

Acknowledgements



Our Staff

More often than not the circumstances of our clients which MacKillop Family Services staff are employed to address are difficult to accept. These staff members are faced with children, young people and families who are living in marginalised circumstances compared to a societal 'norm'. Yet, over 300 permanent members of staff are committed and dedicated to attend to their job requirements and beyond, 365 days per year, 24 hours per day.

It is without doubt that 'MacKillop The Gathering' brought together an esprit de corps – a variety of professionals who found a thread of commonality in their work across a vast geographical map – a thread that is becoming a rope that cannot be questioned. Our staff are the core of our organisation.

They are people who are not afraid to face the huge task before them on a daily basis with fortitude, resilience and courage, together with a belief in what our organisation represents and serves.

We convey our gratitude and acknowledge our staff for their commitment to improving the lives of those we all serve – the children, young people and families who are marginalised in our own community. Our staff is the essence of the spirit of MacKillop Family Services, without whom our mission cannot be fulfilled. We extend our thanks and appreciation to all staff for their commitment to fostering hope, resourcing and empowering our clients, and providing advocacy towards a just society.

Our Volunteers

In recognition of the commitment, work and energy of MacKillop Family Services' volunteers, over 300 adults and children joined together on November 11, 2001, at Werribee Zoo to celebrate with a picnic and wonderful surrounds.

Around 300 volunteers work as foster carers, specialised home based carers, disability respite carers, family support volunteers and administrative volunteers across our organisation. MacKillop Family Services and indeed the whole community, cannot do without the assistance of volunteers. We honoured them in 2001 – the 'International Year of the Volunteer', and we continue to honour them for their dedication and commitment to fulfilling the mission of MacKillop Family Services.