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# WANDERERS FOUNDATION

2025 IMPACT REPORT

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Western Sydney Wanderers acknowledge  
the traditional owners of the country on which we  
walk, live, work and play.

We recognise their cultural and heritage beliefs  
are still important today.

We pay our respects to all Elders past, present  
and emerging.



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# WANDERERS FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

At the Wanderers Foundation, we're proud to harness the power of football to transform lives across Western Sydney. Through our three Wanderers Foundation pillars - Female Football, Multicultural Football and All Abilities Football, we've reached thousands of participants from marginalised groups, fostering social connection, confidence, health, and opportunities.

Our programs have broken down barriers, reduced crime, improved school engagement, and built stronger communities, from empowering girls in the elite Girls Academy, to uniting communities through programs like the African Cup and our Weekly Indigenous Football Program.

We recognise the importance of measuring the impact of our Wanderers Foundation Programs and have engaged Impact Institute to identify the areas where we're having the greatest impact.



# OVERVIEW OF PILLARS AND PROGRAMS

**The Wanderers Foundation drives community impact through free football programs, which are designed to create inclusion, opportunity, and lasting change.**

Our three key pillars are: **Female Football, Multicultural Football, All Abilities Football**, creating opportunities for marginalised groups (females, refugees/migrants, Indigenous communities, people with disabilities, disadvantaged youth students).

## FEMALE FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

- Girls Academy, providing a fee-free elite pathway for 120 girls, we are the only club with a fee-free Girls Academy, providing 120 girls from ages U13-U23 with a elite pathway directly into the Women's A-League
- The Female Football Cup has hundreds of girls participating each year from U10s, U12s, U14s and U16s

## MULTICULTURAL FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

- Weekly South Sudanese Football Program
- Weekly Indigenous Football Program
- African Cup
- Cobham Youth Justice Centre Football Program (youths in detention)

## ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL

- Wanderers Powerchair team which competes nationally and internationally (wheelchair football)
- All Abilities Hub for people with a disability at CommBank Stadium for WSW Men's A-League games
- Inclusive Football programs in school support units
- Weekly Inclusive Football Programs at Wanderers Fives and Homebush
- All Abilities Gala Days held for primary and secondary aged school students



# OUR IMPACT

There are seven areas identified by Impact Institute where we are having a positive impact:

## OUTCOMES THAT MATTER



**Social connection and belonging:**  
Unity, friendships, teamwork, cultural inclusion



**Confidence and self-esteem:**  
Self-worth, achievement, feeling valued



**Health and wellbeing:**  
Mental, physical, emotional health, positive vibes



**Skills and capabilities:**  
Football, language, communication, motor skills



**Access to services and opportunities:** Healthcare, careers, sports, role models



**Economic benefit:**  
Cost savings, local business boost



**Family and community impact:**  
Volunteering, crime reduction, pro-social actions, better school engagement

## OUTCOMES & IMPACT ACROSS PROGRAMS

	 Social connection Unity, friendships teamwork, cultural inclusion	 Confidence and self-esteem Self-worth, achievement, feeling valued	 Skills and capabilities Mental, physical, emotional health, positive vibes	 Access to services and opportunities Healthcare, careers, sports, role models	 Economic benefit Cost savings, local business boost	 Family and community impact Volunteering, crime reduction, pro-social actions, better school engagement
GIRLS ACADEMY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PACIFICAST	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
SOUTH SUDANESE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AFRICAN CUP	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
COBHAM	✓	✓	✓			✓
POWERCHAIR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ALL ABILITIES HUB	✓			✓		✓
ALL ABILITIES SCHOOL	✓	✓	✓			✓
AFTER SCHOOL		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MOBILE SCHOOL	✓	✓	✓			✓

# WHAT OUR PARTICIPANTS SAY

**“ I owe my everything to Wanderers ”**

Girls Academy Participant

**“ They look forward to the after-school soccer program, so attendance is higher ”**

School Teacher

**“ Because of the Wanderers... we can see where our kids will end up in life, not in jail ”**

South Sudanese Father

**“ It makes a huge difference in people’s life... gives them a purpose ”**

Powerchair Player

**“ I feel fantastic, active and engaged ”**

All Abilities School Participant

**“ It [Pacificast] builds the richness in people’s hearts to be able to give back” – Pacificast Coordinator ”**

Pacificast Coordinator

**“ It’s an opportunity to be in a professional environment, bring all into the elite group... Already have a bunch of girls to train in A-League, signed one girl ”**

Girls Academy Coach

**“ It keeps the youth off the streets and away from illicit substances ”**

African Cup Coordinator

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR THEIR ONGOING GENEROSITY

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- Skylife Foundation

## Captain's Club

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- Snooze Castle Hill
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- Ultra Air
- Vaccaro Group

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# SUPPORT THE WANDERERS FOUNDATION

**Join us in creating lasting change,  
together we can make a difference.**

**Donate today to help us change more lives  
through football.**

## **DONATE NOW**

Contribute to free programs that empower thousands.



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