

Sisters of the Saddle IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Sisters of the Saddle Foundation is committed to make a difference in our communities. We work with Charity Partners who are aligned with our Purpose and Values to create impact for those in need.



HELPING YOUNG ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL (20 students supported in 2023)

In 2022 we made a 3-5 year commitment to fund an innovative co-design project between Traction for Young People (Traction) and Gunya Meta, resulting in the birth of the Building Deadly, Riding Deadly Program.

The partnership between TRACTION and Gunya Meta was established in 2022, with significant investment by both organisations to develop the program as a culturally safe and inclusive version of TRACTION's Bike Build program, which provides the opportunity for young people, who may be experiencing challenges that impact their ability to engage in mainstream education, to engage in learning through hands-on learning and mentoring experiences and develop skills to unlock their potential for the future.

Perhaps the most impactful outcome of the "Building Deadly, Riding Deadly" program is the connection the young people build connection to Culture and their community.

In 2023, 20 young people from Park Ridge State High School participated in three pilot programs. The "Building Deadly, Riding Deadly" program was delivered by TRACTION, working in partnership with Gunya Meta, and alongside the young people. Consultation and collaboration with the Indigenous Community in which the program has rolled out is producing outstanding results and has garnered a great deal of interest from other schools keen to get on board. TRACTION is committed to working alongside Gunya Meta to reach more First Nations young people in the Logan region. TRACTION intends exploring opportunities to work in partnership with other Indigenous

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (12 Traction Staff supported to date)

In the process of the design and implementation of the "Building Deadly, Riding Deadly" program, TRACTION staff have further developed their cultural capability and awareness with the generous guidance of Aunty Faith Green of Gunya Meta Inc.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC and FAMILY VIOLENCE (DFV)

In 2023 we decided to expand our contribution to support children and young people impacted by family and domestic violence.

Zephyr Education Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers who help children required to relocate with their mums to shelter for safety, by providing them with everything they need within 24-48 hours to continue their education and start at a new school. Proceeds of the 2023 3-day Ride will contribute 50% of the 2022/23 budget of Zephyr Education Inc for shelters in Toowoomba and Tasmania.

SOTS SPORT BURSARY (Available 2024)

In recognition of the role of sport in health and wellness, the bursary (managed by Zephyr) will enable children and young people affected by DFV to participate in sports and facilitate their involvement in events which may be otherwise unavailable to them.