

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# C4K MOTORCYCLE RALLY GEARS UP TO BRING BETTER SUPPORT FOR KIDS IN CARE

Friday, 11 March, will see corporate volunteers shed their suits for three days of motorcycle leathers, clocking up thousands of kilometres in the 17th annual motorcycle rally geared to raise funds to improve the lives of at risk and disadvantaged children and young people including those in out-of-home-care (i.e. foster, residential or kinship care).

The Corners for Kids (C4K) annual rally is a road trip of 20 motorcycle devotee's to support projects for children like CREATE Foundation's work with young people growing up in out-of-home care (i.e. foster, kinship or residential care). Read more about CREATE Foundation and CREATE's projects via [www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au)




*"On behalf of over 43,000 children and young people removed from their parents, living in care today due to neglect or abuse, CREATE is sincerely grateful for the support of the C4K riders and their families who are bringing their energy and passion to raise much needed funds,"* said CREATE Foundation, Chief Executive, Ms Jacqui Reed.

The three day rally (11-13 March) covers two and a half thousand kilometres through NSW regional town centres, starting in Wollongong, heading to Jindabyne and then via Narooma to finish:

Friday, 11 March	Depart Wollongong for Bungendore, then Jindabyne
Saturday, 12 March	Adaminaby, Cabramurra, Khancoban and return to Jindabyne
Sunday, 13 March	Dalgety, Candelo, Nimmitabel and end the day at Narooma
Monday, 14 March	homeward bound

According to long-term rally participant Robert Swinton *"The rally is a great opportunity raise awareness and funds for CREATE Foundation. Many of us have kids of our own and we'd like to help give those in out-of-home care the best possible chances in life too. It's also a change to dust off the cobwebs and get out into the great NSW country."*

Get involved, make a difference to the lives of kids in care by donating via the fundraising page here: <https://www.givematcher.com.au/corners-4-kids-2016>



CREATE Foundation is the national peak consumer body representing the voices of children and young people with an out-of-home care experience (including kinship care, foster care and residential care). CREATE is also one of a handful of organisations globally and the only one of its kind in Australia expressly established to advocate on behalf of children and young people in care. CREATE Foundation relies on community support for its projects. [www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au) or visit us on Facebook.

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### **Background information:**

Corners for Kids (C4K) is an annual fundraising motorcycle rally where professionals from the financial services industry and motorcycling devotees come together to raise funds for children's charities. In the past 16 years C4K has provided over \$700,000 dollars to support young people at risk.

CREATE Foundation regularly consults with young people and through this consultation in 2009 revealed a truthful yet somewhat bleak portrait of the reduced life outcomes experienced by children and young people growing up in the care system. The [Report Card](#) revealed that if you've been in out of home care, you are more likely to be **undereducated, unemployed, to earn less, become a parent at a younger age, be involved in the juvenile justice system, become homeless and be dependent on social assistance.**

- 35% are homeless in the first year of leaving care
- 46% of boys are involved in the juvenile justice system
- 35% completed Year 12 (compared to that of the general population)
- 29% are unemployed (compared to the national average which is 9.7%)
- 28% were already parents themselves

Data source: McDowall, J. J. (2009). *Transitioning from care (CREATE Report Card 2009)*. Sydney: CREATE Foundation.

CREATE's 2013 Report Card revealed:

- 36% of children and young people are split from their brothers and sisters in care
- 31% attend 3 or more primary schools and have greater rates of suspension
- 35% have 5 or more caseworkers during their time in care
- 67% are not aware of any official leaving care plan

Data source: McDowall, J. J. (2013). *Experiencing out-of-home care in Australia: The views of children and young people (CREATE Report Card 2013)*. Sydney: CREATE Foundation.

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