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During the years that I have known Dean [REDACTED]

**Dean enjoys playing his guitar and enjoys music. Dean offered his skills in organising discos and**

**I wish Dean well in his future ventures.**

the 1990s, the number of people in the United States who are 65 years of age or older has increased by 25 percent, and the number of people 75 years of age or older has increased by 40 percent. The number of people 85 years of age or older has increased by 60 percent. The number of people 95 years of age or older has increased by 100 percent.



TO:

Dungog Shire Council

DATE:

30 January 2023

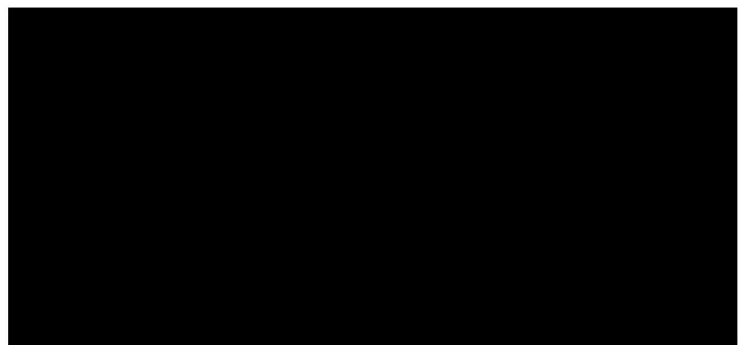
### To Whom it may Concern

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter regarding the experience that we had at Dean's Green Paddock at Martins Creek. My [REDACTED] arrived at Dean's Green Paddock and were greeted with a friendly smile and a "Hello, how are you". From here we introduced ourselves and spoke about the beautiful scenery that we were taking in. The day started with a tour of the grounds and a discussion about the activities that we would be doing that day.

We stopped at the paddock where the animals were, we had a chance to look, pat and even feed some of the animals. They were all very friendly and happy to be pet repeatedly, [REDACTED] face was lighting up with a bigger smile each pat! The animals were gentle as they nuzzled the food out of our palms. From here we moved on to the next paddock where you're able to harvest pre planted fruits and vegetables and then takes these up to the BBQ area where [REDACTED] was able to learn more about where food comes from, how to prepare and then cook the food that we had just picked straight from the garden. We attended Dean's on a cooler day, however if the weather was warmer, we could have gone for a swim in the pool after lunch to cool off and really tie out the day

We had a lovely day at Dean's, [REDACTED] felt relaxed and satisfied after the therapeutic interaction with the animals and I would love to take some of my other participants out there for a social day to have fun and learn all about the animals and fresh produce on a more regular basis to assist in stimulating mental health and empowerment.

Regards,



12 January 2023

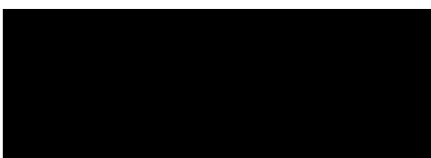
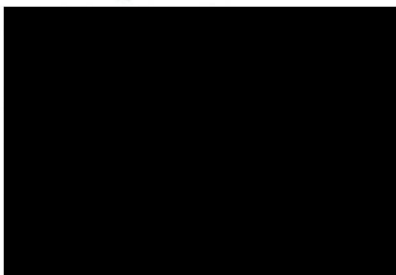
To Whom It May Concern

I wish to add my support to Dean's Creek Paddock, located at Martins Creek, which is part of the Hipcamp group that offers outdoor stays and camping experiences.

Dean's Creek Paddock, a hobby farm acreage, with access to the creek running through the property, provides 12 camp sites for visitors to stay. This venture has been successfully running for the past six years with international tourists, interstate and local visitors utilising this beautiful setting whilst enjoying the great outdoors that Dean's Paddock offers.

The site has amenities, a pool, 100 fruit trees, a veggie garden, poultry sheep and beef along with the native wildlife and vegetation that adorns the area.

Dean's paddock is very popular with tourists that visit the area, as it is uniquely set near National Parks and the local towns within the district. The influx of tourists to the area undoubtedly benefits local businesses within the Shire of Dungog.



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10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

To Whom it May Concern  
Reference for Dean's Green Paddock

I recently took [REDACTED] to visit Dean's Green Paddock. The appeal was in the range of animals and our ability to interact fully, feeding poults, Brownie the horse, sheep, goats and bottle feeding a lamb. We enjoyed watching the geese travel down into the creek for a swim. We also observed native animals such as wallabies, in the paddocks, and watched a kookaburra hunting in the creek.

[REDACTED] took great enjoyment from interacting with the animals, learning about safe handling, feeding and the noises that each makes. As [REDACTED] I was able to use each interaction as a teaching moment, for example talking about the difference in eyes as we fed a goat. We also noted the healthy native flora on the property, with large eucalypts, some riparian vegetation, minimal weeds and a generally healthy ecosystem alongside the vegetables and fruit trees.

This was an excellent experience for [REDACTED] and learn from and I am writing this letter in support of Dean's continued service. I am happy to be contacted for further information.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

Regards  
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21 January 2023

To whom it may concern,

I was fortunate enough to recently spend time away [REDACTED] camping at "Deans Green Paddock" located at Martins Creek in the Hunter Valley.

Dean is a wonderful host who has created a safe space that would greatly benefit our population of [REDACTED]

The grounds and facilities are well maintained and on arrival guests are provided with a welcome pack that contains loads of educational material to assist in bird and animal watching whilst enjoying the peace and tranquility.  
The pack also contains fresh garden produce and home made goodies.

Guests are encouraged to forage for fruit and vegetables that grow around the property as well as feed and interact with the many friendly farm animals.

[REDACTED] I would encourage service providers to utilise this wonderful space to provide a quality outdoor experience for their participants.


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4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to recommend Dean Dees Petting Zoo to people visiting the Paterson River Valley.

Dean's guests often call into the  with vouchers for meal deals, sometimes becoming returning visitors. These families, usually from the city, get a great country experience with animal care the main focus at Deans Petting Zoo, but are also recommended to visit local attractions such as Lostock Dam and Ladies Well.

I think enterprises like Deans offer a unique experience to kids, some under privileged and is another worth while reason to visit the Dungog Shire.

Yours Sincerely



To whom it may concern

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

We attended Deans Green Paddocks in December 2022 for a weekend away in our caravan.

We booked through Wiki Camps, as one of the draw cards to Deans Green Paddocks was the fact that it was a Farm stay.

When we arrived, we were met by Dean himself, Dean showed us to our camping area which was this beautiful lush green paddock with an amazing view over the valley.

After we had settled in Dean came over with a box of home grow vegetables, herbs, and a carton of eggs from his variety of chickens, turkeys, and ducks.

Dean also arranged to come back to where we were camped later in the day to take us for a tour around his farm which included feeding the horses, goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and bottle feeding the baby lambs.

Dean was a great host and took the time to interact [REDACTED] and make [REDACTED] feel very included in the whole process. We are always looking for this kind of environment for [REDACTED] as animal therapy is something that gives [REDACTED] a lot of pleasure.

[REDACTED], Dean was more than happy to allow [REDACTED] to enter all the enclosures within his farm and did not at any time put any restrictions or boundaries on where [REDACTED] could go, which has happened at other places where we have stayed. It was very pleasing to see a person that believed in [REDACTED] and is willing to open his home to all.

[REDACTED] on the [REDACTED], we later spoke to Dean around the ability to be able [REDACTED] to Deans farm for a "camp out".

We discussed the benefits that the participants gain from the animal therapy and being able to be involved in the general running of a small farm.

Dean also spoke about the fact, that he is a musician, and would be able to over the period of their stay offer music therapy as well.

I am more than happy to recommend Deans Green Paddocks as short-term farm stay to all that enjoy farm stays that are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Your Truly

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]