Carers Victoria was out and about for National Carers Week 2019.

In collaboration with City of Melbourne and Switchboard Victoria, Carers Victoria celebrated the Melbourne launch of “Mr Velvet Ears”, a film about the difficult decision to send a loved one to an aged care facility and the joys that a support dog can bring in times of emotional distress. On the Thursday, carers mingled at Parliament House and had the chance to speak directly with Parliamentary Secretary for Carers, Anthony Carbines while enjoying a delicious morning tea. An exciting week was capped off by the Young Carers Festival at Scienceworks on Friday night, a Little Dreamers event supported by Carers Victoria. Young carers and their family members enjoyed the latest interactive exhibits at the museum and mingled with other young carers over dinner.

Carers Victoria also awarded 57 National Carers Week Activity Grants to Carer Support Groups across Victoria. This allowed the groups to celebrate National Carers Week by hosting an event of their choice. Events ranged from lunches to garden tours and wellness events.

Above // Members of Parliament and carers attended the special event at Parliament House in Melbourne.
Above // Carers gathered for a screening of Mr Velvet Ears in Melbourne.

Above // Carers enjoyed Ride Like a Girl in Devonport.

Above // Carers SA Port Augusta held a bbq lunch to celebrate National Carers Week and carer Cecil Scholar did the honours cutting the cake.

Above // Mr Velvet Ears screening in Melbourne.

Above // Staff at the Carers Victoria Footscray office gathered for afternoon tea.

Above // The Hon Minister Roger Jaensch MP launches Carers Week in Tasmania.

Above // Carers SA Western Metro held a Carers Week lunch at for 36 carers at the Tiros @ Regency restaurant.

Above // Carers SA Riverland hosted a thank you to carers lunch for approximately 20 carers in Berri.