



Southland Missions LTD (PBI DGR) - Community Care Program
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Not for Profit Charity

OUR GOAL

To provide community care programs that are not already operating within the Lockyer Valley Region. This Public Benevolent Institution will be operated and maintained as a tax-deductible gift fund to be known as 'Southland Missions Community Care Fund' in accordance with the requirements of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

We now have permission to run this operation out of the premises at 152 Patrick Street Laidley.



Why Lockyer Valley?

In our research, we found this information. The Lockyer Valley Regional Council SEIFA Index of Disadvantage measures the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage based on a range of Census characteristics. This was a good place to start to get a general view of the relative level of disadvantage in one area compared to others and is used to advocate for an area based on its level of disadvantage.

The index is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantages such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations. When targeting services to disadvantaged communities, it is important to also look at these underlying characteristics as they can differ markedly between areas with similar SEIFA (Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas) scores and shed light on the type of disadvantage being experienced.

A higher score on the index means a *lower* level of disadvantage. A lower score on the index means a *higher* level of disadvantage. Laidley is listed as VERY highly disadvantaged on the social-economic index. In our research, the scale indicators ranged from the highest being 74 for the Rural West to 5 being Laidley.

The percentile columns index indicates the approximate position of this small area in a ranked list of Australia's suburbs and localities. It's meant to give an indication of where the area sits within the whole nation. A higher number indicates a higher socio-economic status. For instance, a percentile of 72 indicates that approximately 72% of Australia's suburbs have a SEIFA index lower than this area (more disadvantaged), while 28% are higher.

Information collected from
<https://profile.id.com.au/lockyer-valley/seifa-disadvantage-small-area>

The largest socio-economic disadvantaged group in the Lockyer Valley

Speaking with the Senior Sergeant of the Laidley police station, he indicated that the biggest problem in the Laidley region is the socio-economic disadvantaged and the high number of single fathers. Compared with fathers heading households with two married parents, single dads are younger, less educated, and less financially well-off within this district.

In this report, fathers include those men who are ages 15 or older, who are the head of their household, and who report living with their own minor children (biological children, step-children or adopted children). Fathers who are living in a household headed by someone else are excluded from the statistics, as are fathers whose children are not living with them.

The term 'single father' includes men in a variety of family circumstances. About half (52%) are separated, divorced, widowed or never married and are living without a cohabiting partner; some (41%) are living with a non-marital partner, and a small share (7%) are married but living apart from their spouse. The census indicates 17.8% of the people living in the Laidley district are separated or divorced.

Cohabiting single fathers are particularly disadvantaged on most socio-economic indicators. They are younger, less educated and more likely to be living in poverty than are fathers who are raising children without a spouse or partner in the household.

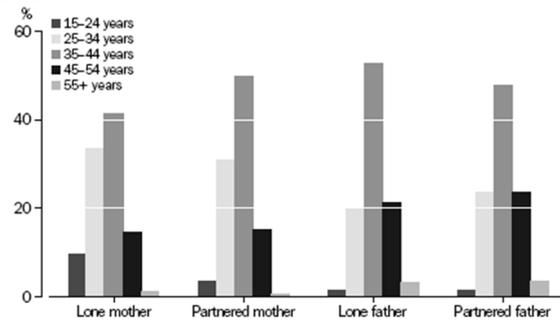
The increase in single father households is likely due to a number of factors, most of which have also contributed to the increase in single mother households, and the decline of two-married-parent households.

At the same time, the role of fathers has evolved, and the public now acknowledges their importance not only as breadwinners but also as caregivers. Analysis of long-term time use data shows that fathers are narrowing the still sizable gap with mothers in the amount of time they spend with their children. Moreover, Pew Research surveys find that the public believes that a father's greatest role is to provide values to his children, followed by emotional support, discipline and income support. Public opinion ascribes roughly the same hierarchy of roles to mothers.

It is because of this growing disadvantaged group within our community which seem to have very little support that we as an organisation would like to find and present the resources to help bring health to this group as our focus, however not our only focus. We feel there is more than enough help for women within our community, but the help available to single fathers is very restricted.

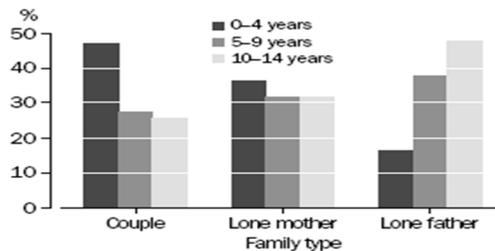
Here are some statistics for you to appraise;

PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS BY AGE — 2006



Source: Labour force, Australia: Labour force and other characteristics of families – Electronic delivery June 2006 (ABS cat. no. 6224.0.55.001).

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS BY AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD — 2006



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Our organisation's objectives:

- (i) To provide a Christ-centered ministry for the relief of poverty, suffering, distress, misfortune and helplessness of people found in the Lockyer Valley, regardless of sex, race, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs or marital status.
- (ii) To assist as committed Christians by all means available persons who are homeless, unemployed, sole parents or otherwise disadvantaged including (but without limiting the generality of the preceding) the provision of any or all of the following;
 - *Food parcels, clothing, furniture or other articles*
 - *Emergency cash relief and other monetary assistance*
 - *Social welfare services*
 - *Accommodation for homeless persons and persons at risk*
 - *Rehabilitation facilities*
 - *Legal Aid*
 - *Training programs to assist in educational development*

To provide Mission based counselling and support facilities regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs or marital status, in the areas of:

- i. Marriage Breakdown.
- ii. Wayward children.
- iii. The emotionally distressed.

- iv. Alcohol, drug and smoking rehabilitation.
- v. Rape or sexual abuse.
- vi. Single dads programs
- vii. Understanding Fatherhood

To assist in the preparation of legal documentation such as Domestic Violence and Protection Orders and the witnessing of such by suitably qualified personnel.

- *Crisis counselling in respect of;*
 - * *Family break down*
 - * *Personal problems*
 - * *Drug addiction and rehabilitation*
 - * *Alcoholism*
 - * *Teenage pregnancy*
 - * *Domestic violence*
 - * *Suicide*

Our list of needs:

- Funds for refurbishment
- Funds for establishing development programs
- Office furniture
- 40 Cloth chairs
- 12 seater bus

How are we going to achieve this task?

We are going to partner with organisations who have successfully delivered similar services. We expect that clients will be referred to us by other service providers, community corrections or self-referral.

We also want to conduct a range of community programs in the areas of substance abuse, anger management, anxiety, fatherhood and life skills training.

We are a non-profit organisation hoping to end father absence by assisting all fathers to be better caregivers. Underlying many of society's most pressing challenges is a lack of father involvement in their children's lives.

Our Mission

To transform organisations and communities by equipping them to intentionally and proactively engage fathers in their children's lives.

Our Vision

is for every child to grow up with an involved, responsible, and committed father.

PROGRAMS WE ARE WANTING TO DELIVER

We are wanting to develop community programs in the areas of substance abuse, anger management, anxiety, fatherhood and life skills.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Substance Abuse Program would cover topics like.

- States of change
- The four L's (Liver, Lover, Law, Livelihood)
- Lifestyle balance
- Self-Perception
- Distorted thinking
- Power and equality
- Problem solving
- Goal setting
- Decision making
- Relapse prevention

ANGER MANAGEMENT

The Anger Management Program would cover topics like.

- About anger
- The cycle of violence
- Recognising anger
- Self-Talk
- Communication
- Response to anger
- Relationships
- Contemplation
- Self-Management

ANXIETY

The Anxiety Program would cover topics like.

- Use tension in a positive way
- Emotions that cause negative and positive stress
- Self-Awareness
- The power of belief

- Turning challenges into opportunities
- Motivation
- Creating a new vision
- Staying focussed

FATHERHOOD

The Fatherhood Program would cover topics like.

- Family History
- Being a Man and Dad
- Handling Emotions
- Grief and Loss
- Your Health
- You and Mom
- Talking with Mom
- Co-Parenting
- Fathering Skills
- Child Development
- Child Discipline
- Sexuality
- Intimacy
- Work-Family Balance
- Managing Money

LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skills Program would cover topics like.

- Prepare for change
- Self Esteem
- Moving forward
- Find and keep accommodation
- Control your money
- Find, get and keep a job
- Develop relationships
- Parenting skills
- Staying on track
- Putting it into practice