



YOUR JOURNEY OUR MISSION



Your local club



5,957

Passengers Transported

355

Families Helped

2,561

Journeys Completed

2,707,573

Kilometres Travelled In
The Air And On The
Ground

CATCHING UP WITH CLARE

I joined Little Wings late in 2019, and since then I have seen regional communities in NSW suffer through the most difficult of times. From the bush fires to the COVID pandemic, Little Wings has continued to service families, despite the tight government restrictions in place.

Our focus shifted to those in the greatest need whom required intensive treatment on a consistent, routine basis. Our commitment has been, and always will be, to support families during their darkest hours. Whilst these unprecedented times were trying, we stayed true to our mission, as no family with young children should ever feel unsupported. We received incredible support from our community, government and corporate partners. Together, we have been able to continue to support families and ensure the survival of our small, yet critical service.

I would like to personally thank each of you, for contributions, of any size, advice and kind words; reinforcing that the the spirit of Little Wings burns bright and our heart beats strong.



ON THE RADAR

Earlier this year, we welcomed St.George Bank - one of Australia's leading Retail and Business Banking Brands - into the Little Wings family as major partner. The partnership has provided much needed stability to existing families and allowed Little Wings to safely navigate our way through a difficult year. They shone a light in our darkest hour, with the global pandemic crippling our funding, which could of meant the closure of our humble not for profit. More so we are so grateful for their generosity which allows Little Wings to assist an additional 83 families a year for the next two years. Here is what their General Manager Ross Miller had to say:

"Regional NSW has been hard hit by so much devastation over the past six months, they need all the support they can at this time to navigate the financial impacts of that on their communities. We are deeply committed to helping them recover, just as we did during the bush fires, and now to navigate the complexities of COVID-19. Long-term partnerships such as this one will help to ensure community organisations that support our most vulnerable can keep their doors open. Our financial support means that from their humble hangar in Bankstown, Little Wings can now take to the skies again and continue to fulfill the crucial role in the lives of over a hundred families across the state, and they are in desperate need of this service right now."



LITTLE WINGS

FAMILY MATTERS

You can't help but be filled with warmth looking at sweet little Nell. At 36 weeks gestation she was diagnosed with a heart defect, and upon further testing, Down Syndrome. The emotional toll did not end there for her family, as she was then taken to Sydney where a large hole in the centre of her heart was discovered. From this point on the family lived away from home for five months at Ronald McDonald house with their 2 and 4 year old children. Nell encountered a virus and pneumonia 3 times in her constant transfers between hospitals, and a vision and hearing problem which required surgery. She had heart failure on Christmas Eve requiring open heart surgery. She is a true fighter, defying all the odds. Little Wings is so proud to have supported Nell and her family on this unimaginably difficult journey. Today, Nell is doing well, requiring on going medical attention, but the apple of her parent's eye and much loved by her older brothers. Her mother Sarah had this to say:

"Little Wings is a service which has provided us with a lifeline. Nell does not walk yet and can be quite difficult to carry for prolonged periods of travel. With Little Wings picking us up and transferring us to appointments and flying us home means we are together as a family and without the stress of navigating the big city.

Little Wings allowed me to be with my eldest on his first day at school this year, whilst my husband took my place with Nell. I knew he was in great hands as the team delivered them to appointments and brought them home within the day. The experience in itself of meeting these pilots and staff is quite overwhelming. They are truly the unsung heroes. Sometimes thank you doesn't feel like enough."



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FAST FACTS



Little Wings continue to maintain high levels of hygiene and implement new strategies to ensure we remain COVID safe. This has included working closely with referring hospitals to provide smooth transitions and innovative programs to prevent regional transmissions and to protect families and our team.



We are excited to announce that we have been named finalists in the Bankstown Local Business Awards & Australian Small Business Awards. We are really proud to have been recognised amongst our peers for the delivery of quality services and look forward to future announcements. Thank you to all that voted, we appreciate the love.

In March we warmly welcomed our third Baron to the fleet, allowing to expand on the number of families we support. This aircraft was generously donated by the Australian Federal Government, supported by Michael McCormack and David Coleman. Both of whom have a focus on supporting families, and particularly those stemming from regional areas, firmly understanding the unique challenges that come with caring for a sick child in regional and rural locations. Helping Little Wings soar!



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