected in coming months, many of them being families with children) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. Second, this will be the first study to evaluate the efficacy of PCIT-T for



children aged less than 2 years. Preliminary pilot data obtained by our group indicate the success of the PCIT-T program (Kohlhoff & Morgan, 2014), but to date, there have been no controlled examinations of the program's impact for children in this age group. Given the prominence of PCIT in treatment clinics for older children across the world, it is not surprising that this project has already generated much international interest, evidenced in presentations at three major international conferences in 2011 and 2012, and a publication in 'Child and Behavior Therapy' (JCBT) in 2014. This publication was identified as one of the journal's top three most downloaded articles in 2014. Given the recognised need for evidence-based early intervention in the prevention of adult psychopathology, the current study will be extremely valuable research, and will be of international interest.

We would be delighted if the Liverpool Catholic Club could support us with this important and ground-breaking research. Karitane is aware and accepts that this funding application is linked to an application for additional gaming machine entitlements at the Liverpool Catholic Club. We also understand that the proceeds from this income are being dispersed to the community for worthy causes such as our research.

Yours Sincerely

Grainne O'Loughlin
CEO



'Empowering children with Autism and their families through knowledge & support'

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Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Dave Vidler
Liverpool Catholic Club
email: davev@liverpoolcatholic.com.au

Dear Mr Vidler,

Autism Advisory and Support Service (AASS) was established in 2007 to empower children with Autism and their families through knowledge and support and to positively impact and influence their social and emotional development. We strive to close gaps in service provision for individuals with Autism and their families and care givers.

Since its inception, AASS have opened a community house/drop in centre in Liverpool, established and coordinated and hosted support groups in english and a variety of languages to support the local culturally and linguistically diverse population, a social group for young adults with neurotypical mentors, social skills therapy groups, early years therapy play, art play with an art therapist and a range of therapies including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Music Therapy and Psychology. AASS also have the only 24 hour Autism hotline in the southern hemisphere manned by volunteers which is self funded.

Given our location in Liverpool is the epicentre of Autism in NSW, has one of the highest culturally and linguistically diverse populations in the state. AASS cater to the needs of our local community. Our Arabic support group continues to encourage families to break down the cultural barriers to having a child with Autism, understanding more about the disorder and offering strategies towards positive behaviours for the child. AASS provide self funded supports and assistance to newly arrived immigrants, many of whom are without a visa or access to therapeutic funding to ensure the child with Autism and the family have as many opportunities to assistance and support as other children do. We are excited with the positive outcomes of the families we are able to assist when no one else can.

A summary of where this funding will be allocated includes:

• Outreach therapy (school based for students 12-18 at risk of suspension)	\$11,080
• Horse assisted therapy	\$28,320
• Adult Social Skills Group	<u>\$15,600</u>
	\$55,000

AASS is aware of and accepts that this funding is linked to a gambling application. If you require further information on the services we provide please do not hesitate to contact me on 0432327096.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Fava

Grace Fava
CEO