

**P.V.A. Working With The Kookaburra Kids Foundation  
Supporting Children of Australian Defence Force Members**



The Government through the Department of Veterans' Affairs is providing \$2.1 million over two years to the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation to develop and evaluate a program for the children of serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members who have been affected by mental illness due to military service.

Since 2002, Kookaburra Kids has been delivering recreational and educational camp programs and activities for 8 to 18 year olds who have a parent with a mental illness. It provides age-appropriate mental health education focusing on coping skills and resilience, while allowing children to bond with peers who are facing similar challenges.

The pilot ADF program will start mid-year in NSW and ACT replicating the good work the existing program has been delivering in New South Wales, with enhancements where necessary to support the unique needs of the Defence and ex-serving community. NT and QLD will follow over the two year period.

The program will be open to children, aged 8 – 18 years, who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of their military service. The program is free for eligible children to attend.

To find out more about the program or to register a child go to [www.kookaburrakids.org.au](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au) or call head office on (02) 9525 7474 during business hours (AEST).

Kookaburra Kids looks forward to working with the Partners of Veterans Association of Australia (P.V.A.) and other ADF organisations and services to support the Australian Defence Force community

**See following for more information on this free program  
and for upcoming ADF 2017 Program Dates.**

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**Kookaburra Kids**  
Foundation

**FREE  
PROGRAM**

# KOOKABURRA KIDS PROGRAM FOR SERVING AND EX-SERVING ADF FAMILIES

The Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation supports kids living in families affected by mental illness. The program provides free recreational, educational camps and other activities, giving kids a break in a fun, positive and safe environment. Kids have the opportunity to meet other kids in similar families and develop new friendships.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children, aged 8-18 years, who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of their military service.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Kookaburra Kids' programs are FREE for all eligible children.

## HOW DO YOU REFER A CHILD?

Anyone can refer a child to the program either online at [www.kookaburrakids.org.au](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au) or by filling in an application form and returning it to:  
Post: Kookaburra Kids, PO BOX 681, Gymea, NSW 2059  
Fax: (02) 9531 1571  
Email: [info@kookaburrakids.org.au](mailto:info@kookaburrakids.org.au)

## CONTACT US FOR A CHAT

For more information please call (02) 9525 7474 and ask for the Program Team. They will be delighted to chat about how we can help and work with each other more closely.

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## UPCOMING ADF

### 2017 NSW PROGRAM DATES

May - Activity Day (Date TBA)

16-18 June - Primary School Camp

July - Activity Day (Date TBA)

28-30 July - High School Camp

11-13 August - Primary School Camp

August - Activity Day (Date TBA)

September - Activity Day (TBA)

October - Activity Day (TBA)

December - Family Party

WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

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