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HILLS SHIRE CLUBGRANTS SUPPORTS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS IN HILLS LGA

A selection of programs by SHINE for Kids, a not-for-profit supporting children of prisoners, has received \$10,000 of funding from the Castle Hill RSL through Hills Shire ClubGRANTS.

This funding will give 30 Hills LGA children full access to a series of proven, established SHINE for Kids programs collectively known as 'Connecting Kids'. They are:

- **Child/Parent Activity Days** – SHINE for Kids runs extended visiting days with facilitated activities for inmates and their children
- **Story Time Program** – the incarcerated parent is recorded reading their child's favourite story, so the child can be comforted and consoled by hearing their parent's voice at home
- **Children's Supported Transport Service** – SHINE for Kids transports and accompanies children with no other way of visiting their imprisoned parent
- **Child and Family Centres** – in close proximity to prisons, the Centres provide qualified childcare in a safe, non-judgmental and supportive environment

"Connecting Kids' is a multi-faceted cohort of programs designed to promote the wellbeing and resilience of children with a parent in prison," said SHINE for Kids CEO Gloria Larman, today. "It's about putting the children first, regardless of what their parents may have done, and preserving the bond with their parent that is so vital to the child's future happiness."

"We at SHINE for Kids are extremely grateful to Castle Hill RSL, and also to ClubGRANTS for their continued support over the years," added Ms Larman. "It has boosted the life outcomes, both immediately and in the long term, for many of society's most disadvantaged children."

"Castle Hill RSL is very proud to support the life changing work of SHINE with the children of prisoners," said Mr Warren Glenny, President of Castle Hill RSL Group. "Children are our future and we need to provide them every opportunity to live safe and happy lives."

ABOUT SHINE FOR KIDS

For over three decades **SHINE for Kids**, 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.

In NSW, **SHINE for Kids** centres are located at Silverwater, Parklea, Windsor, Bathurst, Goulburn, Cessnock, Wellington, Junee, Nowra and Kempsey, with programs also run for inmates at Long Bay, Frank Baxter JJC in Kariong and Acmena JJC in Grafton.

In Victoria, there is an office at Footscray and programs operating at Barwon Prison, Metropolitan Remand Centre and Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. In ACT programs operate at the Alexander Maconochie Centre and Bimberi JJC. In Queensland programs are currently run in Townsville CC.

MORE INFORMATION

SHINE for Kids	http://www.shineforkids.org.au
Child/Parent Activity Days	http://shineforkids.org.au/child-parent-activity-days
'Story Time' Program	http://shineforkids.org.au/story-time-program/
Children's Supported Transport Service	http://shineforkids.org.au/childrens-supported-transport-service/
Child and Family Centres	http://shineforkids.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/child-and-family-centres/

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