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Re: Maryborough Rotary Club #SayNO2familyviolence initiative.

To whom it may concern,

I am the Local Area Commander for the Central Goldfields/Loddon Police Service Area and have been in this position since September 2014. Upon commencing in my position, I became aware of the Maryborough Rotary Club #SayNO2familyviolence initiative and the profile this campaign has within the community.

Family violence needs to be eradicated in our communities and at previous work locations, I have partnered with external agencies to address family violence issues but this is the first time I have encountered a non-government or service agency that has been so active in raising the awareness of family violence.

Some of the proactive initiatives I have observed include the following;

- Family violence Program wallet cards
- S.A.F.E. program banner working for a SAFE community.
- Speak up initiatives.
- Sponsorship of local football matches highlighting the need to address family violence.
- Campaigning against family violence in conjunction with Maryborough Harness Club highlighting the issue across Australia by sponsoring the televised event.

The passion of Maryborough Rotary Club to highlight and work towards eradicating family violence within the community is one of the most important and original initiatives I have encountered during my policing career.

To continue their ground breaking work, I encourage any support that can be provided is given as I am confident actions groups like Maryborough Rotary in addressing family violence provides for a safer and more vibrant community.

Yours sincerely,

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Inspector