



Newsletter

June 2025

We celebrate our 1st anniversary

June 3 marked 12 months since the Just 4 Kids Paediatric Dental Program assisted with our first patient. Since then, we have assisted with, either dental or hospital costs of 20 children, therefore relieving the financial burden of 20 families.

These patients have ranged in age from 3 to 15 years of age, from Airlie Beach, Gladstone and Rockhampton to Monto and Toowoomba, Sunshine and Gold Coast, Brisbane and even one little girl from Perth. We have covered planned treatment, urgent treatment as the result of immediate trauma and hospital costs, sometimes at an hour's notice.

Primary Teeth

There is a general thought that primary (baby) teeth are not worth spending money on, as they're going to eventually fall out. However, primary molar teeth remain in use until a child is 12-14 years old. Primary teeth also play important roles in facial development and in a child's speech, their ability to eat and to guide permanent teeth into the correct position. A healthy smile also promotes confidence and better mental health.

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We are working with six paediatric dental specialists whose patients are very grateful for the assistance the charity has provided.

“Just 4 Kids is an incredible charity that has made a profound difference in the lives of our patients. By funding urgent paediatric dental treatments, they’ve provided critical care for children who otherwise might not have access to it.

We’ve seen first-hand how their support transforms smiles and changes lives, and we are deeply grateful for the invaluable help they offer to families in need,” said Dr Tim Keys, Children’s Dental Centre Minyama.

Our mission is to bridge the gap for those who fall between public waiting lists and private treatment costs, so that no child suffers unnecessarily due to financial barriers.

During our Qld Regional Silo Tour in April, the participants were joined in Monto by the Vao family, whose son Meziah was one of the children our Paediatric Dental Program helped. Mum Courtney made herself very vulnerable by explaining to our group (and then her local newspaper) why they needed the financial assistance of the charity.

“We applied for a payment plan, credit card and bank loan and we didn’t qualify for anything. The dental practice then mentioned the charity and I just burst into tears at the thought there was possibly some help. After writing a small letter to the charity, I received a phone call from the dental practice saying Just 4 Kids would help and that the dental practice would heavily discount the balance of the treatment,” said Courtney. Meziah had seven teeth removed, along with space maintainers and stainless-steel crowns inserted.



15-year-old Harlin is another case Just 4 Kids assisted with after he had a wakeboarding accident and knocked a permanent top front tooth clean out a week before school went back in January. This emergency treatment was out of the financial reach of his mum as she had not worked for over 12 months while being treated for breast cancer.

Crissi, the practice manager from Bolsover Dental in Rockhampton sent this lovely message: “We’d like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible team at Just4Kids for stepping in at the very last minute to support one of our young patients recently. When little Frankie’s much-needed dental procedure under general anaesthetic was on the verge of cancellation due to financial barriers, Joanne went above and beyond to make sure it went ahead. Thanks to this support, Frankie is now out of pain and back to enjoying the things every child should—without the burden of toothache. The phone call to her parents, letting them know she would get the treatment she needed, was deeply emotional for them and for our staff—who felt, just for a moment, like Oprah delivering life-changing news. To all the generous supporters of Just4Kids, please know that your donations truly change lives. You made a real and lasting difference to one little girl and her family, and for that, we are so grateful.”

Through this support, Just 4 Kids is not just funding dental work – we’re helping to restore childhoods, reduce parental stress and create healthier futures.



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So how can you help children like Meziah and Harlin or Ari, Siena, Noah, Frankie and the other kids?

Visit our website - just4kids.org.au – find our beautiful tooth-fairy and make your donation. Whether it be a one-off donation or if your generosity stretches to becoming an on-going supporter, you can be sure that this money goes to children in need.



We thank you in advance for your support. All donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

GENEROUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As the song says ‘From little things, big things grow’.... From a chat with a gent at work about sausage sizzles and the charity, to three donations over the past 5 months totalling \$10 000 from the Morayfield Masonic Lodge, the charity and our Paediatric Dental Program has benefited.

“We received a donation prior to Christmas of \$2000 which another part of the Freemasons was to match but they doubled it to \$4000 and then in April, Tony and I attended the Lodge at their invitation to be presented with another \$4000. It’s amazing to receive that support,” said Joanne Gardiner, charity secretary.

Tony and Joanne attended a Lodge meeting late April to be presented with a big cheque by their Grand Master, Nathan Loughnan.

We can’t thank the Lodge enough for the generous support and belief in the charity and our dental program.

During December, we were also recipients of a donation from MIC - Maxillofacial & Implant Centre, Birtinya. Founders of MIC, Dr Ian Young and Dr Jim McGown, and their staff make a couple of charitable donations each year and we thrilled to receive \$5000 from them.

For several years, Just 4 Kids has also received donations from Cooroy RSL with us putting last year’s \$1000 towards a new defibrillator. This year’s kind donation will be presented to our vice-president/catering manager Trevor, late July.

While donations of cash such as the above are welcome and assist with the purchase of necessary equipment and servicing of our vehicles, we’d also like to acknowledge Autoglass Caboolture, who have given us very generous discounts when having the windscreens replaced on both of the charity’s vehicles and to Austrack Campers for the donation of a stand-up paddleboard, valued at \$500, for the auction held on the silo trip.





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OH WHAT A TRIP!

Oh, where does one start when talking about our Queensland Regional Silo Tour?! Well, I'll keep this short ...

From the worry that not all our participants would make the start of the trip due to the highway being cut, to the dinners we had with special guests, our barefoot bowls afternoon, the school visit, a riverboat cruise to water crossings, roads being cut and the route changed along the way, fun was had by all.

We hosted special dinners in Monto with the Vao family; Goondiwindi with Mayor Lawrence Springborg, Jess, Aaron and family with members from Care Goondiwindi and David Tait and his wife from Tait Toyota but our favourite dinner was in Thallon where we hosted our Op Shop Frock Up. Based on the Thallon Progress Association's 'Grazing at the Watering Hole' (the title of the painted silo) long table dinner, most people got dressed up including our catering team, who put on a delicious spread in the middle of a campground with no facilities. During this dinner, Faye Weber conducted a wedding vow renewal for Judy and Rod Damrow who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this December.

During this trip, we were joined by Banana Shire Mayor, Nev Ferrier and Cr Ashley Jensen for our barefoot bowls afternoon in Biloela and Mayor Samantha O'Toole and Cr Robyn Fuhrmeister from the Balonne Shire for our cruise on the Balonne River. For something a little different, dinner was cooked and served on the riverbank following the cruise. This was a lovely evening watching the sunset over the water. Thanks to Sandytown River Cruise for their donation to the charity following our boat trip.

We visited Prospect Creek State School just outside Biloela and had a delightful time with the students, learning about their school and the work they had been doing during Term 1. As we had both catering vehicles at the school, the students were interested in seeing them and were rewarded with a bit of silly nonsense by Chef Trev and an ice-cream which should have been our dessert!

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A big thanks to everyone who attended; to Hayley and the Resinc Uber; to Trevor for his culinary delights and to Henk and Danielle who stepped in last minute to drive C2 and who worked their butts off assisting Trevor. As usual, the meals were a highlight but it was the silly nonsense and friendship that really made the trip.





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SOLAR SYSTEM SURPRISE

One of the most rewarding things we did on our Silo Tour was to host Jess Bell and Aaron Atkins from Yelarbon and their four children to dinner when we were in Goondiwindi.

Jess and Aaron were the recipients of a free, fully installed 6.6kW solar system, donated by Resinc Solar in conjunction with Just 4 Kids and installed by Phoenix Energy of Goondiwindi.

Resinc Solar has a strong work ethic and belief in 'social enterprise' which is giving back to the community. Hayley Fabe, who works for Resinc and attended the Silo Tour, spoke to the owner of Resinc, Leigh Storr, who offered to donate a solar system to a family in need, working on the same premise as Just 4 Kids of helping kids (families) in need.

With the assistance of Care Goondiwindi, Jess and Aaron were identified as worthy recipients and offered this gift which they accepted. It was installed in time for Just 4 Kids visit to Goondiwindi in April.

Resinc Solar has continued to support Just 4 Kids by offering rebates to us when people purchase an Alpha Black Bee Battery or a solar system and mention the charity. We are also running a 'reverse raffle' at our sausage sizzles where people are scanning a QR code to win either a solar system, a 10kW battery or Resinc will pay your power bill for 12 months. For every scan of this code, Just 4 Kids receives \$10. This raffle will be drawn during our Kalbar Campout in October. You are welcome to scan this QR code to enter the draw.

We'd like to thank Hayley for her belief in Just 4 Kids and convincing her boss to support us also!

Charity president Tony, Hayley from Resinc with Jess, Aaron and their kids and Joanne from Just 4 Kids





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Positive Publicity



Just 4 Kids has been the focus in several newspaper articles in recent months, especially during the Silo Tour.

An article appeared in the North Burnett News in late April with a special focus on the charity and its dental program, especially little Mezhia from Monto. As mentioned earlier, mum Courtney made herself very vulnerable speaking about how they came to need the charity's financial assistance.

We made the front page of The Goondiwindi Argus in relation to the solar system given to a Yelarbon family (see article about Resinc Solar) and this was included in Goondiwindi Mayor, Lawrence Springborg's newsletter. Both had photos of Just 4 Kids.

The final bit of publicity J4K received while on the Silo Tour was at Thallon. Not only did our special dinner make their local newsletter but there is footage of some of our participant and camping set-up in a promotional video about this little town. There are three quick snippets but it's definitely J4K.

JUST 4 KIDS

Inspired by the Thallon Progress Association's 'Grazing at the Water Hole', Just 4 Kids Children's Charity hosted their own event with the theme Op Shop Frock Up at McGeever Reserve on April 8th.

From photos on a red carpet with the silos in the background to delicious food served by catering manager Trevor Read and his team, to a 50th wedding anniversary vow renewal, the night was a hit!

Just 4 Kids Children's Charity was on their annual Tag-along tour, visiting Painted Silos, water tanks, and towers, raising money for their Paediatric Dental Program. To learn more, visit their website: <https://just4kids.org.au/>

The final newspaper article made the Somerset News Sentinel and featured an article regarding the Moryfield Masonic Lodge's generosity with a great photo of Tony, Joanne and Nathan.

All publicity is good publicity ... so the saying goes! And this publicity has been great.

Do you want to contribute to your community but not sure where to start? TPA would happily connect you to a group or a project. Email - thallonprogress@gmail.com

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Magic of Mother's Day PAGE 7

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Smiles shine

By Sarah Maughly

Every face once again for a Victorian family of six, who visited a 4th of July event, hosted by the local community...

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Kaloma's election wishlist

Kaloma Home for the Aged Care chief executive officer and director of nursing, Lisa Smith, has outlined her wishlist for the local council...

Texas Foodworks tastes win

Three Foodworks has done it again - winning the Queensland and Western Australia Australian United Nations (AUN) award for excellence in food service...

Masonic lodge brings smiles

Freemasons donate \$10,000 to Just 4 Kids

In a strong show of community support, the Moryfield Freemasons Lodge 95 donated a total of \$10,000 to Just 4 Kids, a local charity that helps children with disabilities across Australia access vital dental care.

At their meeting on April 24, Worshipful Master Nathan Loughnan presented the cheque to Just 4 Kids president, Tony Gardiner, and secretary, Joanne Gardiner.

The presentation marked the final instalment in a generous fundraising effort carried out by the Lodge over recent months.

The donation will support children not only in the Moryfield and Caboolture region, but nationwide, significantly boosted by the charity Hand Heart Pocket, which matched the total contribution with an additional \$4,000.

Inspired by the support and the cause, Moryfield Lodge members went on to raise a further \$4,000, bringing the



Worshipful Master Nathan Loughnan presenting cheque to Just 4 Kids president, Tony Gardiner, and secretary, Joanne Gardiner.

New playground fun for Moryfield kids

FAMILIES in Moryfield can look forward to a brand-new playground, with City of Moreton Bay announcing a \$1.9 million investment in four new parks across the council area - including one in Moryfield.

The playground, to be built on Crowe Road, is part of a broader initiative to enhance open spaces in Deception Bay, Griffin and Moryfield.

The new playgrounds will each be designed to provide modern equipment, green space, and inclusive features for families to enjoy.

Construction is expected to begin mid-2025 and wrap up by the end of the year, pending weather and other delays.

Division 12 Councillor, Tony Latta, said the project reflects the community's needs and values.

"Our parks reflect the character and identity of our neighbourhoods, and I'm proud to be delivering new spaces that encourage outdoor activity and support the health and wellbeing of our growing community," he said.

"This new playground will help meet the needs of many local families in an area by offering play equipment to suit young children through to school age."

Mayor Peter Flannery said the investment is part of the city's plan to improve livability as the population grows.

"Our City is experiencing significant growth, so we are committed to delivering more parks and open spaces that support healthy, active lifestyles and create places for families to spend quality time together," he said.

"Every new park is an investment in our City's livability and another step towards meeting the needs of our current residents as well as supporting future growth."

"We want to make it easier for locals to access great parks and playgrounds close to home, wherever they live in Moreton Bay."



Artist impression of Riverview Parkway park in Griffin, similar to one to build in Moryfield.

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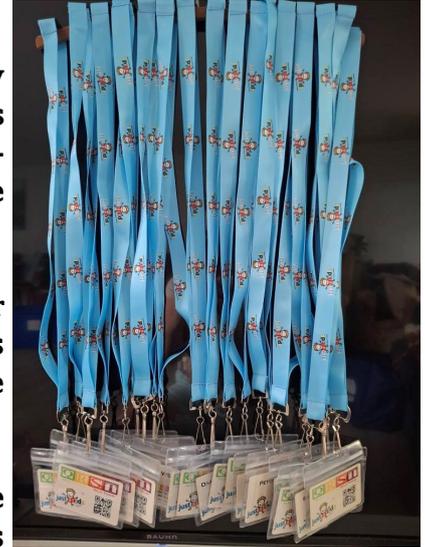
LET'S TELL THE WORLD WHO WE ARE

Promoting Just 4 Kids in whatever way we can has become important to the current committee as how do people know who you are if you're not telling them?

With that in mind, we put in an application to the Moreton Bay City Council Discretionary Fund late June 2024 for a Just 4 Kids personalized marquee. Local Dayboro Councillor, Darren Grimwade, was instrumental in assisting with this application and the 6m x 3m marquee made its debut at the Rainbow Run.

It has since been used on the Silo Trip and the Waraba Sunflower Festival in Cambooya. The plan is to purchase another one, this time a 3m x 3m with two printed walls with funding from the Cooroy RSL.

Inline with self promotion, the participants in the Silo Tour were presented with a tote bags, lanyards, notepads, pens and keyrings all with the Just 4 Kids logo on them.



The Just 4 Kids Catering Division was officially launched at the Warraba Sunflower Festival, Cambooya late May.

Although the motortrails have been catered for years, and we're doing our sausage sizzles, this was a special weekend festival and we were the only food vendor. Not only did we provide great food but also set up several tables and chairs for patrons to enjoy their meals at which really impressed the owners of the sunflower farm.

During the quieter times on the Saturday, we did enjoy watching the 4WDs slip and slide in the mud. Sunday was a bright sunny day and our usual volunteers, along with Hayley from Resinc, worked hard. President Tony would like to see the Catering Division cater small bespoke function but that is discussion to be had with the catering manager!!

Catering Division





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Feeding the Hoards

Just 4 Kids is lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers who run sausage sizzles on a regular basis.

Bunnings Lawnton has welcomed us on several occasions as, not only do we get offered our own date, but we are also high on their list of short-notice fill-ins when a group drops out. From one date in the first quarter this year, we ended up doing three plus Easter Monday at Bunnings Brendale. As we're no longer permitted to have Trevor dress up as a tooth fairy at Bunnings, Judy made us a beautiful tooth fairy from a Christmas elf who sits near the cash register. Another of our creative ladies, Shirley, has made us some tooth fairy bunting which we hang under the marquee. Both have proved popular with adults and kids alike.

To assist covering the administration costs of the charity, we have also been holding sausage sizzles at Kings 4WD Supacentre, Brendale fortnightly. Here, we offer patrons a 'J4K special' – a sausage sizzle with bacon and cheese. These are so tasty and popular and so too are the hamburgers we have on the menu.

Occasionally, a short notice Bunnings has coincided with a Kings day so we split the group and call in some extra volunteers. Thanks to Clare, Dale, Lilly, Hayley and Denzel for stepping in. A Bunnings sausage sizzle was completely a new thing for Denzel from South Africa. Not only was it his first time seeing a Bunnings sausage sizzle, but he also got to work at it! A popular addition to both venues, are our 'conversation' chairs. Four chairs we put out for patrons to sit on to enjoy their food. We have had some amazing conversations with people including a fellow who had recently located his birth family.





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Colour Explosion

There was a beautiful explosion of colour in Dayboro late September and while numbers were smaller than hoped for, the enthusiasm for our first colour run was high!

J4K's Rainbow Run, was financially supported by several Dayboro businesses, each sponsoring a colour or two and there is plenty left for another event, maybe early 2026.

Thanks to Dynamic Autocare, Lyhart Fencing & Fabrication, Elise Thomson (Your Place Mortgage Brokers), Darrtam Print Solutions and Emma Paterson for their support. Some of our sponsors even joined us at the event to throw their 'colour'.





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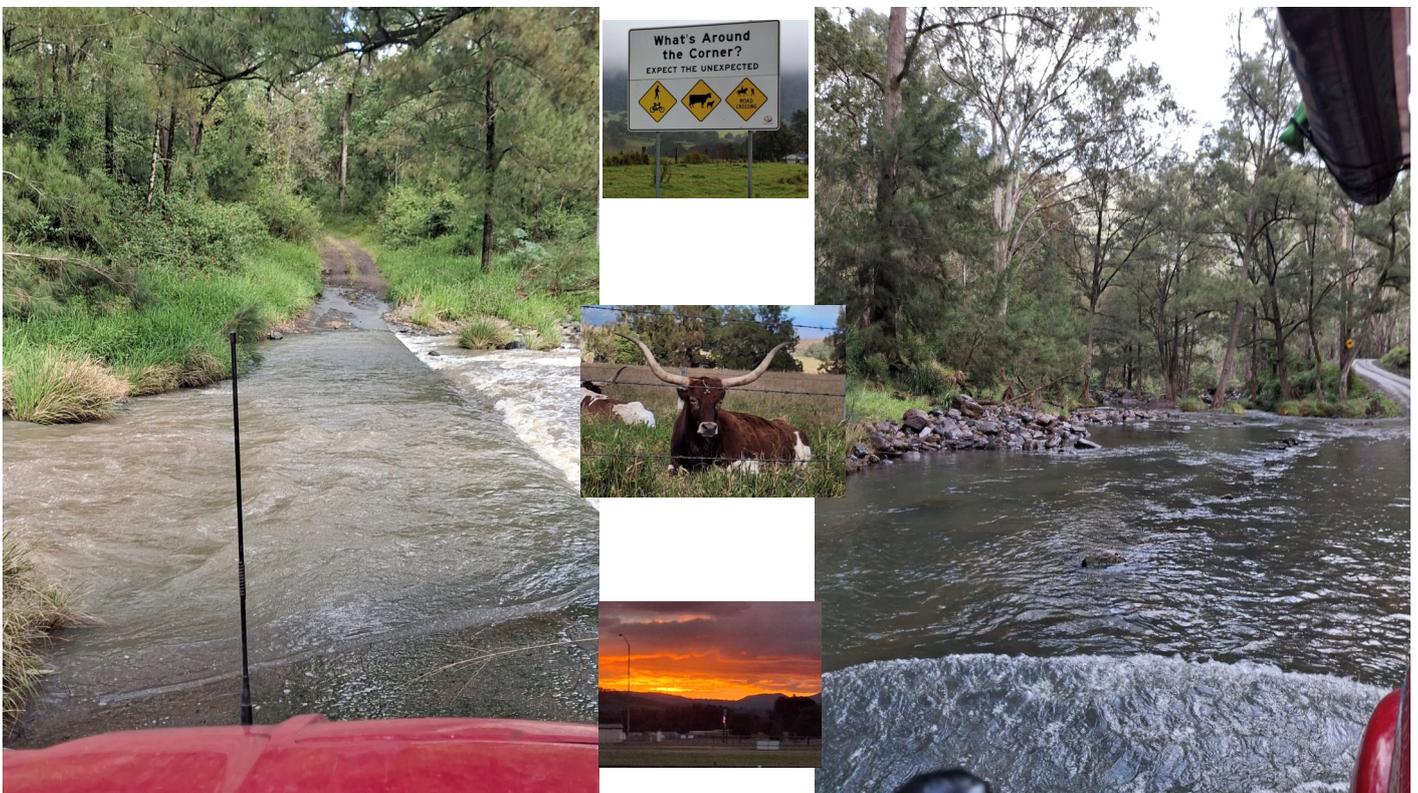
KALBAR CAMPOUT



Many people own 4WDs that never see water, mud or sand. If this is you, we have a solution. Join Just 4 Kids over the long weekend in October (Friday 3 to Monday 6) and get your vehicle wet and muddy.

Basing ourselves at the Kalbar Showgrounds from Friday night, we will hold two one-day trips including the 12 river crossings of the Condamine River. This three day event will include a long table dinner on the Saturday night and a big screen showing of the NRL final on Sunday night.

If you're interested in joining us, please send a message via our website <https://just4kids.org.au/>



Thank You for your interest in Just 4 Kids and for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We hope this inspires you to become involved with the charity, either as an active member or a regular donor or BOTH!

At the AGM last December, the previous executive was re-elected unopposed. President is Tony Gardiner, vice-president/catering manager is Trevor Read, Ellen Dunk is treasurer and Joanne Gardiner, secretary. They are working hard and cohesively, with the other financial members of the charity, to bring awareness of Just 4 Kids to the greater public while making a difference in the lives of children through our dental program.

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