

## Media Release

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### Mambourin announces Patron

Mambourin, a community organisation which provides services to adults with disabilities in the western region of Melbourne, is delighted to announce that Julia Gillard, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, has graciously accepted their invitation to the role of Patron of their organisation.

Ms Gillard is well known to the Mambourin community. She was first elected to Parliament as the Member for Lalor in 1998 and since then she has taken a keen and active interest in Mambourin's affairs, attending events and providing counsel and support behind the scenes whenever called upon to do so.

"Ms Gillard's high profile as the Deputy Prime Minister, together with her demonstrated commitment to and passion for advancing a social inclusion agenda makes her the ideal candidate for the role of Mambourin's first Patron," the President of Mambourin's Board, Mr Don Atherton, said. "Our motto is 'empowering people', and we believe that by building social inclusion together we can achieve great things for people with disabilities."

"I am delighted to accept this invitation" Ms Gillard said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Wyndham community generally over the past years, and have watched with a keen interest the growth of this most worthwhile community organisation."

"We are pleased for Ms Gillard's support for the validation of our mission and values by such a prominent Australian that it implies," Mr Atherton said. "Our staff and clients are greatly appreciative of the practical and tangible support Ms Gillard has given us by accepting the invitation to be the first Patron of Mambourin."

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