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Dear Sir / Madam

Don Bradman, Yvonne Goolagong, Kieran Perkins are all champions in their field of sport. As well, they all share a similarity with Di Booker - the belief in themselves that they can make a difference, and achieve what they set out to do.

Although not in the much publicised or glamorous arena of sports Di has achieved outstanding efforts in her work of dealing with people and helping them realise that they can achieve more with their lives.

Her remarkable results are achieved because of her genuine desire to help and the fact that she cares deeply about what she does.

Di Booker impressed me immensely from our first meeting in 1994 when she was a key note speaker at a conference for clients of The Pacific Institute. Di spoke on her personal growth over a year long period and was seen as one of the most impactful speakers due to her passion for her topic. Over the last three years Di has grown further and shares her commitment for growth, both personal and organisational with a wide range of groups. Di has done a great deal of work in helping improve the self esteem and goal setting abilities of many people since I first met her.

Di's skills as a facilitator of change have been proven during the last three years where she has devoted a lot of her time and energy in working with the Long Term Unemployed when she achieved amazing results having one of the largest success rates of return to workers in Australia. During this time she has also used her skills in the corporate world as well with just as much success.

Di Booker is one of the most dynamic people I have ever had the fortune to meet. With her strong commitment to helping people she works hard to ensure that she delivers her best every time.



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I am privileged to have not only worked with Di in professional situations, but also to have her as a personal friend. I could not ask for more. Her personal characteristics of strength, honesty, compassion and utmost integrity in her personal life are mirrored in her professional life.

I cannot speak highly enough of Di Booker's abilities. If you have the opportunity to work with Di I suggest that you take advantage of it.

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To Whom It May Concern

Ms Di Booker from You Are Special has been employed by the Yarra Ranges Training Inc. since August 1995. Di runs the personal development, self esteem course of Work Dynamics and has had outstanding success.

In more than 8 years in the training field I have seldom come across an individual with the energy, enthusiasm, commitment, communication skills and first hand knowledge, of this lady.

Ms Booker is an extraordinary presenter and communicator.

It is our pleasure to have her with us. She enlivens the atmosphere in the office by her presence, and the exceptional results she engenders in clients is testimony to her effectiveness. She has no qualms in approaching people from any strata of society, and has raised community support for the programme. Ms Booker has donated hours of her time to clients and our organisation with an openness and generosity that I have not encountered previously, whilst always professional in her dealings she maintains a warmth and exuberance which is contagious.

I trust we will continue to work with Ms Booker, and am loathe to sign this reference for fear that someone who recognises and rewards excellence will make her an offer she can't refuse. If that person is you then congratulations!! She would be a rich asset to any company.

If you require any further clarification regarding Ms Booker please call me.

Regards

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Attention: Di Padgett

Dear Di,

thanks so much for your terrific presentation at our recent Victorian Leaders Convention in Bendigo.

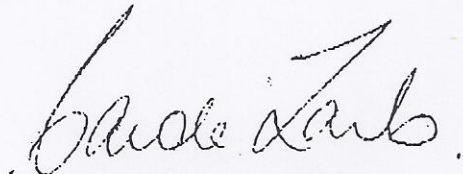
I've received such positive feed-back from my team managers I'm delighted. They all loved your relaxed style and effervescent personality combined with the tough message you had to sell about self-acceptance and esteem.

The "participation method" always works well for us and we thoroughly enjoyed some of your "games" - it's a great teaching technique!

I'd like to thank you for your generosity both in sharing your own personal experiences and with your product give-aways. I also appreciate the fact that you were prepared to linger and chat with my people. You certainly made them feel special!

I wish you much success with "You are Special" and I'm sure we'll work together again soon.

Kind regards,



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Dear Di

I would like to thank you for all the assistance and skills that you have given our Staff over the past months. As you know Childcare means having a staff of mainly younger girls in the 20-30 year age bracket all trying to excerpt their newly learned skills in the way that each sees as the best method without the guidance of shall we say more wiser heads and with now some 20 plus of these girls working together it is not suprising that when we first contacted you Staff Teamwork was not at the level that we had previously had at Smarties, now it is at a much higher level making work a much happier and less stressful place.

The one on ones meetings you had before you actually started the Group Program ensured that we were able to hone in on the actual cause of our problems and not waste staff's time and our money running a program that was not aimed at the actual cause of the problem

As you know attendance whilst strongly encouraged whilst not compulsory and the staff attended on their own time without pay, however after the one on ones everyone could see the benefits and once they started the program, found that the it was fun to be involved in, the different games that stretched our imagination plus the all the laughs that we were able to have quite often at ourselves made the time fly by this was borne out after the first night when several staff advised that they were prepared to cancel other arrangements to ensure that they attended all four nights training


I must confess that I was surprised at the volume of work and information that was taken in by everyone another sign that your methods do work and staff did react with the program. It was reassuring to understand that you actually live what you teach a point that all staff picked up on bringing a great deal of creditability to your methods.

The follow ups after the program has enabled us to continue to work on any areas that individual staff may not have fully taken onboard during the training thus ensuring we have maximised the benefits of your program and we are now look forward to our accreditation process confident that there is no obstacle we can not overcome

Laughter and good spirit abounds the rooms and this has flowed through to the children's attitude and behaviour. I have also noticed that several of the girls have grown and are more settled in their personal life this I am sure can be attributed to your philosophy of whole of life and not just work life separate from personal life.

Your enervative way of encouraging staff through the whole journey and the fact that each staff member knows that you are still there at the end with follow ups again gives confidence that you program does work and that you as a trainer actual put into practice your teachings

Once again many thanks from The Smarties Team.



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To Whom It May Concern:

As Manager of a female fitness centre we are always striving to help keep our members motivated. When Di Padgett from "you are special" contacted us we were very impressed by her program and testimonials. As they say the proof is in the pudding so we booked Di for a seminar titled "Motivation in May" 8 key point to success. Di also organised the flyers and information for the members to read which I am sure helped with the fantastic response we had.

The evening was a great success. Di has a down to earth way connecting with women that makes her credible and easy to relate to.

I would highly recommend Di, she is truly inspirational and a lot of fun. The feed back we received from our members was very enthusiastic and they all felt that they could take on what Di spoke about to bring positive changes in their life.

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To whom it may concern

Re: Presentation at Melton Home Based Business / Business Links Seminar

On December 2nd 2004, Di Padgett was the guest speaker at the Melton Home Based Business / Business Links Seminar. In a room of Businesses seeking new innovative ways of motivating themselves / their staff, Di delivered a fantastic presentation regarding "How to achieve a Better Work-Life Balance".

With the audience captivated, Di's genuine passion was evident, referring to a number of key challenges and strategies to address them based on many of her real life experiences. Feedback from the audience indicated Di's message had inspired them to achieve their goals.

Di's presentation was very professional, humorous and was delivered at an informal level that captured the audience and had them interacting with Di throughout the presentation.

Di was very professional in researching the seminar and the audiences needs, delivering the presentation then interacting further with many of the audience members long after the presentations had finished.

We would have no hesitation in recommending Di for these types of Business / Personal Growth presentations, she definitely has had a long standing impact on the audience members.

Kind Regards

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15th July, 2005

TO THOSE WHO WANT BETTER

My name is Warwick Parer. I am the Managing Director and principal owner of Robins Kitchen which I am proud to say is the largest private kitchenware chain in Australia.

I have had the benefit of a wide range of experiences in my adult life, through being a Lawyer, an Army Infantry Officer, Development Financier, now the owner of a retail chain and last but not least a Husband and Father of four.

During this time I have benefited from being exposed to many inspirational and motivational individuals. Di Padgett is equal, and in some ways better than any I have seen. Why?

There are two reasons. Firstly because she is so much like you and I. That covers a pretty wide group! Secondly because she offers powerful but practical advice that can change anyone's life for the better today and in the future. She did that for me and a large number of my team. I recommend that you allow her the same opportunity to do the same for you and anyone around you.

Regards,

Warwick Parer



To Whom It May Concern,

It is with pleasure that I write a testimonial regarding the work of "You Are Special" and program leader Di Padgett.

I have experienced Di's superb facilitation skills and the "You Are Special" programs across the last 10 years. In the fields of cultural change, personal development, self esteem and team building these programs are unprecedented, bringing about change at both an individual and organisational level.

As managers we are looking to bring the best out of our human resources and where necessary implement change. Too often what we do is a "one off shot in the arm" where the experience is great but the change is not permanent. I wholly endorse the work of "You Are Special" as a program that is about lasting change. This is an attitudinal program that will see change be long lasting in your leaders and people.

My team has personally experienced Di's work and the program assisted our team both personally and organisationally.

The program is with integrity and credibility with a style that is refreshingly honest. Your people and business will certainly benefit from involvement of any kind with the "You Are Special" programs.

I welcome your call should you wish to discuss the programs with me.

Kind regards

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Regards,

Warwick Parer

Don

And It's All About... Di Padgett

We were looking for a Key Note Speaker for our 2006 annual client convention and following a very long thin thread of events I was finally referred to and met Di Padgett.

We were looking for a special kind of person who had a very specific message to deliver – and it was important that the speaker would need to deliver their message with boundless enthusiasm and passion. The pre-determined convention theme was "The Man in the Mirror". It was pitched at "self". Our clients are all dynamic small business owners and operators of wide-ranging types of different businesses and they are from 'all corners' of Australia and New Zealand. Some have 50+ employees and others have only a few. Some have only been in business for a few years, while others have been for 30+ years. Some have millions of dollars turnover per year, while others have (even!) less than a million. None-the-less, they all understand one thing... to build a World Class Business, they must develop quality systems to run their business and develop quality people to work their systems. As a result of this understanding, they are into systems development and people development.

I connected with Di Padgett at "hello" when we first began to chat, exploring the possibility of her being our speaker. We engaged her and briefed her on our desired outcome and with "The Man in the Mirror" theme. When Di arrived at our convention in Alice Springs she became a fixture – a part of the furniture, as if she has been there with us all the time! Our clients and our team all warmed to Di at "hello" and this was the day before she was scheduled to present. Di was brilliant to work with and by the time she stood up in front of her audience for the first formal time we knew that she was going to find it difficult to exit! We knew that she would be 'hounded' until her plane departed; as she was! Di was a huge hit with every attendee and subsequently our clients have given feedback that Di was the "icing on top of the cake". For weeks after they have been talking about Di and her 'many' presentations to us over those 'timeless' two days in Alice Springs – and at the end, no-one wanted it to finish!

Without hesitation, Di Padgett would've been my first choice if I'd met her 12 months earlier when we first began to seek a Key Note Speaker for this event. Even with hindsight, I don't believe we could've planned it better. Di is so very special, a wonderful presenter and served our convention with Blue Ribbon and Five Star Glory. Di delivered exactly as she promised... and some... with a whole lot more! If you want to ask me more about Di, please don't hesitate to call me on 0500-6962-01. I'll tell you the truth! (LOL) which is far too hot to put in writing in a public document. [;-) She truly is a Brilliant Lady!

Thanks so Much Di for sharing your story, your messages, your enthusiasm and packaging it up with passion. Our clients loved your part in our convention, as we did. Just brilliant!

Enjoy! and Here's to **More Life!**

Sincerely,

Don

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Hello Di,

I attended the Age Luncheon on Friday 4th and I just wanted to let you know that I thought you presented excellent. It made me think a lot about a number of different things and I have certainly taken on board a great deal. So thank you!

Also – I tried out the ‘What was the best thing about your day’ with my partner who is sometimes a little short of words and it was so nice to get a great response which was ‘seeing you’. Much better than getting an answer if he’s day was not so good!

I do hope to attend some of your seminars or courses in the future.

I hope you have had a great day and had a chance to enjoy the sunshine!

Thanks again.

Bryn

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Hi Di

It was great hearing your presentation on Friday. Already I have started to ask my son what the best part of his day is at dinner each night. It has only taken a few day and already I'm getting sensible answers. I also emailed your web page to my team about your top 10 secrets to being happy. I hope that cheers some of them up.

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Hi Di I attended your presentation on Friday at the Museum, thank you for a wonderful inspirational presentation, as requested I have introduced two things to put a positive spin on my day:

1. When I wake up I choose my attitude ie I'm going to be positive and have fun.
2. I ask my husband and 4.5 year old son 'What's the best thing about your day?' which so far they have had to think about for quite some time, but I keep at them, nicely, until they give me an answer. It has even rubbed off on my husband and he asked me the other day when I walked in the door and it felt great. I do ask my daughter but she is only 21months so when she is old enough to answer she will be ready to answer.

thank you and have a fantastic day

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Attending the lunch and meeting you !

Thank you so much, for a laugh, and just a good old fashioned dose of common sense .

Have a great weekend

Regards
Colleen

PS Thank you for your compliment for smiling at you , it was my pleasure !

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Hi Di

Firstly just want to say a huge thank-you for your session that you presented on Friday at the The Age My Career Luncheon. It was such a refreshing seminar to attend and I left feeling rejuvenated and up beat.

That night I spoke to my partner and said, 'what is the greatest thing in your life right now?' firstly he looked at me really puzzled as if I was ill and then when he realised I was serious answered the question with 'it's the weekend' which was a start. We have now made a pact that at the end of each day we will ask each other what the best part of our day was.

This is something that my parents actually made us do around the dinner table each night when we were kids so it is nice to once again commence doing it.

This morning in my usual team meeting I commenced the discussion with, what was the great about your weekend and it created a nice atmosphere on what can sometimes be a unexciting Monday morning meeting. I plan to also ask the team regularly what is the best part of their job that they love, which will have the impact I hope of motivation and focussing on the positive points where sometimes you only hear about the problems.

I must say I love the birthday hat! For everyone's birthday we have morning tea which everyone contributes to by baking or buying something on the way to work as well as all signing a card. Your birthday hat would be a tremendous addition that would be well received! So if I am fortunate enough to be one of the winning entries in terms of implementing tips from your workshop we would love a hat- otherwise i'll source one as they are a great idea for making that day even more special for the birthday person and team!

Once again many thanks for your seminar- it was really enjoyable!

Kind Regards

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March 5th 2010

Di delivered a motivating presentation at our recent Beacon Student Ambassador conference with overwhelming feedback from teachers who attended her session. Many teachers were moved by her presentation and were thankful of the reminder to protect and nurture oneself in the balance of work and life. Many teachers found her presentation refreshing, positive and simply brilliant. Her impact certainly made teachers consider changing their own life so that it was less hectic and to make more of their own life! Di was found to be inspiring in her presence and was able to provide the audience with a real positive energy boost. It was wonderful to have such a positive and enthusiastic speaker present at our Beacon conference.

Victoria Beacon Team



23 August 2004

To whom it may concern

I had the pleasure of being in the audience of a recent Maroondah HomeBiz networking function which is supported by Maroondah City Council. At this session, Di Padgett from 'You are Special', gave a presentation on how to achieve a better 'Work Life Balance'.

After speaking with many of those who were present, I can attest that the attendees, myself included, were able to identify a number of key strategies and changes which we could implement immediately to improve our current lifestyle. Notably, the main reason why Di's presentation was so powerful and meaningful, is that she is not an academic, but rather an example of someone who can empower others by sharing the methods she has used to overcome personal challenges.

Given her life experiences and genuine passion to assist people to reach their fullest potential, the audience was fully captivated with her presentation. The style in which the presentation was delivered was extremely professional, yet her delivery had an element of informality which further engaged all present.

Importantly, when delivering a session in a limited timeframe, Di was extremely focussed on the topic, and had clearly fully researched and thoroughly prepared the presentation for her target audience. I would have no hesitation in recommending Di for a similar presentation.

If you would like to discuss the above further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 9298 4335.

Yours sincerely

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