



To whom this may concern

My name is Grazi Lisciotta and I am the Vice-President of the Peter Hughes Burn Foundation. The Peter Hughes BURN Foundation (PHBF) is a not-for-profit registered charity dedicated to making a difference to the lives of Burn Survivors and their families. The PHBF offers assistance with psychosocial issues a Burn Survivor experiences and how to fit back into the community, PHBF also supports counselling and educational programmes, provides forums where Burn Survivors and their families can share their experiences.

A burn injury has been described as the largest insult the human body can endure. Initially, it's the physical trauma where every effort is made to minimise the pain and damage. Sadly though, this may only be the start of a long and harrowing journey as the shock of the aggressive treatment and the reality of the disfigurement begins to sink in. With support comes independence, without it.....the trauma lasts a lifetime!

I first met Lucy in 2009 on one of our retreats and like her I am a Burn Survivor (2003). What amazed me was she was out there and inspiring the other survivors while dealing with her own recovery. The strength she showed all of us was benefiting not only to the attendees but also the PHBF staff as it makes what we do invaluable. Burn awareness and funding for the Royal Hobart Hospital Burns unit which Lucy is trying to do is extremely vital for the next "victim" that gets admitted. We start out as victims until we become Burn Survivors and to soldier on with everyday living is very hard.

Lucy is extremely talented, intelligent and courageous but most of all INSPIRATIONAL and for the Hobart media centre to accept her application would not only change your life but change the lives of all your viewers, most of all it will change the lives of the next Burn Survivor as what she is attempting to do will give HOPE to all of them and a little hope makes a big difference in recovery time. I am extremely confident that Lucy will finish this walk and become a role model not only for Burn Survivors but to all that watch.

Yours sincerely

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