

COMMUNITY NEWS

Virgin Australia aims to make a difference, and is proud to partner with a range of community groups. Here's the latest.



Help at Hand

Virgin Australia is helping community partner CARE Australia prepare for cyclone season.

Staff members from Virgin Australia have been fundraising to help stock emergency relief items in CARE Australia's warehouse, provided by the Australian Government.

The airline has been supporting CARE's Disaster Response Depot to raise funds for vital items including shelter materials, sanitation kits and blankets. In February, shelter kits from the Australian warehouse were sent to Tonga to help people whose homes were destroyed by Cyclone Gita.

Since the partnership between Virgin Australia and CARE Australia began, the airline has assisted in efforts to help communities recover from various natural disasters, including 2015's Cyclone Pam, which struck Vanuatu, and 2016's Cyclone Winston, which battered Fiji.

For more information, visit www.care.org.au.



TAKING OFF Starlight helps a young pilot get his wings.

Seven-year-old Yug's Starlight Wish was granted when his bedroom was converted into an aeroplane.

Virgin Australia, as the official Wishgranting Partner of the Starlight Children's Foundation, fitted out Yug's room to look like an aircraft's cabin, with flight deck controls and an exit door. Yug was also given a pilot's uniform, crew bag and an aircraft playset.

Starlight brightens the lives of seriously ill children with a range of programs and events.

For more information and to volunteer or donate, visit www.starlight.org.au.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

Bravery Trust: Supporting those who serve.

Virgin Australia continues to support Bravery Trust, a charity that provides financial relief to serving and ex-serving military members and their families who have suffered illness or injury as a result of their service.

Former soldiers Paul Warren (below left) and Phillip Thompson, Bravery Trust Ambassador (right) were both seriously wounded in action in Afghanistan. Bravery Trust helped Warren after he transitioned out of the military.

"The assistance from Bravery Trust came at a crucial time, relieving the financial burden until I was able to find employment," says Warren.

For more information and to donate, visit www.braverytrust.org.au or call 1300 652 103.



REMOTE ACCESS

Free video counselling for expectant and new parents in regional and rural areas launched.

Gidget Foundation Australia has launched its Start Talking program, which provides video counselling for expectant and new parents suffering from perinatal depression and anxiety.

The service is conducted via a video call platform with a specialist perinatal psychologist and available nationally with referral from a GP.

Virgin Australia and the Gidget Foundation recognise the need to support parents in regional, rural and remote locations. The Start Talking program affords clinical psychological treatment to those with limited access.

Visit shop.velocityfrequentflyer.com/award/detail/gidget-foundation-australia-25-donation/54237 or call 1300 851 758.

OUR PLEDGE

Virgin Australia is a proud Australian airline. Our strategy is to strengthen our community partnerships to be a force for good in society. We play a powerful role in bringing ideas and people together to make a difference. We're focused on serving the community and the national interest in innovative ways. We remain passionate about supporting the next generation of Australians. Through our longstanding partnerships with AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) and Starlight Children's Foundation, we are maintaining our focus on youth in hardship.