



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**NATIONAL CARERS WEEK 2021**

This week we honour more than 2.6 million Australians who provide care to a loved one — an ageing parent, a child with a disability, a sick relative, a friend or neighbour in need.

National Carers Week shines a light on the often unseen, unpaid, unsung sacrifices that are made by carers for people they love.

The late Fred Hollows said:

*'We discover our own humanity when we help others.'*

I see this in Australians every day.

Seeing the inherent dignity of all human beings is the foundation of morality and true community. It makes us more capable of love and compassion, of selflessness and forgiveness, and fosters our sense of shared humanity.

Carers make extraordinary sacrifices for others. In so doing, they strengthen the bonds of family and community and remind us of the best in humanity.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been extra tough on our carers. Providing home-based care during a lockdown can feel particularly isolating. I thank all of our carers for their tremendous work and generosity during these difficult times.

This week is a reminder for us all to look out for our carers when we can — offering a few hours' respite, a home-cooked meal, an extra pair of hands or a listening ear.

Let's care for our carers this National Carers Week, and every week.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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