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## Join Carers NSW for an evening with The Sunnyboy!

To mark the launch of the Mental Health Respite: Carer Support Program in the Hunter region, Carers NSW is holding an evening of education, film and music featuring a viewing of The Sunnyboy.

The event to be held on 28 November at Tower Cinemas in Newcastle, will feature talks by The Sunnyboy documentary director, Kaye Harrison, and Associate Professor Carmel Loughland, a leading researcher on schizophrenia from the University of Newcastle.

The Sunnyboy is a documentary about the life of the band's singer songwriter Jeremy Oxley and his 30 year battle with schizophrenia, and is an inspiring story of hope and survival.

Carers NSW CEO Elena Katrakis said, "We're thrilled to be putting on this event, and launching the Carers NSW Mental Health Respite: Carer Support Program. Through this program we will be able to provide support services to carers of people with a mental illness in the Hunter Region."

"We've partnered with other local service providers for this event, to help increase the knowledge in the community about mental illness and the very positive role that carers play in the lives of people with mental illness."

"This event is a chance for people to learn about the services available for carers of people with a mental illness in the region, as well as enjoying an entertaining evening of music and film," Ms Katrakis said.

The event will also feature a special photography display of the Sunnyboys from the eighties and nineties by Catherine Croll, and a musical performance by Dog Act of the Sunnyboys hit single 'Alone with you.'

Anyone wanting to find out more about the Mental Health: Carer Respite Program can contact Carers NSW on 1800 242 636.

To find out more about The Sunnyboy event contact Jo Piggott at Carers NSW on 9289 4280.

**When:** 28 November, 6pm – 9.30pm

**Where:** Tower Cinemas, King St, Newcastle

**Cost:** \$10 tickets available from [www.stickytickets.com.au](http://www.stickytickets.com.au), carers receive free entry, contact 9289 4280 to secure tickets.