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Yarrimabiack Shire Councillors

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Dear Tammy and Councillors,

Re: By Five Support Request

Thank you once again for your time and for the considered feedback provided following the recent presentation by *By Five* Chair, Ash Brooks. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss the progress of *By Five* and the request for one-off transition funding—an ask that we have not taken lightly.

Attached is a brief summary outlining the work of *By Five*, along with the specific requests for Council's consideration. To clarify, the proposed once-off transition funding is intended to provide *By Five* with the necessary time and stability to seek and secure sustainable investment from philanthropic and/or agri-business partners who share aligned values and a common commitment to seeing rural children, families, and communities thrive.

We would appreciate Council's response at your earliest convenience, and ideally prior to **27 February 2026**, to enable us to responsibly manage staffing and expectations for the work that remains underway.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Kind Regards

Jo Martin

Executive Officer

By Five – WSM Early Years Initiative