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**General Reference**  
**Annie Evans**

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I am writing this letter of reference for Mrs Annie Evans, from Byron Bay in NSW (Australia). Annie has served as our chef each year in Cyprus since the 1998 field seasons of the University of Glasgow Excavations at Politiko *Phorades* (1998, 2000) and the Sydney Cyprus Survey Project (1998-2000). Although we are now engaged in only one field project, the Troodos Archaeological and Environmental Survey Project (2001-2005), Annie is still with us each year, for at least a six-week season. The fact that we have brought her back annually at some cost from Australia speaks volumes for the esteem with which we regard her cuisine.

With regard to Annie's cuisine (and I do not use the term lightly), I can state without hesitation that it is excellent in every regard: starters, lunches, main courses, condiments and sauces, and especially deserts. Those who have worked on our field projects, not least of all the staff, will remember many of her dishes forever, and she has now put together a 'cookbook' of her own and others' recipes which she uses in Cyprus, and which we use at home. Annie has always demonstrated a great deal of diversity in her cooking: Asian (Indian, Thai, Indonesian), Mediterranean (Italian, Cypriot), and Australian (all with splendid vegetarian variations), and she is — to her own detriment — very willing to cater to people's special needs. Finally, I should add in this context that we always have between 25-40 people on our field projects and Annie has always managed to cope, even in the extreme conditions (about 40C or higher every day) of a Cypriot summer.

Annie Evans is a bright, cheerful, optimistic, punctual and enthusiastic person, ready to lend anyone a hand. Such characteristics enable her to make a genuine contribution to any field project, as I imagine she would to any catering event. I have no hesitation in recommending her in the highest terms.

In short, if you want a superb chef who will keep you well- and healthily-fed, and charm you even on your darkest day, go for Annie Evans!

Respectfully yours,

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