

Sparkies make Mother's Day for local mum

Electricians from Carrum Downs in Victoria celebrated Mother's Day by rewarding local mum Nicole MacKay for her commitment to helping children and ensuring they have access to a safe and caring environment.

The mother of two is also foster mum to five children and, for more than 30 years, has worked with OzChild,

welcoming vulnerable and at-risk children into her home. Nicole and her husband Ross are extremely passionate about keeping families together and are pleased they are able to do this with their current foster children being siblings aged from seven to 13 years.

Introduced to Nicole and Ross by OzChild, Laser Electrical Carrum Downs

owner David Gibson knew he wanted to find a way to help the family continue to make a difference with the children that they care for.

David and his team of electricians converged on the home, installing energy-efficient solutions designed to bring more light into the home and save money.

In addition to new lighting, ceiling fans and power points, a new switchboard will also be installed as well as connecting power to a bungalow located in the back yard. David has also teamed up with Laser Electrical Mount Evelyn to install solar panels, enabling greater long-term cost-efficient solutions for Nicole.

"Everybody is busy but as part of the local community our goal was give back to the families who have been going above and beyond, and to help them continue to do so," David said.

He has also been overwhelmed by the

support he has received from other businesses also wanting to help out as well.

"The support from our suppliers, contractors and fellow Laser Members has enabled this day to occur. The solar panels, lighting and switchboard have all been donated by businesses we deal with and, the people working on the project have all donated their time."

OzChild said the need for foster carers like Nicole and Ross in the Frankston area is urgent, with more than 80 children and young people needing to find a home in March. And this is just one of the reasons OzChild CEO Lisa Griffiths is appreciative of the assistance provided by David and his team.

"It's a wonderful commitment by David and his amazing team to want to undertake the work that will have Nicole and Ross' home looking like new," she said. ■

