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## OFFICEWORKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE APPEAL SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES AROUND AUSTRALIA

This June, Officeworks is hosting its annual Make a Difference Appeal to raise money for local causes across Australia. This year's appeal will focus on supporting charities that enable children to learn, create and connect for a sustainable future.

Sixteen local community organisations selected by Officeworks store team members to be supported in this year's appeal based on what felt most relevant to their local communities:

- [CaringKids](#) delivers support and resources to young carers across Australia.
- [Kids Giving Back](#) provides volunteer opportunities for kids.
- [Creating Chances](#) offers programs to help kids explore personal development and more.
- [The Backpack Venture](#) provides school essentials to students in rural communities.
- [Life Education](#) educates Australian students to help them make healthy and safe choices.
- [Stationery Aid](#) supports disadvantaged school students through reusing and recycling stationery.
- [Speak Up! Stay Chatty](#) seeks to reduce stigma around mental health conversations.
- [Kids 4 Kids Foundation](#) supports families in need by providing essential resources.
- [OzChild](#) provides programs and support for children and young people in foster and kinship care.
- [Backpacks 4 VIC Kids](#) provides resources and material aid to displaced children in crisis.
- [Kids Under Cover](#) helps young people at risk of homelessness.
- [Les Twentyman Foundation](#) supports at-risk youth to make their futures brighter.
- [My Room Children's Cancer Charity](#) provides support to young cancer patients and their families.
- [Treasure Boxes](#) donates essential resources to disadvantaged children.
- [Waalitj Foundation](#) provides education, employment and business opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.
- [Give Write](#) recycles pre-loved stationery and donates to students in need.

Now in its seventh year, the Make a Difference Appeal is held as part of Officeworks' People & Planet Positive Plan commitments to make a positive difference in the communities it operates. Last year's appeal raised more than \$950,000 for 15 charities across Australia.

Officeworks Managing Director Sarah Hunter said: "At Officeworks, we want to help make bigger things happen for our community, and each year our Make a Difference Appeal provides an opportunity for us to spotlight the important work of local organisations that are close to our hearts. The fundraising efforts of our customers and teams this June will help to ensure that these organisations can continue their important work within their local communities and help make a positive difference to the lives of children by enabling them to learn, create and connect."

For the month of June, Officeworks customers are encouraged to donate to the appeal at the check-out in store or online to support their local charity.

To find out more or make a donation visit [www.officeworks.com.au/makeadifferenceappeal](http://www.officeworks.com.au/makeadifferenceappeal)

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**ABOUT OFFICEWORKS**

Established in 1994 in Richmond, Victoria, Officeworks is committed to making bigger things happen for its customers, team, the community and stakeholders. It operates 171 stores across Australia, a website that is home to more than 40,000 products, a national call centre, and a business team that helps micro, small and medium-sized businesses start, run and grow and Australians to work, learn, create and connect.

Officeworks offers customers a wide range of office supplies, technology, furniture, art supplies, education resources and helpful services like print & copy and on-site and remote tech support through Geeks2U – delivering an experience that is easy and engaging, no matter how customers choose to shop.

Officeworks is focused on the safety, wellbeing and career progression of the more than 9,000 team members it employs. It's also dedicated to operating in a sustainable manner, including building and maintaining meaningful connections with the communities in which it operates, fundraising for its national partners and local community groups, continuing to reduce its impact on the environment and source responsibly.