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AUSSIE YOUTH: JUST SIMPLY CHARITABLE, FRIENDLY AND PROUD

Young Australians are friendly to their neighbours, give to charity and are proud to be Australian, according to a survey of Australian 18-25 year olds released today by Just Car Insurance to coincide with National Youth Week*.

- **65% give to charity:**

Almost two-thirds of young Australians (65 per cent) have given to charity more than once in the last 12 months. This proportion is higher among women than men (73 per cent versus 56 per cent).

"The finding that the majority of young people have given to charity in the last 12 months is positive and demonstrates that Australian youth care about the society they live in and don't necessarily deserve the bad press they sometimes attract," said Andrew O'Hara, National Manager Just Car Insurance.

"Those with less are also giving more – the findings show 60 per cent of young people earning less than ten thousand dollars per annum, and 57 per cent of unemployed youth, have given to charity in the past 12 months – a testament to their commitment to worthy causes even though their income is lower than the average," said Mr O'Hara.

- **73% make the effort to get to know their neighbours:**

As well as giving to charity, it appears young Australians make a habit of getting to know their neighbours. Three-quarters of young people surveyed (73 per cent) have made the effort to get to know at least one of their neighbours.

"Australia has an international reputation as a friendly nation and it is deservedly so when you consider almost three-quarters of young people are part of this by, literally, starting in their own backyard," Mr O'Hara said.

- **78% say 'proud to be an Australian':**

The Just Car Insurance survey also shows that young Australians are patriotic and proud — more than three quarters of young people surveyed (78 per cent) say they are very proud of being Australian — this view is higher among women than men (81 per cent versus 75 per cent).

"Overall, 73 per cent of young Australians think Australia is the best place in the world to live — considering that 44 per cent of those surveyed said they have already travelled overseas without their family, it is a fairly informed and globally-experienced group," said Mr O'Hara.

"There are some things young people could improve on. For example, 52 per cent of young people nationally do not know the name of their local member of parliament.

* National survey of 1053 18-25 year olds conducted on behalf of Just Car Insurance by independent 3rd party, *amr interactive*

However, State and Territory premiers will be pleased with the results as young people seem to be more familiar with their State/Territory Premier — only 17 per cent don't know the name of their State/Territory Premier, with men slightly more informed than women (22 per cent of men compared with 13 per cent of women).”

Just Car Insurance specialises in insurance for young drivers and drivers being insured for the first time. Just Car Insurance is underwritten by AAMI, one of Australia's leading car and home insurance companies.

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