

# NEWS

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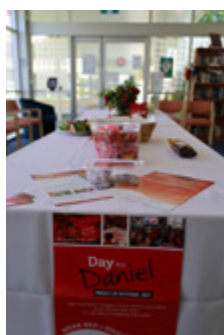
Day for Daniel  
Keeping kids safe!

## Best Day For Daniel Ever!

This year, we had our highest number of registrations yet with **5,558 schools and early learning centres** educating students about improving their personal safety. Australia-wide, this important, empowering message reached an extraordinary **15 million people!**

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### Message from Bruce and Denise

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation has delivered an almighty child safety event. Day for Daniel now dominates the national stage with record participation and media interest. From humble beginnings to the success it is today, it is a credit to all the supporters and backers who have worked hard to keep Aussie kids safe but also to honour Daniel and ensure his legacy lives on.



# Walk for Daniel, proudly supported by BOQ Maroochydore



It was wonderful to share Walk for Daniel again with our community this year.

Over 1,400 locals dressed in red and walked the 4km route from Suncoast Christian College in Woombye to Briggs Park in Palmwoods, honouring Daniel's memory and launching Day for Daniel around the country.

We were joined by: Minister for Children and Youth Justice, the Hon. Leanne Linard MP; Member for Fairfax, the Hon. Ted O'Brien; Queensland Police Service Commissioner, Katarina Carroll APM; Daniel Morcombe Foundation Patron, Kay McGrath OAM; our ambassadors and board members. We are also thankful to the fantastic volunteers who joined us from TAFE QLD, Sunshine Coast Council, Rapid Relief Team and the Woombye-Palmwoods Lions Club.

A big thank you to Nicholas, his family and the team at BOQ Maroochydore for their continued support of the Foundation and their help to make the day another great success.



## My Walk for Daniel

The Walk for Daniel is now accessible wherever you are in Australia!

We were so proud of our supporters around the country who used our My Walk for Daniel to honour Daniel and keep kids safe. 40 individuals, 22 teams and 18 families registered for My Walk for Daniel, walking and raising funds in the lead up to Day for Daniel. A big congratulations to our top individual fundraiser **Lynda Meikle from WA** and our top team fundraiser **7 Peaks for Daniel from QLD**. We appreciate everyone who participated for fundraising and walking; it enables us to keep providing free resources to children around the country. Watch this space for more chances to get involved in 2022!



## School visits

It has been a busy term for school visits, with Bruce and Denise visiting North Queensland. Students from St Francis Xavier Mackay, St Joseph's Mackay, Freshwater State School, MacKillop Catholic College, Emmanuel College, and St Anne's Sarina were amongst a long list of schools that warmly welcomed the Morcombes' this term as they travelled across the State delivering their important school safety message.



## Bravehearts

The Foundation was thrilled to welcome Bravehearts' CEO Alison Geale, and Director of Therapeutic Services, Dr Deirdre Thompson to Daniel House in September.



The Daniel Morcombe Foundation acknowledge the tremendous work Bravehearts does in providing advice and support to those affected by child sexual assault.

They are true child safety champions. We hope that in the near future, both organisations can stand side-by-side and build a united platform to keep kids safe.

Photo (L to R): Tracey McAsey, Dr Deirdre Thompson, Alison Geale, Denise and Bruce Morcombe

## Queensland Shadow Minister for Child Protection

Thank you to Andrew Powell MP and Amanda Camm MP, the Shadow Minister for Child Protection, who joined us at Daniel House in October. We were delighted to share an overview of the Foundation's great work and we look forward to welcoming you back!

Photo (L to R) Tracey McAsey, Andrew Powell MP and Amanda Camm MP

## Have a chat about child safety

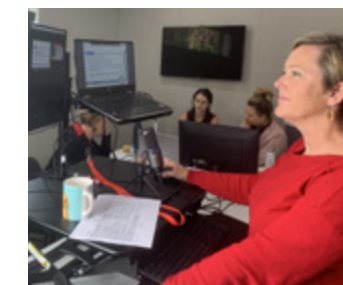
This year's Day for Daniel resource is our new Child Safety Chatterbox.

We know that child safety isn't a set and forget conversation; rather, it is something we build on in everyday moments. The chatterbox is a conversation starter that can get children talking to their safety network about their personal safety. It is a great way to support children to learn to recognise, react and report. Download it now at [www.danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe-resources/fun-activities/](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe-resources/fun-activities/)



## Changing Futures

It has been a remarkable second year for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Changing Futures project. The project aims to increase the awareness, confidence and competence of frontline professionals to identify and respond to harmful sexual behaviour exhibited by children and young people.



This year, the Foundation hosted a range of interactive online and face to face workshops, State and Territory specific forums, and webinars across Australia. We were proud to partner with and incorporate the expertise of therapeutic leaders, experts and research scholars in the area of harmful sexual behaviour and build great professional networks.

Ensuring that help and advice on typical sexual development and harmful sexual behaviour is available for parents and carers will be a key focus for the program going forward. With a parent and carer specific webinar held in December, we have already started this crucial and valuable work.

We look forward to 2022 being another great opportunity to continue to develop Australia's child safety awareness and keep important conversations progressing.

## Welcome Karen Andrews



On 21 September, we were delighted to welcome the Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon. Karen Andrews to Daniel House.

Now two-thirds of the way through our innovative Changing Futures program, we were proud to share details of the incredible progress with her firsthand. The Minister was keen to learn more about the early intervention program, which supports professionals to respond to pre-teen children who display harmful sexual behaviour.

Photo (L to R): Hon Karen Andrews MP, Hon Andrew Wallace MP, Ted O'Brien MP, Nikki Holmes, Tracey McAsey, Bruce Morcombe and Denise Morcombe





## Millsy's Pop up Restaurant



With the vehicle service centre sparkling clean, the DMF team, along with 150 Sunshine Coast locals, joined Brett Mills and his team from Ken Mills Toyota, as this year's Millsy's Pop Up Restaurant beneficiary. And what a night it was!

The bidding started and quickly escalated with auction items snapped up, balloons popped, and pledges made, with a total of **\$120,000** raised. Thank you to all those who supported us – a night to remember where we are truly so grateful. All monies raised are going towards an exciting new projects in 2022.

## High Five Club - Member Spotlight

Impact Office Supplies joined our High Five Club in 2020.

As Australia's leading independent office supply store, they are proud to offer online office supplies in Australia to everyone from mum and dad businesses right up to large organisations. Be sure to visit their stores – especially with the end of year school lists. Visit [www.ios.net.au](http://www.ios.net.au) to purchase next year's office supplies.

## Gold! With thanks to Dean Boxall

We were so lucky to have Olympic swimming coach Dean Boxall (coach to Ariarne Titmus) visit to celebrate the Foundation receiving \$50,000!

Dean nominated the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in Gold104.3's charity competition, run by the Christian O'Connell show. Thanks to Dean's nomination and the public's votes, we took out the Gold! Bruce, Denise and all the Foundation staff were so grateful to meet Dean and share with him details of the important child safety projects this will fund.



**Banjos** raised **\$8,479.50**, for every large coffee at participating stores, 50 cents were donated back to the Foundation. Now that's a lot of coffee!

## Sunshine Mitre 10 gala event

Over the years, the Sunshine Mitre10 community have reliably supported the Foundation with auction items, donations and community spirit.

This year DMF was chosen as the Sunshine Mitre10 Partner in Building Conference Charity of Choice. A total of **\$28,500** was raised, supporting the Foundations primary objective, keeping kids safe. Thank you to all those who attended and generously outbid each other and donated.



## Suds up!

**Bowden's Own, premium car care company approached the Foundation with a no-strings-attached idea.**

The team really just wanted to support the Foundation, keeping kids safe. For every Snow Good product sold direct from the Bowden's website, **\$10** is donated back to the Foundation. We say, happy car washing!



**Domino's Sunshine Coast** franchisees banded together, on Day for Daniel, with head office matching dollar for dollar, raising a total of **\$11,524**. Friday night pizzas for the win!

**Sunshine Coast Hotels** raised a huge **\$8,167** at this year's Melbourne Cup Lunch. We loved the frocks, fillies and fancy food! Thank you to all those generous guests!

## Christmas message

This year make the most of your time with family and friends over Christmas. Keep strong and we look forward to a positive and prosperous 2022! Have a wonderful break, from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

# Coming up

19 March 2022 Dance for Daniel