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Lions in Support of CaringKids Charity Project

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Lions Club of Coogee 201N5 Project

Lions Category B Project 2023 to 2029

**Supported by Lions and Leo
Clubs across Australia.**



CaringKids

Help bring JOY to young
carers. Young carers are
children who care for a
parent or sibling living
with a disability.



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LIONS IN SUPPORT OF CARINGKIDS

CaringKids is a Lions Club of Coogee Project founded by Lion Margaret Skagias in 2014. Since 2019, Lions Clubs across MD201 have provided monetary support and toy donations in support of this national Joy Box service.

CaringKids have distributed more than 120,000 items within the Joy Boxes to more than 3000 young carers in cities, regional and rural areas of Australia.

Lions in Support of CaringKids was adopted as a national Lions 'Category B' Project at the 2023 MD Gold Coast Convention and again at the 2026 MD Adelaide Convention for 3 years to May 2029.

HOW CAN LIONS AND LEO CLUBS HELP?

Lions and Leo clubs can make voluntary financial contributions to fund Joy Boxes for children, donate brand new toys or purchase a Lions CaringKids Kindness Matters Award.

Nothing makes us prouder than seeing the Lions Australia Logo on every Joy Box sent out to children across Australia.

The Joy Box represents what it means to give service to others.

The impact of your generosity is received and appreciated by hundreds of children and their families.



1 in 10 CHILDREN

in Australia have taken on caring for a family member with a disability.



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ABOUT US

CaringKids is a registered charity that brings joy to children providing care to a family member living with a disability or chronic illness.

These young carers take on tasks such as housework, cooking, cleaning, liaising with health professionals, personal care, emotional support, lifting, carrying, administering medication, and financial matters.

HOW WE BRING JOY

CaringKids delivers Toy Boxes (we like to call them 'Joy Boxes') packed with new toys, games, books, school stationery and sports equipment to the doorstep of children across Australia. These Joy Boxes not only bring joy, they make young carers feel seen and recognised. These children will become the future unpaid adult carers of their siblings or parents.

WHY DO WE DO IT

Young carers take on adult responsibilities at a young age. They feel like they miss out on a normal childhood. They experience social isolation and financial hardship that impacts their social, emotional and educational achievement. There are 2-3 youngcarers in every classroom. 1 in 10 children are carers.

WHERE ARE JOY BOXES MADE

CaringKids operate a toy workshop in Banksmeadow Sydney, NSW. We have premises and donation bins in regional areas. We ensure the receipt, creation and delivery of every Joy Box. Joy Boxes cost \$260 to sponsor. Lions Clubs can sponsor and order Joy Boxes for young carers in their community. Contact CaringKids via email for enquiries info@caringkids.org.au

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