



Media Release

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Join Greg in skydiving for the Good Friday appeal

On Good Friday I will be joining Canopies for Kids to raise funds and support sick kids from the Royal Children's Hospital.

Skydivers will form a spectacle above Tooradin Airfield as 100 people throw themselves out of planes at 10,000ft to fall at 200km/h back to earth.

Each jumper, including myself, will be accompanied by a teddy bear, which will then be donated to a child at the Royal Children's Hospital to help them on their journey to better health.

The Australian Parachute Association and Commando Skydivers are encouraging participants to strap a brave Dropbear Teddy to their chest and join a trained instructor for the jump of a lifetime, supporting the Good Friday Appeal and making the life of children a little brighter.

In a true celebration of life, each brave teddy will travel straight from the sky, safely to the ground and then into the arms of a child of the RCH, accompanied with a message of hope and goodwill from the skydiver.

Collectively, jumpers are aiming to raise \$20,000 to support kids from the RCH.

This is a terrific cause and one that I am delighted to support. As a father, I empathise with anyone who has a child needing care at the Royal Children's Hospital and hope these bears will provide comfort to children in their time of need.

Whether you are keen to skydive or would prefer to spectate, I encourage you to come down and take part in the excitement at Tooradin Airfield.

There will be face painting and other activities for children and the Easter Bunny will even be making an appearance.

Limited places are still available for skydivers to take part on the day. Register at www.canopiesforkids.com.au or make a donation to those already taking the plunge. For more information on the event, contact Gary Tayler on 0409 526 379.

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