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Safe, supported and inclusive overnight experiences

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR AND CEO

Dear Partners and Supporters,

The first half of 2026 has been a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when passionate people unite behind a shared purpose. Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, we have continued to create meaningful change for young Australians in need.

Already, this year has delivered a number of extraordinary milestones. Our Wharf4Ward and River4Ward events reached record-breaking heights, together raising more than **\$2.5 million** for our national 'You Can' youth cancer initiative.

We are also proud to announce that our 'You Can Stay' program has now provided more than **50,000 nights of free accommodation** to regional youth cancer patients and their families travelling for treatment. Behind this milestone are hundreds of regional families who have been able to stay close to vital care while easing the financial and emotional burden that comes with finding accommodation in the city during an already extremely difficult time.

This year also marks **10 years since the opening of our Melbourne You Can Centre** at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, celebrating a decade of dedicated, age-appropriate cancer care and support. In addition, we proudly recognise **25 years of partnership with Youth Off The Streets**, reflecting on the lasting impact we have created together and the opportunities we continue to provide for young people experiencing disadvantage.

Across our programs, we have been fortunate to share many special moments with the young people we support. From welcoming celebrity guests and ambassadors to our You Can Centres, to kicking off another year of Holiday Camps supporting children with disability and their families, these experiences continue to demonstrate the power of connection, inclusion and community.

As we look ahead, we are excited for what the remainder of 2026 will bring. We look forward to our remaining 4Ward events in Brisbane and Adelaide, delivering a further 20 Holiday Camps across Australia and one in New Zealand, and working alongside our incredible partners on countless fundraising and awareness initiatives that will help extend our impact even further.

None of these achievements would be possible without the generosity and commitment of our media and corporate partners, donors, volunteers and supporters. Thank you for sharing our vision and standing beside us as we work to improve the lives of young Australians in need.

With immense gratitude,



Cathy O'Connor
Chair, Sony Foundation



Sophie Ryan-McPhee
CEO, Sony Foundation

In loving memory of Kirsty Bourke

Sony Foundation is deeply saddened to acknowledge the passing of one of our incredible You Can Champions, Kirsty Bourke (née Lester), in June this year.

Kirsty was a much-loved member of the Sony Foundation community and our You Can speaker at Brissy4Ward in 2023. She used her voice to raise awareness, advocate for better age-appropriate support for young cancer patients, and provide hope to others facing similar challenges.

We are profoundly grateful for the courage, generosity and inspiration Kirsty shared with us. Her advocacy and determination to help others will continue to inspire our community for years to come.



Kirsty Bourke
– Forever a You Can Champion.
You Can Stay – 342 Nights Provided.

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A huge SHOUT OUT to our Creative Partner 3DUX for designing this issue.

WHARF4WARD 2026

RAISES A RECORD-BREAKING \$1,665,000 FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS WITH CANCER



Sydney's iconic Woolloomooloo Wharf once again transformed into a powerhouse of generosity on 19 March as more than 800 guests gathered for Sony Foundation's flagship fundraising event, **Wharf4Ward 2026**.

Affectionately known as "Sydney's Longest Lunch", the annual event united Australia's biggest names in media, entertainment and business to raise a record-breaking \$1,665,000 in support of young Australians facing cancer and their families.

The afternoon featured performances from Australian music icon **Ben Lee**, indie-pop sensation **Jem Cassar-Daley** and rising R&B artist **KYE**, with hosting duties shared by *Nine*'s **Peter Overton AM**, **Richard Wilkins AM** and **Samantha Armytage**, *NOVA*'s **Michael 'Wippa' Wipfli** and **Kate Ritchie**, *Seven*'s **Matt Shirvington**, **Natalie Barr**, **James Tobin**, and **Scott Tweedie**, Sony Foundation Ambassador **Sally Obermeder**, alongside **Hugh Sheridan**, and **Stuart Gregor** leading the fundraising action.

A defining moment of the day came from 21-year-old **Alana Barraclough**

from Queanbeyan, NSW, who spoke about her experience navigating treatment for a high-grade glioma brain tumour, over 280km from home.

In her address, Alana shared how Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' program has supported her family.

"[When we were told] about Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' accommodation - that we could stay for free, at Quest Apartments, 10 minutes from the hospital... it was like a home away from home."

To date, You Can Stay has provided Alana and her family with more than 70 nights of free accommodation, helping ease the emotional and financial burden of long stays away from home.

The record-breaking result reflects the collective impact of industries, communities and supporters united by a shared goal: ensuring every young

Australian facing cancer has access to the care and support they need, regardless of where they live.

A sincere thank you to everyone who continues to make each Wharf4Ward bigger than the last.



L-R: Peter Overton AM, *Nine* with Alana Barraclough, Youth Cancer Advocate.

To enquire about Sony Foundation's 4Ward event series and event partnership opportunities, contact: info@sonyfoundation.org.au



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James Tobin, Seven.



Australian Idol 2026 contestants with Marcia Hines, Seven.



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Joining Sony Foundation four years ago, I was inspired by the power of Wharf4Ward in bringing people together to create impact. Delivering the event and seeing it grow year after year has been incredibly rewarding. As a small team, the support of our partners is what makes Wharf4Ward possible, and it's a privilege to work alongside organisations and individuals who share our commitment to helping young Australians with cancer. Knowing that every partnership, donation and conversation contributes to supporting young people and their families through some of life's toughest moments is what makes Wharf4Ward so special.”

Grace Quinn,
National Events & Sponsorships
Manager, Sony Foundation



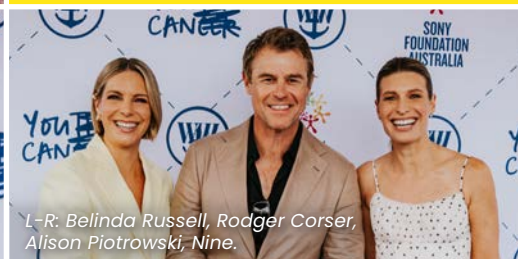
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Wharf4Ward 2026 Volunteers.



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L-R: Belinda Russell, Rodger Corser, Alison Piotrowski, Nine.



L-R: Hugh Sheridan, Melissa Hoyer.



L-R: Michael 'Wippa' Wipfli, Kate Ritchie, Nova.



L-R: Matt Shirvington, Natalie Barr, James Tobin, Seven.



L-R: Richard Wilkins AM, Nine.

Paul Kelly leads stars **UNITED FOR YOUTH CANCER AT RECORD-BREAKING RIVER4WARD 2026**

Victoria's media, entertainment and business leaders gathered at 'River4Ward' on 28 May for another unforgettable afternoon, raising a record-breaking \$863,000 to ensure even more young Australians can access life-changing support throughout their cancer journey.

Headlined by Australian music legend and Sony Music Group artist **Paul Kelly**, accompanied by **Jess Hitchcock**, with a special performance by **Kalani Artis**, the event featured live entertainment, inspiring stories and generous fundraising.

Melbourne's leading television and radio personalities joined the event, including *Nine Entertainment's* **Alicia Loxley** and **Tom Steinfort**, *NOVA Entertainment's* **Jason 'Jase' Hawkins**, **Lauren Phillips** and **Clint Stanaway**, *Seven Network's* **Campbell Brown**, *News24's* **Candice Wyatt**, *FOXFM's* **Brendan 'Fev' Fevola** and auctioneer **Damian O'Sullivan** joined by **Joost Bakker** and *Swag on the Beat's* **Jack Say** and **Isaac Gibbons** for a Fireside Chat on using personal platforms for social good.

One of the day's most powerful moments came from 18-year-old **Remy Grogan**, who shared how Sony Foundation's 'You Can Stay' program

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Remy Grogan, Youth Cancer Advocate.

has supported her family while travelling from Gippsland to Melbourne for treatment.

"During all these long months of treatment, we travelled from home in Gippsland, almost 3 hours all the way to Melbourne a million times. We were blessed to have been introduced to the support of You Can Stay...The Quest Apartment allowed me my own space whenever I wasn't in the hospital, a place family and friends could visit me."

To date, You Can Stay has provided Remy and her family with more than 370 nights of free accommodation near her treating hospital, helping ease the financial and emotional burden of accessing specialised cancer care in the city.

A sincere thank you to everyone who made this incredible day possible, including our event partner **The Big Group**, who once again played a vital role in bringing River4Ward to life. Reflecting on the event, the team shared:

"Being part of River4Ward is something our entire team holds close to their hearts. To open the doors of Glasshouse and watch it transform into a space filled with so much generosity and purpose is something we are incredibly proud of. Playing a role in raising funds for young Australians facing cancer is a privilege we don't take lightly, and seeing the energy and impact in the room on the day is a reminder of why we love what we do. Watching the event grow year on year and the difference it continues to make is truly something special - and we couldn't be prouder to stand alongside the Sony Foundation in bringing it to life." – The Big Group Team

Behind-the-scenes with aspiring filmmaker Remy Grogan

Following River4Ward, You Can Champion and aspiring filmmaker **Remy Grogan** was invited to attend an early screening and exclusive editing session with one of Australia's most acclaimed and best-known filmmakers **Robert Connolly** for his upcoming film 'SHIVER'.

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Delighted to have Remy's involvement and contribution to our film, so far Remy has joined us for an early screening and more recently in the edit as the film progresses through post-production. Looking forward to Remy joining us through the sound post-production too. SHIVER is the story of a young journalist and her journey to Antarctica, and it's invaluable to have the contribution and involvement of an impressive creative like Remy.”

Robert Connolly, Australian film director, producer and screenwriter



L-R: Jase Hawkins, Sophie Ryan-McPhee, Remy Grogan, Lauren Phillips, Clint Stanaway.



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Tom Hamaguchi, Sony Foundation Board Director.



L-R: Tom Steinfort, Joost Bakker, Isaac Gibbons, Jack Say.



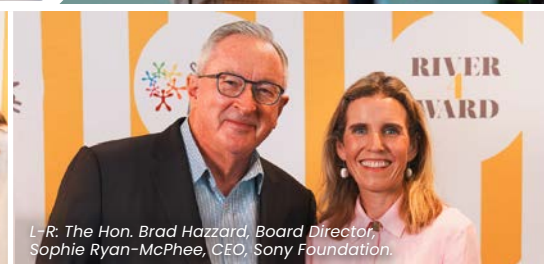
Kalani Artis.



L-R: David Mansfield, MD, The Ascott Australasia & Quest Apartment Hotels, Sarah Potts, GM Sony Foundation.



Sony Music Australia.



L-R: The Hon. Brad Hazzard, Board Director, Sophie Ryan-McPhee, CEO, Sony Foundation.



L-R: Kalani Artis, Remy Grogan.



L-R: Jase Hawkins, Lauren Phillips, Remy Grogan, Clint Stanaway.



L-R: Isaac Gibbons, Remy Grogan, Jack Say.



L-R: Sophie Ryan-McPhee, CEO, Sony Foundation, Jason Payne, CEO, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.



River4Ward 2026 Volunteers.



More Than a Movie Night

Sony Foundation's Corporate Partner Network comes together for an exclusive screening and community celebration



More than 550 members of Sony Foundation's wider partner network, including staff, family and friends, came together in May for Sony Foundation's annual **Corporate Partner Movie Night**, delivered in partnership with Sony Pictures Releasing.

This special evening was an opportunity to celebrate the incredible community of supporters who make Sony Foundation's work possible, while enjoying an exclusive advance screening of *The Sheep Detectives*.

Beyond the big screen, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for guests to connect, catch up and celebrate the collective difference our partner network continues to make for young Australians facing significant challenges.

Sony Foundation was delighted to welcome River4Ward 2025 You Can Champion, **Aidyn Clements**, to the event.

Reflecting on the evening, Aidyn shared:

"It was a pleasure to attend Sony Foundation's Corporate Partner Movie Night during my recent stay in Sydney. The film was heartfelt, funny, and truly enjoyable for all ages. As a recipient of the 'You Can Stay' program, it was especially meaningful to share the evening alongside Sony Foundation and its supportive and compassionate community."

A huge SHOUT OUT to Sony Pictures Releasing for their ongoing support, and to everyone who joined us for such a memorable evening.



CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH SUPPORT AND CONNECTION



Sony Foundation recently welcomed the newest cohort of the Sony Foundation x Musicians Making A Difference (MMAD) 'Catch A Falling STAR' program to Sony Music HQ, marking the beginning of an exciting six-month mentoring journey.

The launch brought participants together for a day of connection, creativity and learning, with Sony Music Group mentors **Mike, Aaliyah, Phoebe** and **Ella** sharing insights into personal branding, career pathways and opportunities within the music industry. One of the STARS left with pages of notes and a renewed sense of purpose:

"I took so many notes during the masterclasses and got so much out of it. This experience has changed my life both personally and as an artist."

A special highlight was a visit from Sony Music Group artist **DOBBY (Rhyann Clapham)**, who shared his story and experiences with the group.

"I loved meeting the Stars of the MMAD x Sony Foundation program. Each participant shared their talent, journey and their passion for music. I'm a big fan of the initiative and truly appreciate the opportunity for these artists to meet industry reps face to face."

We look forward to following this cohort's journey over the coming months and celebrating their achievements at graduation in December.



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Opportunities like this are at the heart of what MMAD is all about. Giving young people direct access to the industry, the professionals who shape it, and the inspiration to believe they belong in it. We're incredibly grateful to Sony Music for opening their doors and making this day so meaningful for our STARS."

Dominic Brook, CEO, MMAD



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF IMPACT WITH YOUTH OFF THE STREETS



This year, Sony Foundation is proud to celebrate 25 years of partnership with **Youth Off The Streets**, supporting disadvantaged young Australians through vital youth initiatives, including mental health services and scholarships. Reflecting on this significant milestone, Youth Off The Streets CEO **Judy Barraclough** shared:

"For 25 years, Sony Foundation has been a valued partner in helping disadvantaged young Australians build a positive future. By supporting our schools, scholarships and outreach services, they've created opportunities for young people to overcome significant challenges and achieve their goals. On behalf of Youth Off The Streets, our thanks go to Sony



Foundation for their commitment, generosity and belief in our work. We're thrilled to see what we can continue to achieve together."

As part of the partnership, Sony Foundation has also supported the revitalisation of the Youth Off The Streets food van (now the Outreach van), a critical outreach service providing practical support to vulnerable young

people in Sydney. The upgraded van will be redeployed across Southwest and Western Sydney, helping deliver essential outreach services to those who need them most.

To learn more about the Youth Off The Streets outreach van and the organisation's work, get in touch:
info@sonyfoundation.org.au



Strengthening the future of Holiday Camps

In June, Sony Foundation welcomed more than 40 representatives from across its Holiday Camp network to the annual Sony Foundation Camp Conference, hosted by Toowoomba Grammar School.

Bringing together volunteer school staff, doctors, nurses and camp advocates, the two-day conference focused on collaboration, knowledge sharing and strengthening the future of the Holiday Camp program.

A highlight was an inspiring keynote from Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, who reflected on his journey to becoming Queensland's first quadriplegic medical graduate and intern, as well as his experience volunteering at Bond University's Sony Foundation Holiday Camp.

Attendees also took part in water safety training, interactive workshops and planning sessions, while celebrating the 20-year milestone of Toowoomba Grammar School's Sony Foundation Holiday Camp, in partnership with The Glennie School and Fairholme College. Thank you to GOLD Records for creating a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion.

Sony Foundation Corporate Partner Optus also generously gifted every Holiday Camp with a tablet to help modernise camp administration.

On receiving the tablets from Optus, Sally Yabsley-Bell from Kinross Wolaroi School, said: "Thank you so much for the tablets. I think that'll be an awesome way for our nurses to be able to keep track of



our students when we go off site and be able to keep all of the information together in one place. Thank you so much!"

SHOUT OUT to Sony Australia for generously gifting every Camp Conference attendee with a Sony speaker as a token of appreciation for their ongoing support of Sony Foundation and the Holiday Camp program.

Thank you to Toowoomba Grammar School for hosting this year's conference, and to everyone who continues to make Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp program possible.

STUDENTS IN DARWIN AND MACKAY STEP UP TO DELIVER RESPITE AND JOY

Ahead of the June school holidays, senior students from Haileybury Rendall School in Darwin and Whitsunday Anglican School in Mackay stepped up as the full-time carers for 28 children with disability, providing respite, care and joy to families in the Northern Territory and Queensland through Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp program.

Now in its 27th year, Sony Foundation will deliver 21 Holiday Camps across Australia and New Zealand, partnering with schools and universities and supported by more than 1,600 student volunteers.

We look forward to seeing the remaining camps take place later in the year, creating countless more unforgettable memories for everyone involved.

“Volunteering for Sony Camp was truly an amazing experience. Seeing the joy on the kid's faces and being able to create beautiful memories is something I will cherish forever.”

Laasya, Year 12 Student Companion from Haileybury Rendall School.



SONY COMPANIES RALLY BEHIND HOLIDAY CAMPS

A GOAT-worthy result for Sony Foundation Holiday Camps



Sony Pictures Releasing's nationwide GOAT charity screening campaign on 1 March, raised vital funds and awareness for Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp program.

Held ahead of the film's official release, the special advance screenings invited Australians to enjoy the highly anticipated animated comedy GOAT for just \$10, while supporting a cause that has been making a difference for families of children with disability for 27 years.

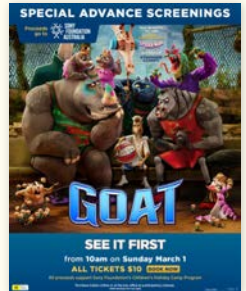
Every ticket made a difference, with all proceeds from ticket sales – totalling \$131,004 – donated to Sony Foundation's

Holiday Camp program. The campaign was further amplified through the support of Sony Pictures Releasing and Sony Foundation's Media Partners helping extend its reach and impact.

Sony Foundation Board Director and Executive Vice-President – Managing Director, Sony Pictures Releasing, **Stephen Basil-Jones** said: “The GOAT charity screening campaign highlights just one of the many ways members of the Sony family can come together and create lasting impact for young Australians and their families. We are incredibly grateful to

our media partners whose generosity and commitment helped amplify this campaign, contributing more than \$1 million in donated media value and helping raise vital funds for the Holiday Camp program.”

The success of this campaign demonstrates the power of entertainment, partnership and community support in helping ensure more Australian families can access this critical service.



A huge SHOUT OUT to Sony Pictures Releasing for their continued support in facilitating the annual charity screenings and helping create unforgettable experiences for children with disability across Australia.



From PlayStation History to Real-World Impact for NZ Families

In March, Sony Foundation partnered with **Sony Interactive Entertainment New Zealand** to auction a rare 30th Anniversary Limited Edition PS5 Pro Console Bundle, with all proceeds supporting Sony Foundation New Zealand's Holiday Camp program.

Featuring throwback design elements and a legacy colour scheme inspired by the original PlayStation console, the special edition item proved popular amongst PlayStation fans, ultimately selling for \$5,850.

“At PlayStation New Zealand, we're proud to support Sony Foundation and the incredible work they do for young

people and their families. It's rewarding to play a small part in initiatives like the Holiday Camp program, helping create meaningful experiences for young people while bringing the wider Sony family together around a shared purpose.” – **Krister Robinson**, Head of Marketing, Sony Interactive Entertainment New Zealand

SHOUT OUT to Sony Interactive Entertainment New Zealand for turning a rare collector's item into real impact for New Zealand families of children with disability.

SONY AUSTRALIA TEES OFF FOR HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sony Australia hosted its inaugural Kando Charity Golf Day at Shortees Golf earlier this year, bringing together staff, partners and ambassadors for a day of friendly competition out on the course in support of Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp program.

The day also welcomed Sony Foundation Board Director and Managing Director of Sony Australia and New Zealand, **Tom Hamaguchi**,

who attended in support of the initiative and drew the raffle prize winners.

Sony Foundation CEO, **Sophie Ryan-McPhee**, had the honour of sharing an address with guests, highlighting the ongoing impact of the Holiday Camp program and the difference it continues to make for children with disability and their families across Australia.

A massive SHOUT OUT to Sony Australia for hosting the event and to all participants for their generosity and support on the day.



Tom Hamaguchi, Sony Foundation Board Director and Managing Director of Sony Australia and New Zealand.



Sophie Ryan-McPhee addressing guests.



Sony Australia Team.

Out & About

with our Celebrity Ambassadors and Supporters

Ahead of this year's 'River4Ward' fundraising event in Melbourne, Sony Foundation welcomed long-time Media Partner **NOVA Entertainment** to Sony Foundation's **You Can Centre at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre** for a special pizza lunch with young patients and their families.

NOVA's Melbourne breakfast team – **Jase Hawkins, Lauren Phillips and Clint Stanaway** – joined the **SuperNovas** to spend the afternoon meeting patients, sharing stories and bringing plenty of smiles to the You Can Centre. The visit also reunited the team with River4Ward 2025 Champion **Aidyn Clements**, who attended with her husband and three children, and provided an opportunity to meet River4Ward 2026 Champion **Remy Grogan** ahead of her inspiring address at the event the following day.

For both Aidyn and Remy, Sony Foundation's You Can Centre at Peter Mac played an important role throughout their cancer treatment, offering a welcoming space away from the clinical environment.

Reflecting on what the Centre means to young people, Remy said: *"The You Can Centre creates a space for youth to relax or connect with others that's just for them and that alone tells us the hospital recognises us as not nearly adults but still kids going through something tough."*

Also joining the visit was former cancer survivor and former Carlton Football Club captain **Sam Docherty**, who shared his own experience with cancer. Members of

NOVA visit marks 10 years of the You Can Centre at Peter Mac



Sony Foundation's Media and Corporate partner network were also invited to tour the Centre, seeing firsthand the difference it makes to the lives of young Australians facing cancer.

For Lauren Phillips, one moment from the visit perfectly captured the impact of the Centre. *"We were hanging out with Jackson who was completely bedridden last year and unable to walk. And one of the volunteers came in with a therapy dog and I watched Jackson run across the room which 12 months ago he couldn't have imagined doing. Seeing that is really special and it's testimony to the resilience these kids have."*

Jase Hawkins added: *"I don't think you can underestimate the power of this place. In the heart of a hospital it's a total escape for these patients."*

The visit came at a particularly significant time, with the You Can Centre at Peter Mac celebrating 10 years since opening its doors in 2016. As the second You Can Centre established in Sony Foundation's national network, it has supported thousands of young Australians throughout their cancer treatment by

providing a dedicated space to connect with peers, continue their education and access specialist support.

Reflecting on the You Can Centre's remarkable milestone, **Professor Jason Payne, CEO of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre**, said:

"Sony Foundation's You Can Centre at Peter Mac has had a profound impact on thousands of young people and their families and friends. For 10 years now, it has provided a dedicated space within the hospital for young people to study, access specialist support, and to relax and connect with loved ones... We look forward to continuing to work with Sony Foundation to further develop targeted, age-appropriate care that helps create brighter futures for young people affected by cancer."

Sony Foundation extends its sincere thanks to the incredible team at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, whose partnership and dedication have helped create a welcoming space where young people can find connection and comfort throughout their treatment journey.

Australian Idol visits You Can Centre for a morning of music and connection



Earlier this year, Sony Foundation's You Can Centre at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse came alive with music, connection and creativity as special guests from Australian Idol's Top 6 visited young people from Sony Foundation's 'You Can' youth cancer network for a memorable meet-and-greet and music session.

The morning brought together artists and young patients in a shared space built for expression and escape, where conversation quickly turned into collaboration through a mutual love of music and its power to carry people through difficult times.

The highlight of the visit unfolded in the You Can Centre's dedicated music room, a fully equipped studio powered by state-of-the-art Sony technology, designed to give young people undergoing cancer treatment a creative outlet away from the hospital ward environment.

In an uplifting jam session, Australian Idols Kesha Nevé, Kalani Artis, Jacinta Guirguis and Harlan Goode led the group through well-loved tracks from Crowded House and Taylor Swift, while youth cancer advocates Sophia Noelle and Jireh Pualilo shared original performances shaped by their own cancer journeys. Their songwriting offered powerful moments of honesty, resilience and self-expression, underscoring the importance of creative spaces in healing.

Kalani Artis reflected on the experience of visiting the You Can Centre and also performing at one of Sony Foundation's 4Ward events this year, saying:

"I felt so privileged to not only perform at the River4Ward event but also hear and see more of the amazing work the [You Can] Centre does for young cancer patients undergoing treatment. Their positivity even under their circumstances is really humbling and puts life into perspective, but one thing I know and can offer is that music

can also be part of the healing process and I was honoured to be a part of that for the event and also ongoing." Kalani Artis, Australian Idol 2026 Finalist.

The session showcased Sony Foundation's You Can Centre in action: a dedicated space within adult hospitals for young people aged 15–25 to rest, connect and create in an environment built around their unique needs.



Idols leading a jam session in the You Can Centre music room.

SHOUT OUT to Australian Idol for helping deliver a truly special morning of music, connection and joy for these incredible young people.

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Match Day Magic for Holiday Camp Families



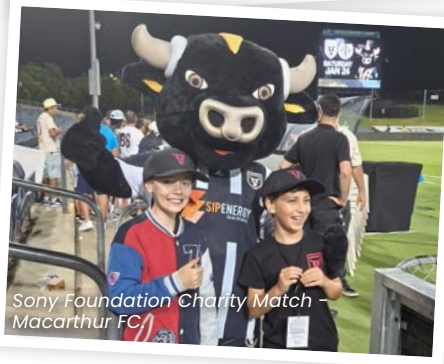
In January, Sony Foundation's Corporate Partner, **Macarthur FC**, welcomed several Holiday Camp families to attend the annual Sony Foundation Charity Cup at Campbelltown Stadium and an exclusive Macarthur Bulls training session.

The Bulls proudly wore their exclusive 2025/26 Sony Foundation Charity Cup jerseys, with signed, player-worn guernseys auctioned to raise funds for Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp program.

A special thank you to Macarthur FC for their ongoing support and for creating such a memorable weekend for our Sony Foundation Holiday Camp families.



Sony Foundation Charity Match – Macarthur FC.



Sony Foundation Charity Match – Macarthur FC.

Driving change for young Australians with cancer



Sony Foundation was proud to once again be the beneficiary of the annual You Can Golf Days in Sydney and Melbourne, hosted by **Raj Nanra**, CEO of **SLE Worldwide Australia**.

Established by Raj in memory of his son Sachin, the events unite the insurance industry in support of Sony Foundation's national youth cancer initiative, **You Can**.

At the Sydney event, Youth Cancer Services representative **Cath O'Dwyer** spoke about the impact of the You Can Stay program on regional families.

Cath said, "Access to safe accommodation close to treatment greatly reduces emotional and financial stress, helping families stay together during some of their most difficult times."

Together, the Sydney and Melbourne events raised more than \$55,000 to help deliver essential youth cancer services across Australia. Our sincere thanks to Raj and SLE Worldwide for their ongoing support.



Raj Nanra, CEO, SLE Worldwide.

BRINGING COMFORT THROUGH YOU CAN ANGELS varian

Sony Foundation's **You Can Angels** initiative brings together our incredible Media and Corporate Partners to provide thoughtful care packages for young cancer patients checking into Quest Apartment Hotels accommodation through You Can Stay. For many years, Sony Foundation Corporate Partner **Varian** has generously created bespoke care packages, filled with practical items, comfort and heartfelt messages of encouragement to help brighten a difficult time for young patients and their families.

Reflecting on the initiative, the Varian team shared: "We truly value our involvement with the Sony Foundation You Can Angels program. Our team takes pride in preparing each pack and including messages of encouragement



Charlee with her You Can Angels package.

for patients who need it most. Many of our employees even get their families involved, making it a shared experience that really puts things into perspective. It's a simple act, but one that helps make someone's journey just a little bit brighter during their cancer treatment."

A heartfelt thank you to Varian for their ongoing support of this special initiative.

A Showdown to Remember

Following Adelaide4Ward 2025, **Pro AV Solutions** generously invited You Can Champion **Adam Slattery** and his family to attend the Adelaide Showdown after successfully bidding on a corporate box experience kindly donated by **News Corp Australia**.

Knowing how much the experience would mean to him, Pro AV Solutions invited Adam, a passionate Port Adelaide supporter and his family to enjoy the highly anticipated clash between Port Adelaide and the Adelaide Crows.

Travelling from Broken Hill to Adelaide, the family enjoyed an unforgettable evening together, including taking part in the Guard of Honour and meeting players from both clubs at half-time.

"We were delighted to donate our corporate suite. Seeing Pro AV Australia

win the bid and use the Port vs. Crows game to host Adam, was truly heartwarming. It's a wonderful reflection of the community spirit we love to support."

– **News Corp Australia.**

"We had a special night sharing the AFL Showdown experience with Adam and his family. It was a special night and I encourage all businesses to support Sony Foundation events. If you are fortunate like our team with Crestron, you'll get to meet great people like Adam and his family, and be part of creating special memories because that's where the greatest impact can be made."

– **Pro AV Solutions.**

"Football has always been an important part of my life up until it was taken away by my Leukemia diagnosis. Football also helped in my recovery as I went through



Adam Slattery with Port Adelaide players.

various stages of being able to see the lights flash at Adelaide Oval when a goal was scored from my hospital room to meeting the Port team the week before my Stem Cell Transplant in June 2024. Living remotely, the ongoing assistance provided by Sony Foundation to attend events such as the showdown game cannot be overstated."

– **Adam Slattery.**

SAM'S STORY: TURNING EXPERIENCE INTO IMPACT

Behind every 4Ward event is a dedicated team of volunteers helping bring the day to life. For **Sam Burge** from Sony Foundation Media Partner **oOh!media**, volunteering at Wharf4Ward 2026 was an opportunity to turn her own cancer experience into meaningful impact. *"Having been through my own cancer diagnosis, I'm always looking for ways to use my volunteer days to give back in this space. When the opportunity came up to support an event raising funds for "home away from home"*

accommodation for young people aged 15–29 undergoing cancer treatment, and their families, getting involved was an easy decision. Spending the day selling raffle tickets and assisting with the live auction was incredibly rewarding, and seeing a record-breaking \$1.665 million raised was a powerful reminder of what can happen when people come together for a meaningful cause."



L-R: Joel Brown, Sam Burge, oOh!media.

If you're interested in joining our volunteer team for future 4Ward events, please get in touch at: info@sonyfoundation.org.au

Sony Foundation team laces up for a cause close to their hearts

Sony Foundation's National Events & Sponsorship Manager **Grace Quinn** and Communications Officer **Bella McKenzie** took on Sydney's HOKA Half Marathon to raise funds for Sony Foundation's Holiday Camp Program.

Inspired by the impact the camps have on children with disability and their

families, the pair raised \$2,498, cheered on by friends and family.

On the experience, Bella said, "Once you witness a Sony Foundation Holiday Camp in action, you quickly realise just how extraordinary the program truly is. Running alongside Grace in support of a program we help deliver every day made the experience even more meaningful."



L-R: Grace Quinn, Bella McKenzie, Sony Foundation.

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