

KOKODA YOUTH FOUNDATION

Changing Lives



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Courage Endurance Mateship Sacrifice



We are grateful for all the collective support and this year and everyone's commitment to the development of the Kokoda Kids and Youth Programs.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

We successfully ran four local Kokoda Challenge Youth Programs for 2019: Brisbane, Logan, Gold Coast and Tweed Heads, with a total of 48 Kokoda Kids completing the first two phases and now working their way through the community service phase. We also ran a successful On the Right Track program which was funded by Accor.

In addition to this, during the year, and thanks to board member Ryan Martin who was instrumental in establishing this, we developed a relationship with Hawthorn Football Club. Hawthorn Football Club has a close association with Kokoda in Papua New Guinea, regularly sending players and officials over to walk the Kokoda Track. This relationship both enabled us to run a KCYP program in Melbourne, and importantly, gives us social media access to their membership. With this help getting the message out about the Kokoda Challenge Melbourne, we anticipate that there will be a significant increase in the number of participants in 2020 and in the coming years.

It was great to have Sally Ingram back on board in Melbourne. Sally has been involved as a volunteer running three previous KCYP and 3 OTRT programs in Melbourne. We were also delighted to have Oscar, a community engagement officer with Hawthorn, embedded in our Melbourne Youth Program. Oscar trained with the Melbourne team, completing both the

Melbourne Kokoda Challenge 48km event and walking the Kokoda track with them in October 2019.

Dann Hollingshed, our youth program manager, showed great commitment with very short notice, organising interviews and selecting twelve young Melbourne kids to be part of the 2019 Melbourne team.



The Gold Coast On the Right Track program was rolled out by Dann Hollingshed and Samantha Cornish, who both did an outstanding job. Ten young students who were at high risk of exiting the education system were selected and of these ten, seven of the kids completed the program, including walking the 48km Gold Coast event. They continued on to

complete the community service phase of the program and enjoyed a great night at their Graduation Dinner, watched on by some very proud parents.

CAMP KOKODA

Laura Skinner, director of Camp Kokoda, initiated our first open day which was a very successful day and a tribute to Laura and her team: Bec Hudson and the outdoor education instructors who volunteered their time for the day. We had 50 Kokoda Kids and parents helping on the day and raised \$6,000 for the drought relief fund which Laura presented to the Salvation Army. With the help of our volunteers and the local community stall holders it was a great day, and we anticipate that it will become an annual event.

Camp Kokoda hosted 31 schools across the year.

However unfortunately due to the high fire risk in the area 4 schools had to pull out.



EVENTS

Kelly McDonnell is very excited about 2020 and is doing an excellent job in the early planning stages. In 2019, Kelly, Bob Newman and Laura McGlone rolled out three very well co-ordinated and managed events, taking the opportunity each time to take on board feedback and use it to improve the next event. A 15km event will be added to the mix for the 2020. We hope this will attract a number of new participants to the Kokoda Challenge suite of events.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board presents to you for consideration two highly qualified potential board members:

David Gardner: David is a qualified accountant who sits on the board of a large, independent school. He is an excellent candidate to take over the role of Treasurer of the foundation. David is a long-time supporter and checkpoint captain at Checkpoint 9 for the past 3 years.



Mark Pierce: Mark is a Senior IT Manager who has been a volunteer with the Foundation since day one. Mark has already provided us with IT advice and support and will be a great addition to the Board, given his business and IT background.

The Board believes these two appointments will strengthen the Board and bring on some new ideas, as well as their vast professional experience.

MOVING FORWARD

The Kokoda Challenge Youth Programs are front of mind in everything we do. Therefore, 2020 will bring some changes to the Kokoda Youth Foundation in order to further support and impact our up and coming youth and ensure our long-term sustainability.

One of those changes involved us looking at the structure of the KYF, and what would present a workable model moving forward. As our department managers have operated largely independently for the last 14 months, the Board concluded that we are able to operate without a CEO and regrettably that role was made redundant. For now, the board believes we can move forward with our various department managers reporting directly to the Board, however, we may look to install an operations role in the future to have oversight of all operations.

In the meantime, Joy Staff has been working very closely with Matt over the past 14 months and will cover finance and administration needs moving forward.

We have also engaged a new contract Bookkeeper Janice Sinclair who is well known to the Foundation, her Bookkeeping office is located in Nerang providing professional services to the local community.



As well, each Board member has taken on specific responsibilities for an area of the organisation, providing visible support and mentoring to staff working in those areas. We believe this will ensure that the Board stays well informed and will enhance their ability to make clear and constructive decisions.



Over the years we have been prudent with our expenditure, which has left us in a reasonably strong financial position with reserves invested with NAB. However, 2020 year is going to present some significant financial challenges: drought and bushfires may impact our fundraising. Our immediate focus is on increasing registrations, encouraging fundraising and seeking new ways to support the Kokoda Youth Programs and to that end have engaged additional support for marketing and social media campaigns, and are in the process of planning a strategy and brainstorming session to support this.

And finally, I'd like to acknowledge 15 years of dedication, commitment and without doubt someone who lives by the Spirit of Kokoda and supported and cared for so many of our Kokoda family be they Kids, Parents Leaders and friends. She has always been there by our sides often picking up the pieces.....my Amazing wife Anna Henderson is stepping back from her role as Director in the Foundation to finally retire and tend her gardens and look after her mum and dad.

We need to remember that we have changed many young people's lives for the better.

We should never forget the difference the Kokoda Youth Foundation has made over many years to thousands of young people, both through the Youth Program, through Camp Kokoda and through the events.

The dedication, the commitment and the passion of our volunteers and supporters is critical to helping the Foundation CHANGE LIVES.

KOKODA CHALLENGE YOUTH PROGRAM



KCYP QUEENSLAND

Recruitment Process

- 25 School Presentations completed over three months November, February & March
- 114 Kokoda Kid applications received
- 39 unsuccessful though eligible to reapply in 2020
- 24 withdrawn before interview stage
- 82 KCYP interviews conducted over January, February & March
- 22 Leader applications received

Selection Process

- 50 Kokoda Kids selected over four branches Brisbane- 12 (5 Males, 7 Females), Logan- 13 (6 males, 7 females), Gold Coast- 12 (4 males, 8 females), and Tweed- 13 (3 males, 10 females)
- 30 different schools represented from as far north as Tullawong SHS and as south as Kingscliff SHS
- 16 Leaders selected (7 returning, 9 first year)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Track Group 1 (Brisbane & Logan) 15 KKs, 6 Leaders

Successes

- Impressive memorial services at Brigade Hill and Isurava with all Kokoda Kids participating
- All 21 successfully completed the trip building resilience in difficult environments
- Leadership team tightly bonded working well together

Challenges

- Sporadic weather with humidity, rain, wind and freezing cold in some parts
- 10/14 KKs choosing to cross finish line without rest of team

Track Group 2 (Gold Coast & Tweed) 13 KKs, 6 leaders

Successes

- Individual personal growth forming a powerful bond and connection amongst the team
- Courage to consistently rise to each challenge
- Individuals fulfilling their commitment to the team
- Strong team culture driven by leadership team making for a memorable experience.



Challenges

- Group Leader evacuated early on day three due to illness
- Sporadic weather with humidity, rain, wind and freezing cold in some parts

Cultural Group 3 (all Teams) 12 KKs, 4 leaders

Successes

- Completing hiking component before visiting village's allowing team to immerse themselves into the PNG culture without the stress of hiking on the Kokoda Track
- Only one case of diarrhoea and vomiting presenting on day 2.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

2019 saw the continuation of fundraising component for the KCYP parent/support crew with an over increase of **65.017%** on monies raised in 2018.

- Numerous BBQs
- Raffles
- Spiderman movie night
- Corporate donations & individual donations
- Pottsville Barefoot bowls day

Current Fundraising Leader board

- Tweed - \$7618.04
- Logan- \$6716
- Gold Coast- \$5203.60
- Brisbane - \$4833.76
- Total raised - \$24,371.40
- (2018 - \$14,769)

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Surfing for the disabled
- Nerang State Forest revegetation & weed removing
- Brookfield showgrounds working bee
- Anzac Day celebrations assisting at Currumbin, Nerang & Greenslopes RSL clubs
- Cutting new track in Army Land
- Brisbane Kokoda Challenge- Parking, Running Bellbird Park check point, finish line & sweeping of track
- Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge- Assisting at CP4 Polly's kitchen & finish line duties including presenting dog tags to participants
- Camp Kokoda Family fun day
- Working w/ Agape Hub – Feeding the homeless



LEADERS IMPACT

- 500+ volunteer hours over 14-month KCYP

Overall Successes

- Leader training camp - Guest speaker Phil Jauncey presentation on the power of positive doing (with a focus on leadership for youth)
- 24 Schools regularly updated at critical stages on students' progress through-out the year
- Progressively building confidence to rise to challenges and resilience through perseverance

- Promoting Gratitude, new perspective and understanding from following in the footsteps of Australian soldiers
- PNG itinerary with all groups meeting in Buna worked exceptionally well as did the reverse sequence for the cultural loop (walking the track first before visiting villages).
 - Introduction of Kokoda Kid profiling & blogging gathering content to highlight transformational impact.



Suggested Improvements

- Introduce short walk as part of recruitment process for prospective Kokoda Kids to improve withdrawal rate
- Health care plan for special needs participants to assist leaders in fulfilling duty of care
- All withdrawals to attend exit interviews explaining the reasons why they no longer wish to commit to the program.

Awards & Community recognition

- Zachary: Graduate of the year – Coombabah State High School
- Amy: Special Award from the defence force - Tullawong State High School
- Carlos: Vice Captain - Kelvin Grove State College
- Jordan: Remarkable award from Griffith University - Victoria Point State High School
- Casey-Ann: Tamborine Mountain SES Group Member of the year, Tamborine

Mountain State High School Vice-captain, Senior instrumental music award. Special recognition for volunteering 72 hours in Canungra fires.

- Taliha: RSL Award for Kokoda achievements – Pacific Pines State High School
- Jack: Student council president - Tamborine Mountain State High School

KCYP MELBOURNE

Recruitment Process

- 3 School Presentations Completed
- 21 Kokoda Kid Applicants
- 16 KCYP interviews conducted
- 12 Successful applicants (6 boys, 6 girls)

Leaders

- Sally - Highly experienced. Has completed Melbourne KCYP three times (2011,2012,2013) & OTRT twice (2016, 2017)
- Simon - Has extensive experience working in sport & with young people with Special Olympics Australia
- Louise - Parkdale Secondary College Well-Being officer. Crucial in recruitment.
- Kyle - 2013 Melbourne KCYP Kokoda Kid
- Oscar - Hawthorn representative, Community Engagement Officer. Reported verbally and created content of KCYP journey.



Successes

- Recruiting team on a tight deadline
- Hawthorn Hawks FC contribution with players and coaching staff willing to train & mentor team.
- Obtained a minibus to transport team on Sunday walk

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

11 KKs, 5 Leaders

Successes

- All team successfully completed track
- Great weather with very little rain
- 2 Kokoda kid birthdays celebrated on track
- No major health concerns other than the odd breakdown, fatigue and blisters
- Planning & strategies working as scheduled with minimal disruptions including flights, travel, walk plans & village visits

Challenges

- Some team members suffering from homesickness
- Tension caused by disgruntled locals due to a past incident. Handled very well by trek leader & porters with minimal distribution to team

2018 KCYP

2018 Kokoda Challenge Youth Program Graduation

- 40 Kokoda Kids & 14 Leaders graduate KCYP at Mercure resort
- 4 Kokoda Kids performed speeches. Topics include the lead up to Kokoda Challenge, 96km Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge, Papua New Guinea and Community Service Bailey (Brisbane), Hariata (Logan), Freya (Gold Coast) & Cody (Tweed) awarded Doug Henderson medal

QUOTES

"I just want to say a huge thank you for taking Scarlett on board into the KCYP program, thank you for all you do for the kids, I appreciate that you give up time with your own family to change the lives of our kids. The fact that you had faith that Scarlett was capable to complete the program means a lot to us. The Tweed team of kids have been absolutely unbelievable, and she has been brought to tears knowing there were 8 other kids who every week took her along rather than leaving her behind as had been the case any so many other physical activities in the past. Both Grant and I will be happy to help the Foundation in any way we can in the future" (Katrina - Tweed parent support crew captain)



"I got the Tamborine Mountain SES Group Member award at our SES awards this year. And got vice-captain at school. And got the senior instrumental music award. And got a Special Recognition from the school for my help at the Canungra fires where I put in over 72 hours of volunteering. Thank you for all your support this year (Casey-Ann - Logan KCYP Kokoda Kid)

"Absolutely amazing and life changing program. Currently in the community service phase (post png). Would recommend it to anyone, everyone has something to gain". (Ethan - Brisbane KCYP Kokoda Kid)

"We have enjoyed every bit of the program on both occasions (2017 & 2019) Both of our girls benefiting tremendously.

Before Emily left for PNG she said she felt like she had a hole in her heart that there was something missing.

When we picked her up from the airport the first thing she said is that she didn't want to come home, but her heart was full.

The next day she cleaned her room entirely with things she said she simply did not need and donated everything to the Salvation Army.

Emily has certainly embraced this whole experience and is now forward planning what can I do to make a difference. Her words, and I think they are amazing words so thank you and I certainly feel blessed that Emily chose this journey and I have no doubt she will make an impact somewhere in this world" (Kylie - Tweed 2017 & 2019 KCYP parent)



ON THE RIGHT TRACK



Recruitment Process

- Samantha employed as OTRT Program Coordinator
- 29 Applications received
- 8 Shortlisted candidates
- 4 attended an interview

Kokoda Kids

- 16 OTRT interviews conducted
- 11 selected (8 boys, 3 girls)

Selected School- Pacific Pines State High School

- Healthy rapport with Pacific Pines SHS staff Robert Middleton & Noah Parker who were instrumental in organising student applicants.

Successes



- 7 graduates from a group of at risk kids, close to exiting the schooling system
- Improved OTRT documentation - Leaders manual, Kokoda Kid & Parent/Support crew information handbook & recruitment brochures
- Introduced OTRT parent information evening
- Conducted weekly life skills lesson: Each week leaders delivered a 'skill or value of the week' including - Courage, Endurance, Mateship, Sacrifice, Win the day, Focus on controlling what you can control, be the change you want to be, the importance of honesty & respect then asking team to practice skills in everyday life.
- Parent participation in Kokoda Challenge - Tom Bloomfield and team from Accor hotels operating Checkpoint supplying sandwiches. juice, muesli bars, pumpkin soup etc..
- Kokoda Kids implementing learnings from program into everyday life

Notable Challengers

- One young person expelled from school during programming
- Working through young people's weekly struggles e.g mental well-being, living arrangements - Building team resilience



THE KOKODA CHALLENGE



And that's a wrap!

2019 brought me the extraordinary opportunity to work at the Kokoda Youth Foundation and what a rollercoaster it has been!

The Kokoda Challenge events were the hardest, yet most rewarding events I have ever worked on and I can't wait to do it all again with you in 2020!

Starting in March meant I was straight into the planning stage whilst trying to learn all the details and idiosyncrasies of the events from the last 14 years.

The events season kicked off with a sold-out Brisbane event in June, before quickly moving into the delivery stage of the Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge in July. Just when we thought we could take a break and recover from the enormous 40-hour event, the Melbourne and Race to Survive events were fast approaching both in October.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fabulous volunteers, crew, schools, landowners, contractors, suppliers and stakeholders for your ongoing help, support and patience while the new events team acquired all of your knowledge to operationally deliver the most successful events to date!

Bring on 2020!

Participants feedback

The challenge again threw up amazing challenges. Enjoyed the great atmosphere and the volunteers were amazing and encouraging. Well done to all.

As a first timer I really enjoyed the very well organised event.

Volunteers did an excellent job. Thanks for a cracking event!! I'll be back again next year.

Fantastic event - extremely challenging, but I loved it!

Awesome event! Definitely coming back!

Enjoyed this event every year for the last 7 years in I think this one would be my most memorable one so far, not done yet

I think the event was very well organised - it really is a massive event. The supporters were amazing and the information about the event was fantastic.

Awesome experience! Excited to do it again!

Overall the event was fantastic. We loved raising the funds and supporting the challenge and the team ship, support and mateship is unreal and fantastic for all to experience.



Brisbane

Total registrations: 2400 – SOLD OUT!

Distances: 15km, 30km and 48km

Location: D'Aguilar National Park

Date: 1-2 June 2019

The event season kicked off with a sold-out Brisbane Event and the highest number ever recorded in 9 years! After a successful volunteer briefing night, event pack collection took place in Brookfield State School Hall, which was a great venue to cater for all participants. Over 2000 bibs were distributed to 501 Teams on Friday the 31st May and Saturday the 1st of June.

On the 1st of June 2127 eager participants crossed the start line at Brookfield State School at staggered start times to alleviate the traffic congestion caused on Brookfield Road in 2018.

First was our 48km teams who arrived to a brisk 3 degrees at 6:15am for a 7:00am start – the coldest day in 2019 for that area. The 48km teams were greeted by the beautiful Monique Thomson who was a 2011 Kokoda Kid! Monique started proceedings by communicating all the relevant messaging before running a fun and interactive warm up. She then handed over to Doug our founder to formally address the event and read the ode before the last post was played and then a minute's silence to remember our soldiers.

Next was our 30km participants! They were welcomed by Councillor Kate Richards from the Pullenvale Ward, a long-term supporter of the Kokoda Challenge. Monique undertook a Q&A with Councillor Kate before firing the gun at 8:30am. Amongst the 161 teams in this category was our fantastic Kokoda Kids AND founder Doug Henderson with teammates Shane Stedwell – board director of KYF, Chris Glenister – treasurer of KYF, and daughter of Chris, Maddy. This was the first event Doug had participated, in any of the Kokoda Challenge events in 15 years!

The 15km participants arrived soon after the 30km's headed up Boscombe Road. Matt Helmers – KYF CEO started proceedings before addressing the event to the 214 teams which included his mum, wife and daughter. The gun was fired at 9:30am, and shortly after our first winner was across the finish line.

Results:

15km School Team - Emmanuel College Young Guns
15km 4 Person Team - Kezzatron5000 & Co
15km 3 Person Team - 2 Young'ns and an old fart
15km 2 Person Team - Garmin Girls

30km School Team - SALC11
30km 4 Person Team - Team WNWL
30km 3 Person Team - Trailblazers
30km 2 Person Team - Mt Gravatt High Trail Runners

48km School Team - SAAC Frothers
48km 4 Person Team - Team Mountain Design
48km 3 Person Team - Dutch Courage

Feedback from the event was extremely positive from all participants, stakeholders, volunteers and supporters. The event presented more challenges than the participants expected with undulating hills and cold weather, but that's what makes our events so unique! The sense of achievement you feel when completing something as tough as Kokoda is simply indescribable.

Thank you to ALL of the incredible volunteers who supported the event and were directly responsible for making it such a HUGE success!



Gold Coast

Total registrations: 2227

Distances: 48km and 96km

Location: Gold Coast Hinterland

Date: 20-21 July 2019

Wow...where to start! This event really does send you on a roller coaster of motion. I laughed, I cried, I was exhausted, relieved and by 11:00pm Sunday night felt a sense of great achievement!

Leading into the challenge we held two participants briefing nights, a volunteer briefing night and a JOC (Joint Operations Centre) briefing night to ensure all people involved in the event were across the details.

The two participant briefing nights were a great success being held at Currumbin RSL and Kedron Wavell Services Club. Information was presented from Matt our CEO, Dann our KCYP Manager, the Kokoda Kids, Britt from GC Physio, Steve our fabulous photographer from SOK Images, Multiplex who is our top fundraiser for two years in a row and myself.

With the learnings inherited from the Brisbane Kokoda Challenge, event pack collection was smooth sailing, with most teams collecting their bibs on Friday the 19th of July.

On the mild morning of the 20th of July, 877 people including 51 school teams gathered at Mudgeeraba Bowls Club as they prepared to tackle what probably would be their biggest challenge to date – the 96km Kokoda Challenge.

The official formalities took place with VIP guests the Hon. Ros Bates MP and Councillor Glenn Tozer, Alan Jamieson, the choir The Blenders, a bagpiper David Greenhalgh, Founder Doug Henderson OAM, Bugler Adam Turner and finally the Albert Battery, taking their shot to signify the start.

As the last post played, emotions ran high with many shedding a tear in the moment. Then the Kokoda Kids formed a guard of honour before the ultra-trail runners lead the charge at 7:00am.

This year with the help of Multiplex we installed a bridge to ease the pinch point just before Hardy's property. This worked extremely well and will be something we will continue implementing in the future.

After the 7:00am rush, the operations team packed up and headed to the 48km start at Numinbah Hall. 161 school teams commenced their journey at 11:00am and 133 open teams at 1:00pm. 48km teams were up from 2018 numbers. As official proceedings began, there was a surprise that our

founder Doug Henderson was not predicating. Lost for words, his daughter Tanya surprised him at the start line before she embarked on her 48km hike.

The 40 hours brought participants tears, injuries, illness, exhaustion and even hallucinations! There is a reason why it is named Australia's toughest team endurance event. But amongst the raw emotions, the greatest feeling is when you accomplish something that you didn't think you could. You achieve something that is bigger than you. The kids' lives you change because you endured the pain, whilst remembering our Australian heroes, our diggers, is simply unparalleled to anything else you can do in this life.

And the volunteers! This event was a huge team effort with over 198 volunteers working over 4000 hours across the bump in, event weekend and bump out. This is an outstanding accomplishment by all and simply the event could not happen without the generous support of our volunteers, that give up their time, money and sleep to deliver an event that is changing our community.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible work of Linda and Rob who have been the Checkpoint 2 Captains for 15 years! 15 years of service is an outstanding achievement and KYF cannot thank you enough for all you have contributed over the years.

Results:

96km OPEN: WILDEARTH ONE WILDHAMMER

96km SCHOOL CUP: Unity College 1

48km OPEN: Adsy Athletes

48km SCHOOL CUP: SALC2

The last team across the finish line at 11:00pm Sunday night was the Brisbane Kokoda Kids. Although a challenge to complete the challenge in under 13 hours, I think its an event bigger achievement to walk for that amount of time and finish as a team!

The Kokoda Youth Foundation would like to extend a special thank you to our event sponsors, WildEarth, Multiplex and Cogent Scaffolding (great work on the bridge guys!), the Springwater Man, City of Gold Coast and Accor, and to the ongoing support from Kennards Hire, SOK Images, Homestyle Bake, Simon George Sons and M & J Chickens.



Melbourne

Total registrations: 378

Distances: 15km, 30km and 48km

Location: Dandenong Ranges

Date: 5-6 October 2019

The last event for the series was the Melbourne Kokoda Challenge which was held on the 5-6th of October 2019. This was the first year that we had introduced a 48km distance to the event, which I thank Sally Ingram. Sally's contributions to KYF in 2019 were outstanding. Not only is Sally the Melbourne Kokoda Kids leader, but she also attended stakeholder meetings on my behalf and established the 18km extension to the 30km course, so we had a 48km category!

Event pack collection was held on Friday the 4th of October and Saturday the 5th of October morning with participants arriving bright and early on the cool morning for a 7:00am race start. All categories marshalled as Monique Thomson talked through the operational messaging before Ryan Martin – KYF board director addressed the event. Alan Jamison read the ode, before the last post was beautifully played and then the Melbourne Kokoda Challenge was underway with the Kokoda Kids forming a guard of honour.

The first stop was Checkpoint (CP) 1/5 which was run by our long-term partner Getaway Trekking. Deb and her team were outstanding in providing support to our participants as they crossed through the timing point.

2019 saw the introduction of our new partner Hawthorn Football Club. Hawthorn were a fantastic addition to the KYF family with them supporting our vision in both the KCYP programs and Kokoda Challenge events. Hawthorn had representation at CP 2/4 – Kalorama Reserve in which we appropriately named the Hawks Nest! Hawthorn set up a pop-up marquee, provided volunteers and a recovery area so participants could stretch out any sore muscles before moving onto the next checkpoint.

Amongst the 378 participants were 15 school teams from St Josephs Primary School. St Joseph's representation was incredible, with all teams completing the challenge with high levels of excitement just after 11:00am.

As the first participants crossed the finish line, Mary Holloway – daughter of Peter Holloway in which our 15km school cup is named after, greeted and congratulated them of the challenge they have now achieved. She handed each participant a dog tag before awarding the winning teams with a medal on stage.

Results:

15km School Team - St Joseph's PS 7

15km 4 Person Team - PRR Gals

15km 3 Person Team - DMT

15km 2 Person Team - 2Daves

30km 4 Person Team - Where's the finish

30km 3 Person Team - Nathan-Kahn-Ryan

30km 2 Person Team - Junkyard Warriors

48km 4 Person Team - Double Trouble

48km 3 Person Team - #getitdone club

Although numbers were down this year for the Melbourne Kokoda Challenge, I believe this event has the most potential! Not only is the scenery absolutely beautiful, the course is extremely challenging, and we have the opportunity to work further with Hawthorn FC.

This event could not have been as smooth as it was without our 40 passionate volunteers, some of which made the trip down to Melbourne from the Gold Coast to support our cause.

Special mention to the following:

Alistair Bulmer – CP 2/4 Captain (Superhero if you ask me) – Alistair was a Checkpoint Captain for all three Kokoda events in 2019!

Jan Daniels – Registrations champion. Jan has been a key and enthusiastic member of the KYF team, volunteering at all three events.

Judy McDonnell – Merchandise extraordinaire. Judy was absolutely incredible at managing the merchandise tent this year, also volunteering across all three events!

Leigh Bartlett – Sweep Hero #1

Barney Bartlett – Sweep Hero #2

Leigh and Barney not only swept in the Brisbane Kokoda Challenge earlier in the year, they backed it up and participated in the 96km Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge! Then to top it all off they travelled to Melbourne to sweep and then swept again at the Race to Survive event one week later!
#fitnessmotivation

Monique Thomson – Our beautiful and talented MC brought us much laughter this year, also volunteering across all three Kokoda Challenge events.

Shane Stedwell – KYF board director and media liaison. Shane travelled to Melbourne to support KYF with all of our social media!

I would also like to acknowledge Alan 'Kanga' Moore who unfortunately couldn't make the event but has been involved for many years with the 30km school cup being named after him.

I would also like to thank Alan Jamison for the continual support you give KYF and Mary Holloway for volunteering your time to represent Peter Holloway.



KOKODA CHALLENGE SCHOOL CUPS



From 6 School Team in 2006 to 598 in 2019

Brisbane 15km George Palmer Cup	Emmanuel College
Brisbane 30km Clarrie Meredith Cup	St Andrews Lutheran College
Brisbane 48km Bert Kienzle Cup	St Andrew's Anglican College
Gold Coast 48km Jim Stillman Cup	St Andrews Lutheran College
Gold Coast 96km San Bisset Cup	Unity College
Melbourne 15km Peter Holloway Cup	St Joseph's Primary School Elsternwick

KOKODA CHALLENGE IMPACT



Celebrating the 15th year of the Kokoda Youth Foundation, we have changed many lives through the Spirit of Kokoda. A snapshot below explores the impact of the past 15 years

557 Kokoda Kids have graduated from the 14-month Kokoda Challenge Youth Program.

43,569 Kokoda Challenge participants

3,606 School Teams

12,566 Support Crews

Have participated in Kokoda Challenge Events conquering 15km, 30km, 48km and 96km distance categories

15 Gold Coast

10 Melbourne

9 Brisbane

Kokoda Challenge events have been run across Australia

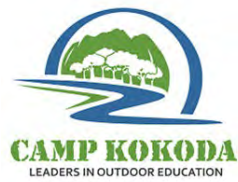
30,608 Social Following

Across Facebook, Instagram, Community page

17,765 students have participated at Camp Kokoda.



CAMP KOKODA OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE



Camp Kokoda held a **Scenic Rim Drought relief fundraiser day** in early November. Opening the gates to the public with 8 outdoor activities on offer, market stalls, food vans, jumping castles and live music. This was done in conjunction with our KYCP kids who had recently returned from the Kokoda Track in PNG who utilised the opportunity by making it one of their community services events. It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity to connect as community as well as give back as an organisation who relies heavily on public donations through our events to finance our KCYP and On the Right track programs.





Our valued long-term staff member **Tony Lee** was presented the Chairman's award at the 2019 KCYP graduation evening this year. Tony has not only supported Camp Kokoda and its operations since the original opening of business but participated in Kokoda Challenge events, the Race to Survive, KCYP weekends and the On The Right Track program.

We were fortunate enough to have the **On the Right Track** participants attend Camp Kokoda this year for their one night camp to step outside their comfort zones and bond with fellow group members. The students also assisted with venue maintenance.



Camp Kokoda currently holds more than two thirds (\$1.3M) of total non-currents assets (\$1.9M) on the KYF balance sheet based on property and improvements at cost. This year we have added to the infrastructure, building a **Crate Stack Obstacle Course**. This is targeted specifically at team building outcomes relying on communication, encouragement, and the skill to accurately stack the crates on top of one another to ensure they don't fall with the support from fellow teammates.



This year Camp Kokoda held their **first 3-day Brisbane City Challenge Program**. One of our partnering rural schools requested a program in the city with challenges, check points and clues with the Outdoor touch of an abseil at Kangaroo point and Brisbane story bridge climb. The program was a great success fulfilling the outcomes of teaching rural student's independence, transport, and history of the city and getting from A to B as a team and completing the challenge itself as a team. This is something we will be offering as another programming options to our clientele and to schools further afield out west for 2020.



During our “off peak” period Camp Kokoda has been given the opportunity to work alongside the **Palen Creek correctional centre** setting up projects to be completed as **Community Service**. We have had garden beds built in and around the office and base and an impressive bush tucker garden, native wildlife mural and some general maintenance of the property. We hope to continue to work together and schedule projects in conjunction with our strategic plan for 2020.

Camp Kokoda has successfully participated in the **Scenic Rim Be Healthy and Active program** this year, encouraging our local community to get outdoors. Camp Kokoda offered multiple weekend sessions with nearly every session being full. We did multiple hikes around Mt Barney National Park as well as Canoeing.



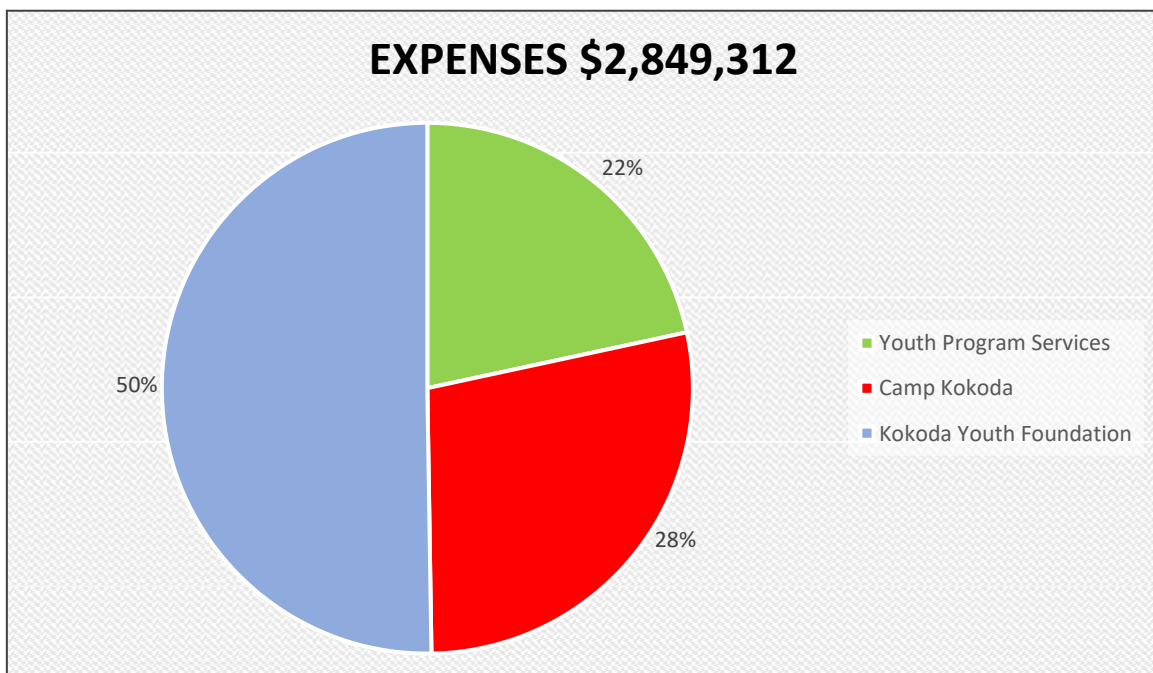
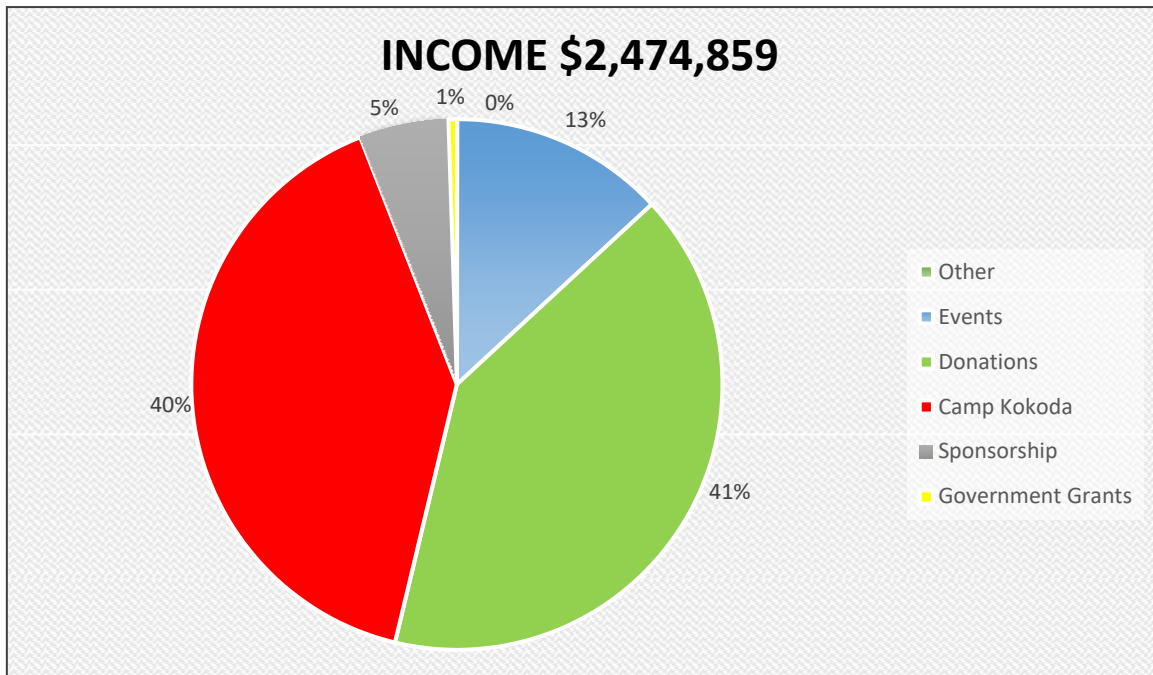
Camp Kokoda looks forward to working with our 7 new clients coming in 2020 as well as our treasured returning clients. Hopefully we welcome the New Year with some rain over the Christmas break.

Camp Kokoda's Director Laura Skinner says a special thanks to all the terrific instructional staff that have participated in delivering high quality programs this year and who continue to meet our client's desired outcomes and make a difference to the 3500 students that visit us yearly.

We are excited to welcome 2020 with new multi expedition program options and continuing the expansion of infrastructure at Camp Kokoda.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In the 2019 auditing period the Kokoda Youth Foundation (KYF) had a growth in income of \$327 147 which was mainly due to increased revenue at Camp Kokoda. Our operating costs increased significantly, and the Foundation experienced a loss in this reporting period. We remain grateful for the significant volunteer contributions which impacts not only on the efficiency of our operations, but also adds tremendous value to the Kokoda community.





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