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RELEASE OF THE CROWN RESORTS FOUNDATION 2021 ANNUAL REVIEW

27 October 2021 – Over the past seven years, the Crown Resorts Foundation (the Foundation) has been providing opportunities and support to hundreds of thousands of Australians. To date, the Foundation has donated over **\$62 million** to hundreds of grant recipients from for-purpose organisations across Australia.

Today we proudly publish the Annual Review for the 2021 financial year which provides an overview of the programs the Foundation is supporting via the \$100 million National Philanthropic Fund and highlights the programs and work that has been undertaken over the past year.

The programs supported by the Foundation aim to assist in providing more opportunities for young people to engage with their education, the arts and culture, and partner with organisations that encourage and foster social cohesion.

This year, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions, the Foundation's partners have touched many lives, providing:

- **2 million hours** of educational programs for Indigenous students;
- **1,900 people** with a disability in creative learning programs;
- **17,000 hours** of teacher training in the arts delivered free of charge;
- **44,400 students** with over **865,000 hours** of creative learning programs; and
- **\$2.5 million** for the Channel 7 Kids Telethon.

All students in Australia should have access to quality education. We have made Indigenous education a priority and this year our partners delivered almost **2 million** program hours to over **3,500** Indigenous students. As well, over **110** teachers and community members will receive over **1,280** hours of specialised training.

COVID-19 has been devastating in disadvantaged communities. The difficulties posed by remote learning has been exacerbated by disadvantage. This will likely increase the education equity gap as students are not provided the stability offered from learning with their peers in classrooms and supported by teachers. As well, disengaged students are becoming more disconnected from their friends and communities.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, disruptions have meant that programs have had to be delivered virtually. This has raised the issue of digital access, content creation, safe spaces, and all the challenges that accompany lockdowns.

Bonnie Ashton, Crown Resorts Foundation – General Manager said;

"We are very proud of the outcomes our program partners are achieving across Australia. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, which are significantly exacerbated by disadvantage, our partners have found respectful and creative ways to ensure continuity for their students.

"We cannot thank them enough as they support the educational outcomes of so many otherwise marginalised members of our communities."

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