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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR AND CEO

Dear Partners and Supporters,

Year after year, we continue to be inspired by the strength of Sony Foundation's community and the profound impact we can create for young Australians in need when we work together.

In 2025, we marked two significant You Can milestones: **15 years of Sony Foundation's youth cancer initiative 'You Can'** transforming cancer care for young people nationwide, and **5 years of the 'You Can Stay' accommodation program** delivered in partnership with Quest Apartment Hotels. To date, You Can Stay has provided more than **45,000 nights of free, uncapped accommodation** for regional youth cancer patients and their families, ensuring access to treatment and support regardless of postcode.

These achievements were made possible through the ongoing generosity of our supporters, reflected in four record-breaking '4Ward' events held throughout the year that collectively raised more than **\$3.9 million** for young Australians with cancer. These events not only strengthen youth cancer care outcomes but also reinforce a national movement driven by hope, community and action.

For families of children with disability, our Holiday Camps once again delivered countless moments of joy, connection and respite for families across Australia. Our 2025 program spanned 23 camps and brought together over **520 children with disability** and **1000 dedicated student carers**, continuing a 26-year legacy of fostering greater inclusion for every young person.

Our partnership with 'Musician's Making A Difference' ('MMAD') continued to inspire, as we celebrated the talented young people who have used music as a pathway to confidence, connection and positive change. We also marked another impactful year of partnership with 'Youth Off The Streets' and look forward to welcoming new collaborations in 2026, including a partnership with female-focused charity 'Cancer Chicks', further strengthening our ability to support young people through shared lived experience.

Throughout the year, our community rallied behind Sony Foundation through outstanding fundraising efforts, complemented by memorable moments of connection and celebration with the support of our media partners. Highlights included the Brisbane You Can Centre Comedy Night in partnership with oOh!media, and the Prince of Wales You Can Centre Christmas Trivia Night supported by ACM.

This year's success wouldn't have been possible without the tireless work and dedication of our corporate partners, volunteers, fundraisers and supporters. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and ongoing commitment towards our mission of improving the health and wellbeing of young Australians in need.

With immense gratitude,



Cathy O'Connor

Chair, Sony Foundation



Sophie Ryan

CEO, Sony Foundation

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BRISBANE RAISES A RECORD-BREAKING \$951,000

The annual 'Brissy4Ward' fundraising lunch returned to Brisbane's iconic Howard Smith Wharves on Thursday, 7 August, uniting Queensland's most recognisable figures for an unforgettable afternoon raising **\$951,000** for regional young Australians facing cancer.

Guests were treated to headline performances by Sony Music Group artists **Bella Amor** and **Marcia Hines**, delivering incredible entertainment that set the tone for the day's generosity, and celebration of this year's major milestone - 15 years of Sony Foundation's youth cancer initiative 'You Can'.

Brissy4Ward 2025 was hosted and attended by some of Queensland's most recognisable media and community figures, including **The Hon. Tim Nicholls MP**, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, QLD Government; **Seven's Max Futcher** and **Samantha Heathwood**; **Nine's Andrea Crothers** and **Peter Psaltis**; **NOVA's Ash, Luttsy** and **Nikki Osborne**; as well as Sony



Foundation Ambassador **Giaan Rooney** OAM, **Terry Hansen** and **James Horwill**.

The heart of the event was a powerful address from youth cancer survivor and advocate **Kate Mearns**, who shared her inspiring journey of resilience after being diagnosed with a rare CNS cancer in rural Queensland, forcing her to relocate to Brisbane for treatment.

At just 17, Kate was forced to leave her home in Durong, Queensland and for more than 200 nights, she and

her family were supported with free, uncapped accommodation through Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' program; a lifeline that gave them stability and dignity during the toughest year of their lives.

Special thanks to Sony Foundation's Queensland Fundraising Advisory Committee: **Chris White** (Chair), **Rebecca Lawrie** and **Tim Harper-Russell**; and Brissy4Ward 2025 Event partners: Aperol, The Content Division, Felons Brewing Co, Fox Gordon, G.H. Mumm, Howard Smith Wharves, Kirin Ichiban, The Marsh Family, Mazi Wines, NPW Productions, Oasis Cruising, Portland Roads - Sailing The Whitsundays, Sanpellegrino, Sunnydale, Terry O'Hagan Photography and United Airlines.



Sony Foundation Board Members L-R: **Damian Trotter**, **Lou Barrett**, **Sophie Ryan**, **Stephen Basil-Jones**, **Goncalo Fialho** (Former Board Member).

To enquire about Sony Foundation's 4Ward event series and event partnership opportunities, visit: sonyfoundation.org/events

Ahead of Brissy4Ward 2025, we welcomed valued corporate and media partners and supporters, including JBS Foods, Nine, Oasis Cruising, oOh!media, Place Bulimba and Quest Apartment Hotels, to Sony Foundation's You Can Centre at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Guests heard directly from Youth Advisory Group members **Ainslie** and **Rianna**, who shared what the space means to them and the vital role it plays in providing connection and support to young people through treatment and as they return for ongoing check-ups.



Bella Amor, Sony Music Group Artist.



Marcia Hines, Sony Music Group Artist.



SCAN HERE TO WATCH ALL THE HIGHLIGHTS.



Terry Hansen.



"Exactly two years ago today, I began my first chemotherapy session in Brisbane, anxious, sick, and scared... But after each treatment, I had my own space to retreat to. Thanks to Sony Foundation's You Can Stay program, Mum and I were provided a unit at Quest Apartment Hotels... Once she set up her Thermomix on the bench, we knew we were home... Today, I stand before you, celebrating 12 months cancer free."

Kate Mearns,
Youth Cancer Survivor & Advocate



The Hon Tim Nicholls MP,
Minister for Health and Ambulance Services,
QLD Government.



Dr Rosengren David,
Director-General,
Queensland Health.



Peter Psaltis, Nine.



Samantha Heathwood, Seven.



Kate Mearns,
Youth Cancer advocate.



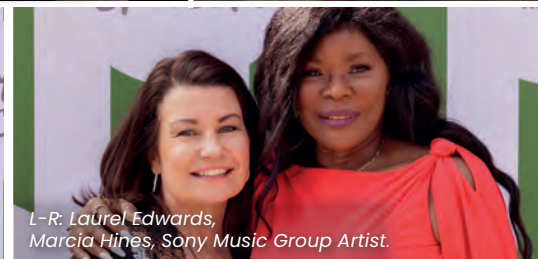
Kate Mearns, Sophie Ryan, Ash,
Luttsy & Nikki Osborne.



L-R: Susie O'Neill, Maddy Rowe.



L-R: David Mansfield, MD, Ascott Australasia & Quest Apartment Hotels, Kate Mearns.



L-R: Laurel Edwards,
Marcia Hines, Sony Music Group Artist.



L-R: Giaan Rooney OAM, Kate Mearns,
Sophie Ryan.



Volunteers.



L-R: Ash, Luttsy & Nikki Osborne, NOVA.



Adelaide unites for a second year, raising a record-breaking \$560,000 for young South Australians with cancer

The 'Adelaide4Ward' fundraising lunch returned to Adelaide for its second year, held in partnership with The Advertiser Foundation at SkyCity Adelaide on Friday, 7 November, bringing together South Australia's leaders and advocates for an unforgettable afternoon that raised \$560,000 for young South Australians facing cancer.

Guests were treated to headline performances from Illy and Sony Music Artist Dylan Wright, and a special fireside chat featuring South Australian community leaders Elvis Chidi-Ezeama, Founder and CEO, Biomicrology, Flavia Tata Nardini, CEO and Co-Founder, Fleet Space Technologies and Tim Jarvis AM, Environmental Scientist and Adventurer, moderated by renowned wine writer Nick Ryan.

Adelaide4Ward 2025 was hosted by Sony Foundation Ambassador, Giaan Rooney OAM alongside NOVA's Jodie Oddy and Andrew 'Hayesy' Hayes, and attended by some of South Australia's most recognisable



personalities, including The Hon. Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier of South Australia, Alex Dimos; Seven's Andrew Costello; Bruce Djite; Dr Emma McCahon, CEO, Central Adelaide Local Health Network; Seven & Nova's Jade Robran; Katrina Webb OAM; Rebecca Morse; Samantha Costello; and Sony Foundation's South Australia Fundraising Advisory Committee; Nikki Govan AM (Chair), Antimo Iannella, Diana Williams, Jane Johnson, Melissa Librandi, Melvin Mansell, Peta St Clair and Sarah Abbott.

A true highlight of the event was an inspiring address from youth cancer patient and advocate Adam Slattery, who shared his story after being diagnosed with a rare and aggressive blood cancer and needing to relocate to Adelaide from Broken Hill for

lifesaving treatment. For more than 60 nights to date, Adam and his family have been provided free, uncapped accommodation through Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' program.

“Being a young person with cancer really sucks and living in a regional area away from the treatment centres doesn't help... I am so happy to see so many people supporting Sony Foundation's 'You Can Centre' here in Adelaide, it is so desperately needed for the 15- to 29-year-olds as we really don't fit in on the ward, and it can be a lonely place to be. Having somewhere other than the hospital room to rest and interact with others in the same age group would have been great and would have helped with my hatred of being in hospital.”

Adam Slattery,
Youth Cancer Patient & Advocate

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BUILDING SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S FIRST 'YOU CAN' YOUTH CANCER CENTRE

Funds raised at Adelaide4Ward 2025 will directly support the build of the Adelaide 'You Can' Youth Cancer Centre at the Royal Adelaide Hospital: South Australia's first dedicated space for adolescents and young adults with cancer, and the sixth in Sony Foundation's national network.

Since the announcement in 2024, the project has secured a site close to major treatment hubs with strong connections to future health precincts, ensuring lasting impact.

Importantly, the South Australia Youth Advisory Group on Cancer Care has helped shape the draft concept plans, courageously sharing their lived experiences to ensure the Centre fills a vital gap in existing services. The result will be a welcoming, youth-focused space where patients can connect with peers, family, and friends; continue studies; and explore creative therapies and hobbies in an environment that fosters wellbeing, empowerment, and belonging.



Dylan Wright, Sony Music Artist.



Illy, Australian rapper.



L-R Flavia Tata Nardini, Tim Jarvis AM, Elvis Chidi-Ezeama, Nick Ryan.



SCAN HERE TO WATCH ALL THE HIGHLIGHTS.



The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier of South Australia.

“Any cancer diagnosis is extremely challenging for families, but when it affects a young person it is especially so. I congratulate the Sony Foundation for its work ensuring young people have somewhere to go when they get to hospital, and making sure they are not alone. My government is proud to support this invaluable work.”

The Hon. Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier of South Australia



Adam Slattery, Youth cancer advocate.



Jodie Oddy and Andrew 'Hayes' Hayes, NOVA.



Guests enjoying live entertainment.



L-R: Adam Slattery, youth cancer advocate, Dylan Wright, Sony Music Artist.



L-R: The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier of SA, Sophie Ryan.



L-R: Giaan Rooney OAM, Adam Slattery, Illy.



Representatives of Quest Apartment Hotels. L-R: Charlene Ackland, Alana Welchman, Tayla Brady, Gerald West.

SONY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES IMPACT WITH PARTNER NETWORK

In October, Sony Foundation welcomed our incredible network of partners and supporters to the annual Corporate Partner Cocktail Evening at the Museum of Contemporary Art in partnership with The Big Group. Hosted by recently appointed Sony Foundation Ambassador, *Seven's* Matt Shirvington, the event celebrated the transformative impact of partnerships in creating positive change for young Australians across the Foundation's programs.

Throughout the evening, guests were inspired by powerful stories from Sony Foundation's various initiatives, with families and young people sharing firsthand experiences, highlighting the profound impact the Foundation's programs have on their lives.

Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp program was recognised for its ongoing impact in fostering inclusion for children with disability. Guests heard from **Ali** on its importance to her family, while young **Kiki** shared how the camps help her thrive among her peers.

The evening also celebrated the five-year-milestone of the 'You Can Stay' program, in partnership with Quest Apartment Hotels, with **Rachael and Mitch Hepner** sharing their experience as the first Queensland family supported through the program with their son **Jackson**. Ascott Australasia

& Quest Apartment Hotels Managing Director **David Mansfield** also spoke about what the partnership means to their team and the extraordinary commitment of franchisees nationwide, before being presented with a special plaque commemorating the milestone.

The evening also showcased Musician's Making A Difference (MMAD)'s 'Catch A Falling STAR (Special, Traumatized and At-Risk)' program, with MMAD STAR graduates **AJ** and **Eric** sharing their inspiring journey of confidence, creativity, and connection through the program.

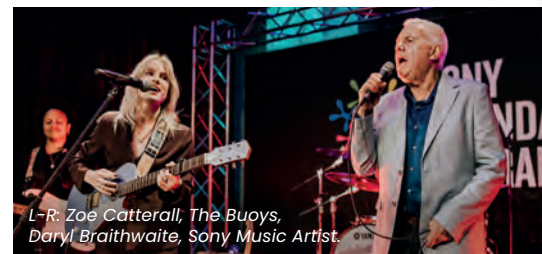
Special recognition was also given to Sony Foundation's long-standing wine partner, Fox Gordon, for over 13 years of dedicated partnership and support.

A major highlight was the launch of the Sony Foundation Legends Award, honouring Sony Music artists who uplift young people across the Foundation's programs. The inaugural Legend, **Daryl Braithwaite**, accepted the award presented by You Can Champion **Hamish**, before joining **The Buoy**s for a memorable live performance, including a special rendition of 'The Horses'.

The celebrations continued throughout the evening with performances from young talents from The Talent Development Project, **The River Li**, and MMAD's **DJ Crumps**, ensuring the

night was full of energy, inspiration, and creativity.

The evening was a powerful reminder of how partnerships, generosity, and collaboration can create meaningful change for young Australians across the country.



L-R: Zoe Catterall, The Buoy, Daryl Braithwaite, Sony Music Artist.



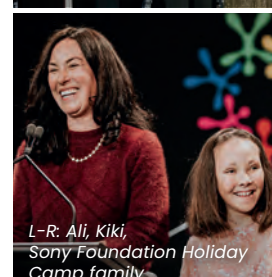
L-R: Cathy O'Connor, David Mansfield, Sophie Ryan.



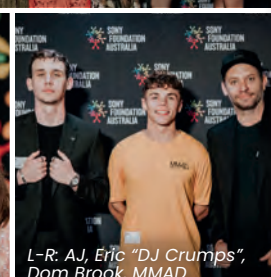
L-R: Rachel Atkins, Fox Gordon, Cathy O'Connor.



L-R: Representatives from Sony Australia.



L-R: Ali, Kiki, Sony Foundation Holiday Camp family.



L-R: AJ, Eric "DJ Crumps", Dom Brook, MMAD.

Since 2020, Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' program has provided more than 45,000 nights of free accommodation to families in need, in partnership with Quest Apartment Hotels.



CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH SUPPORT AND CONNECTION

MMAD STAR 2025 GRADUATION



In December, Sony Foundation celebrated 17 talented young people graduating from Musician's Making a Difference (MMAD) x Sony Foundation's 'Catch A Falling STAR (Special, Traumatized and At-Risk)' program. Since 2016, the program has harnessed the power of music to support young people experiencing disadvantage, providing life-changing mentoring that empowers them to create positive change. At the graduation, each participant reflected on their growth over the six-month journey, with guests

enjoying exclusive previews of the MMAD STAR's unreleased music and a special performance by Aussie rapper and MMAD Ambassador **D Minor** alongside 2024 graduate **AJ**.

A huge SHOUT OUT to our corporate partner Optus for gifting each graduate a Galaxy S24 FE to support their music-making journey, the teams at Sony Music Australia and Sony Music Publishing for their mentorship, our media partner ARN for hosting the graduation at the 'ARN HQ', and to our wonderful partners at Sony Australia, SLE Worldwide, Fuller and Insurance Advisernet for taking the time to join the graduation and celebrate these inspiring young people.

STORY OF CHANGE: **JAKE***

When Jake* first walked through our doors, he had nowhere to go and no clear way forward.

The streets had become familiar territory, crime felt like the only option that made sense, and he was carrying it all alone. School had given up on him, or maybe he'd given up on it first.

Music became the bridge. Through STAR sessions he could just be present, pouring everything he couldn't say into beats and bars. The mentoring gave Jake someone who believed he was worth the investment.

The breakthrough came when Jake began creating music that carried real weight - not just technically skilled, but honest. That shift from "I'm just trying to survive" to "I have something worth sharing" changed everything.

Now Jake is looking ahead, already planning to apply for MMAD's next program level to take him even closer to his future goals. His journey isn't finished, but for the first time, he's the one writing the next chapter.

*Name has been changed due to privacy reasons.

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS 2025 SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES



In November, Sony Foundation was incredibly proud to witness 2023 Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Recipient, **Gem**, graduate the Scholarship Program, following two years of support. During the term of his scholarship, Gem secured employment with the support of his mentor, and achieved his goal of performing his music in London. He is now studying Business Coaching with MTC FutureReady Australia, and continues to pursue music.

"This scholarship has provided me with options and so many opportunities. Thank you so much Sony, for believing in me." - Gem, 2023 Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Recipient

Sony Foundation was also delighted to welcome 2025 scholarship recipient, 17-year-old **Serafim**, who plans to undertake a Bachelor of Music at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney next year. A talented performer and composer, Serafim has travelled the world with three



Optus sending personalised letters with the gifted phones is honestly such a beautiful gesture. These young people don't often receive anything addressed to them, let alone something encouraging. This will hit close to the heart in the best way."

MMAD Team



Former Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Recipient performing at the graduation ceremony.



L-R: Gem, 2023 Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Recipient, Kieran, Gem's mentor.



L-R: David Koch AM, Kogie, Serafim, 2025 Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Recipient.



Holiday Camps filled with joy, connection and inclusion

2025 saw an incredible 24 Sony Foundation Holiday Camps take place around Australia, supporting over 520 children living with disability, and their families.

Assisted by school staff, volunteers and medical teams, more than 1000 senior high school students took on the full-time responsibility of caring for the children attending, with enthusiasm, dedication, and kindness. They went above and beyond to provide the holiday of a lifetime for their campers over 4 days and 3 nights.

Campers were treated to thoughtfully curated experiences including theme park visits, modified cycling, yoga, camp fairs with carnival rides, movie nights and disco parties to accommodate the abilities of all guests.

Sony Foundation was also thrilled to welcome its newest camp in December, hosted by Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange, in regional New South Wales, passionately led by the school's Head of Science, **Alex McLennan**.

“We are still riding the high of the camp, and I've already started planning for “bigger and better” in 2026.”

Alex McLennan,
Kinross Wolaroi School

For more than 26 years, Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp Program has been bridging a gap in free respite care for families of children with disability, while fostering a more inclusive society where every child can thrive.

A huge SHOUT OUT to the 50+ schools, universities and support organisations that made this year's camps possible, including the 1000+ students, volunteer teachers and medical teams who ensure every camp is safe, inclusive and full of joy.





PlayStation fans bid big for a cause

Late last year, Sony Foundation proudly partnered with Sony Interactive Entertainment Australia to auction a 30th Anniversary Limited Edition PS5 Pro Bundle, celebrating 30 years since the original PlayStation® launched in Australia in 1995.

One of only 12,300 individually numbered consoles released globally and now completely sold out, the collector's bundle featured nostalgic design elements inspired by the original PlayStation, along with a suite of limited-edition accessories. The rare prize generated strong interest from gaming fans and collectors alike.

The auction closed with a highest bid of \$8,012, with all proceeds supporting Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp Program, helping to create unforgettable holiday experiences for children with disability and their families.

Thank you to Sony Interactive Entertainment Australia and everyone who supported the auction, turning a passion for gaming into meaningful impact.

SLE WORLDWIDE TAKES ON CITY2SURF FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Despite braving the wet weather, spirits were high as the team from Sony Foundation's Corporate Partner, SLE Worldwide, alongside family of CEO Raj Nanra, took on the annual City2Surf in support of Sony Foundation.

The group came together to raise funds for Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp Program, supporting children with disability and their families. Through their efforts, the team raised over \$2,200, to help provide the holiday of a lifetime for children attending camps across Sydney in December.

“ Sony Foundation holds a very special place within SLE Worldwide. Running City2Surf is more than just a challenge for our team, it was about showing up for a cause we believe in and supporting the incredible work the Foundation does for young Australians every day!”

Raj Nanra, CEO, SLE Worldwide



Raj Nanra, CEO, SLE Worldwide.



SLE Worldwide team alongside CEO Raj Nanra.



Laughter Lights Up The Brisbane You Can Centre: A Night Of Comedy, Connection and Community

In October, the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital You Can Centre was filled with something truly powerful - laughter. The inaugural You Can Comedy Night transformed the centre into a space of joy, connection and shared smiles, offering young people facing cancer, along with their friends and families, a welcome chance to relax, laugh and simply enjoy the moment.

The idea was sparked by Emma Dixon, an oOh!media employee and stand-up comedian (performing as "Emma Zammit"), after she toured the You Can Centre ahead of Brissy4Ward 2025.

“ Sony Foundation is close to my heart. I volunteered to host a night at the You Can Centre because laughter has always helped me through hard moments. I wanted to put on a night that wasn't about forgetting what the patients were going through or have gone through - it was about giving it a pause. Comedy can't change a situation, but it can change how a moment feels, and that's incredibly powerful.”

Emma Dixon, oOh!media Group Sales Leader and Comedian (Emma Zammit)

Inspired by the warmth of the space and the young people who use it, Emma wondered how she could give back in a way that felt genuine, human and uplifting. The answer? Comedy.

With support from Sony Foundation, Queensland Youth Cancer Services, the Youth Advisory Group, and the incredible hospital team, Emma's idea quickly became a reality. Six Brisbane-based comedians generously volunteered their time, each performing a 10-minute set designed to lift spirits and spark laughter.

Sony Foundation media partner oOh!media also played a hands-on role, catering the event with delicious pizza and dessert, and volunteering on the night alongside the comedians.

The room buzzed with laughter, smiles and shared moments of relief with more than 35 guests, including patients, friends and family members in attendance. The event served as a reminder that even in the toughest chapters, joy and connection can still shine through. For many, the night became a highlight of their cancer journey.

Sony Foundation is proud to lead these events and explore how more creative,

wellbeing-focused experiences like this can be woven into the You Can Centres nationally. The You Can Comedy Night is a wonderful example of what happens when creativity, compassion and strong partnerships come together - turning a simple idea into an unforgettable night of laughter, belonging and hope.

“ I loved attending the Comedy Night at the RBWH. It was such a fun and entertaining way to connect with other young people beyond our hospital experiences. Events like this really make a difference to our wellbeing and sense of belonging.”

Sarah, QYCS YAG Member / Co-Chair

A huge thank you to the incredible comedians who generously volunteered their time and talent to make the night such a success: Craig Quartermaine, Jack Knight, Shad Wicka, Ben Hunter, Anisa Nandaula and Emma Dixon (Comedy Name: Emma Zammit). Their warmth, humour and generosity helped create an unforgettable evening filled with laughter and connection.





Quizmas brings festive cheer to the Prince Of Wales You Can Centre

ACM

The Prince of Wales (Randwick) You Can Centre was alive with festive spirit in December as young people, families and supporters came together for the inaugural “Quizmas” Christmas Trivia Night. A joyful evening designed to bring light, laughter and connection during the holiday season.

Delivered through Sony Foundation’s You Can Network, the event was hosted in partnership with media partner ACM, whose team was inspired to create a warm and uplifting experience for patients and their support networks at a time of year that can be particularly challenging.

With the support of the NSW/ACT Youth Cancer Service and hospital staff, the Centre was transformed into a festive hub of friendly competition and Christmas cheer. ACM generously hosted three rounds of Christmas-themed trivia, complete with prizes for winning teams, while festive tunes and plenty of shared laughs filled the room. A standout moment of the night came when ACM team member **Jordan**, led an impromptu acoustic performance of Christmas carols, quickly drawing in the crowd. The festive spirit further shone when You Can patient **Jireh**

“ACM wanted to do something special for Sony Foundation and the young adults facing cancer. Christmas is a time of giving and we wanted to give up our time to bring some joy into their lives. It was such a great night and reminded the team what’s truly important in life.”

Daniel Cratchley, ACM Group Sales Manager Sydney

took to the keyboard, delivering a heartfelt performance of ‘Silent Night’ that brought smiles and applause from across the Centre.

Hospital staff praised the event for the way it created a relaxed, welcoming environment that allowed patients to connect with one another beyond their treatment.

The success of the inaugural Quizmas night highlights the powerful role You Can Centre-based activities play in fostering social connection, emotional wellbeing, and moments of lightness for young people undergoing cancer treatment.



Representatives from ACM.



Grace Kennedy, Youth cancer advocate with her father and brother.



L-R: Sami, Sydney Children’s Hospital, Jireh, Youth cancer advocate, Grace, Fiona & Cath, Youth Cancer Services, Jireh’s mother.



Daniel Cratchley, ACM Group Sales Manager.

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Brighter Days through tennis and connection

The Australian Tennis Foundation's Brighter Days initiative continues to provide uplifting experiences for young people and families facing challenging circumstances, using the power of tennis and shared moments to create joy and connection.

Over the September and October school holidays, the Australian Tennis Foundation welcomed Sony Foundation Holiday Camp beneficiaries and their families to their flagship tennis facilities in Brisbane and Sydney for fun afternoons of inclusive tennis, connection, and friendship.

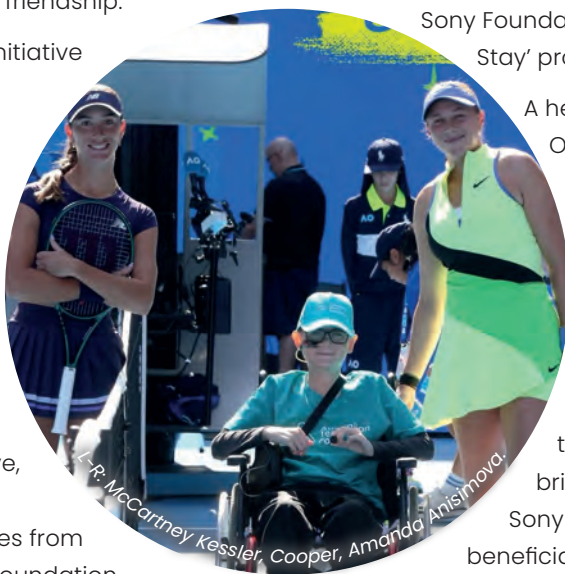
In January, the initiative extended to major summer tennis events, welcoming 24 youth cancer patients and their families, supported through Sony Foundation's 'You Can' initiative, alongside youth cancer advocates from the wider Sony Foundation community, to the Australian Open, Brisbane International and United Cup in Sydney. For these families, it was a memorable day out away from hospital wards and treatment routines, offering a much-needed break from an often confronting reality.

A highlight of the opening week of the Australian Open, when 12-year-old **Cooper** was given the honour of tossing the coin and meeting the players at an official charity match - a



once-in-a-lifetime experience that will be remembered for years to come. Cooper was recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, requiring him to travel from his home in Cobram to Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for treatment. He and his family are currently being supported by

Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' program.



A heartfelt SHOUT OUT to the Australian Tennis Foundation for their continued partnership and commitment to creating brighter days for Sony Foundation beneficiaries.



Cooper had an amazing time at the tennis, and it was the first time as a family we have gone out since Cooper's diagnosis which made it even more special."

Sonia,
Cooper's Mum.

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Cancer Chicks

SONY FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH CANCER CHICKS

This year, Sony Foundation is proud to embark on a new partnership with 'Cancer Chicks', a national, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting young women diagnosed with cancer. Founded by women with lived experience, Cancer Chicks creates safe, welcoming spaces where young women can connect, share and feel understood during and beyond their cancer journey.

Cancer Chicks delivers a range of events and activities designed to reduce isolation and build meaningful peer connection: from creative workshops and wellness experiences to social gatherings and retreats. These moments offer young women the chance to step away from treatment, meet others who "get it", and feel supported in a way that goes beyond clinical care.

Through this new partnership, Sony Foundation's financial support will directly contribute to Cancer Chicks' events and activities, helping more young women access programs that nurture wellbeing, confidence, and connection at a time when they are needed most.

By investing in organisations like Cancer Chicks, Sony Foundation continues its commitment to improving the quality of life for young Australians facing cancer, supporting not only treatment, but the emotional and social wellbeing that is so vital to healing and hope.

Out & About

with our Community Fundraisers

RUNNING FOR A CHANGE: A YOUNG SOUTH AUSTRALIAN'S FIGHT AGAINST LYMPHOMA

Youth cancer advocate **Lucinda Cleland** has turned her personal cancer journey into a force for good. After being diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma earlier in 2025, Lucinda organised team 'Cindy's Run to Beat Lymphoma', rallying over 50 friends, family, and supporters to take part in the Victor Harbor Run on 7 December 2025.

Lucinda is part of the team at SkyCity Adelaide, and after learning about Sony Foundation's 'You Can' program and the plans for South Australia's first dedicated You Can Youth Cancer Centre, she was inspired to direct a portion of her fundraising to support Sony Foundation, alongside Lymphoma Australia.

While her fundraising efforts were primarily to help cover her own medical expenses, this support will help others like Lucinda as they navigate cancer. Just over \$20,000 was raised in total, with \$6,000 donated towards Sony Foundation's You Can program and \$6,000 donated to Lymphoma Australia. The run was not only a testament to her resilience but also an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by adolescents and young adults during treatment.



Lucinda Cleland, Youth cancer advocate.



Lucinda with her supporters.



Team 'Cindy's Run to Beat Lymphoma'.



Emma Ingster, Youth cancer advocate.

Emma Ingster celebrates 20 years in remission by fundraising for You Can

In 2025, Canberra-based youth cancer advocate **Emma Ingster** marked an incredible milestone - 20 years in remission after being diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) at just 14. Having travelled to Sydney for treatment as a teenager,

Emma knows firsthand the challenges young people face while navigating cancer, and she wanted to give back to help others going through a difficult journey.

Emma's fundraising efforts for Sony Foundation's 'You Can' program have been as creative as they are heartfelt. She hosted a Halloween trivia night, celebrated her remission with family and friends, performed a burlesque showcase at The Canberra Burlesque Academy - a performance celebrating strength, health, and self-expression, and used her creativity to make cards and earrings, selling them in local cafes with proceeds supporting You Can.

To date, Emma has raised over \$2,500 for the You Can program, supporting the ongoing development of specialised youth cancer centres across Australia, ensuring teenagers and young adults have dedicated spaces to connect, recover, and feel supported during treatment.

“When I was fourteen, in a wheelchair with atrophied muscles, I never would have imagined someday I would be a dancer. It felt so special to see my family and friends in the crowd [at the Burlesque performance]; it's a cliché, but you look for your loved ones in the crowd and what a joy it is to find them there! I've always wanted to help youth facing cancer in any way I can, even before I was diagnosed with cancer myself. I truly believe this is my mission in life. I'm only one person who thankfully has an army of supporters, and I will keep fulfilling this mission for the rest of my life.”

Emma Ingster,
Youth Cancer Advocate

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