

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **QANTAS CREDIT UNION GIVES SUPPORT TO SHINE for KIDS**

A leading credit union has responded to a call by **SHINE for Kids** for greater corporate support, with a contribution to the organisation.

The chair of **SHINE for Kids**, Ms Helen Wiseman, said that she was delighted that Qantas Credit Union had contributed \$5,000 to the organisation for use on its programs and resources.

**SHINE for Kids** is dedicated to helping the children of parents who are sent to prison.

“We are very appreciative of any corporate support and I want to thank Qantas Credit Union for its generous contribution,” Ms Wiseman said.

“The business world has a vested interest in putting an end to intergenerational offending.

“When a parent is sent to prison, these children suffer terribly—and it’s through no fault of their own.

“In the longer term, these kids do not meet their potential and are at high risk of themselves committing offences.”

The Chief Executive Officer of Qantas Credit Union, Mr Scott King, said that contributing to **SHINE for Kids** made good corporate and social sense.

“These children are not just caught up in a terrible personal tragedy but intergenerational offending comes at a real economic cost to Australian society,” he said.

“So anything corporations can do to help these kids is not just crucial on a personal level but good for the economic health of the nation.

“We are very pleased to give this organisation our support,” Mr King said.

The Chief Executive Officer of **SHINE for Kids**, Ms Gloria Larman, said that there were currently more than 40,000 such children across Australia and that much of the **SHINE for Kids**’ funding came from governments.

“We are delighted when corporations like Qantas Credit Union step up to the mark and help us in our work with these children,” she said.

“It is in the financial interest of business and the Australian economy that these kids be encouraged to succeed in life.”

For three decades **SHINE for Kids**, a non-profit organisation supported by governments and other benefactors and stakeholders, has worked with and for young Australians affected by family member involvement in the criminal justice system. The organisation has supported them, helped create hope and inspired them to reach their potential.

In NSW, **SHINE for Kids** centres are located at Silverwater, Parklea, Windsor, Kariong, Bathurst, Cessnock, Wellington, Junee and Kempsey. In Victoria, there is an office at Footscray and programs operating at Lara (Barwon) and Ravenhall. There is also a program operating in Canberra at the Alexander Maconochie facility.

More information on **SHINE for Kids** can be found at [www.shineforkids.org.au](http://www.shineforkids.org.au)

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