

KOKKODA

YOUTH FOUNDATION

Changing Lives



2018
ANNUAL REPORT

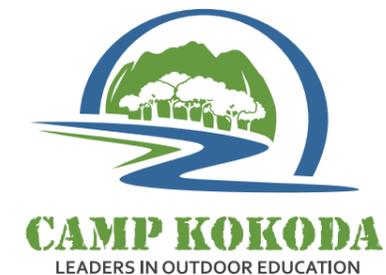
CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF KOKODA

COURAGE
ENDURANCE
MATESHIP
SACRIFICE

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THE KOKODA CHALLENGE



KOKODA CHALLENGE
YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

It's needs to be acknowledged that this has been a challenging year for the Foundation.

We lost two of our brave Kokoda veterans, Clarrie Meredith of the 53rd Militia and George Palmer of the 39th Battalion. Both great supporters of the Foundation who traveled to Kokoda Village with me to see the impact of our programs and who were actively involved in presentations at our Kokoda Challenge Events. Their humility and sacrifice will always be remembered and names forever honoured by our perpetual school cup winners.

We are all very much aware of the contributing factors to the changes in board and staff during the year, which brought some temporary instability. The challenging times have also forced us to reconnect with our core values, which has made us stronger and also created the space to explore new possibilities.

The cover photo on the annual report is symbolic in this regard and reminds me of an Aristotle quote:

“ IT IS DURING OUR DARKEST MOMENTS THAT WE MUST FOCUS TO SEE THE LIGHT. ”

It is important that we recognize what the Kokoda Youth Foundation stands for: changing lives of young Australian's through the Spirit of Kokoda. I am consistently humbled by the amount of lives we impact. Here is an overview of people directly involved in our operations:

- Kokoda Challenge has had 38966 participants (including 3008 school teams) register
- Camp Kokoda has had more than 12,000 children attend camps at the facility.
- Kokoda School rebuild/refurbishment and tonnes of medical supplies donated to Kokoda Hospital in PNG.
- 518 Kokoda Kids have walked the track and graduated from KCYP, along with 73 leaders.

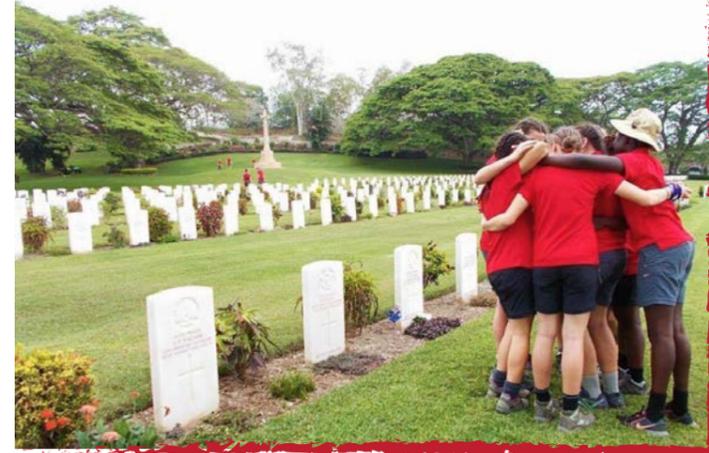
The ripple effect of these experiences extends far beyond the tens of thousands of Australians who are directly involved with our events, programs and outdoor education. It also includes the parents, teachers, leaders, family and friends in support crews. Each have personal stories which articulate the shifts and impact on their lives, many of which have moved me to tears.

We should be proud of the incredible differences we've made in so many people's lives, including our own.

You will note that the AGM agenda includes a special resolution for Constitution amendments. The proposed changes were recommended by a constitutional lawyer to protect the integrity and remove ambiguity. Consultation with members has also identified the preference to preserve the biennial clause (two-year term of directors on staggered rotation) for stability and continuity.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Board Members for their outstanding support over the past several months. I would also like to say what a pleasure it has been to have two of our original 'Kokoda Kids', Sophie Hoskins and Shane Stedwell, join the Board. Both not only embody our core values but have also walked in the footsteps of the diggers on the Kokoda Track and are a living representation of our commitment to changing the lives of youth, sharing the Spirit of Kokoda for future generations.

DOUG HENDERSON OAM



CEO'S ADDRESS

It is an honour to join the Kokoda Youth Foundation in 2018 and a privilege to be entrusted with an important leadership role within an organisation that transforms lives. Helping youth from all backgrounds realise their potential in their chosen passion has been a core motivator throughout my career in the not-for profit sector and there are no more inspiring values than the Spirit of Kokoda.

The Kokoda Challenge team endurance events annually brings together more than 5000 everyday Australian's from different backgrounds as teams, to embody the values of the Kokoda Spirit, inspiring the ordinary to extend beyond limitations and achieve the extraordinary. Camp Kokoda continues to be a leading provider of journey-based outdoor education programs, this year hosting more than 2500 school children. Infrastructure investment has ensured a diverse offering of challenging outdoor activities that stimulates a sense of adventure and attracts youth to step outside familiar comfort zones. Workforce development has helped focus on providing quality experiences that empower self-belief and discovery within a safe environment.

Our Youth Program this year has helped 49 teenagers led by 16 leaders across four branches make a 14-month commitment to the proven formula of KCYP. Ten students from a particularly tough background made a 21-week commitment to the 'On the Right Track' Program.

The Spirit of Kokoda which binds us all is formed on the timeless values of Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice. We are fortunate to have so many contributors that are committed to keeping the Spirit alive, which our founders Doug & Anna Henderson ignited fourteen years ago.

We are grateful to our army of volunteers that give their time to help the delivery of our programs and events, our committed staff who are dedicated to serve, our partners and sponsors that generously support the cause and our teachers and schools who embody the Spirit. We remember that we are temporary custodians and hold high the responsibility to ensure that we continually challenge ourselves to grow and sustain the legacy for generations to come.

MATT HELMERS, CEO

STAFF & BOARD

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

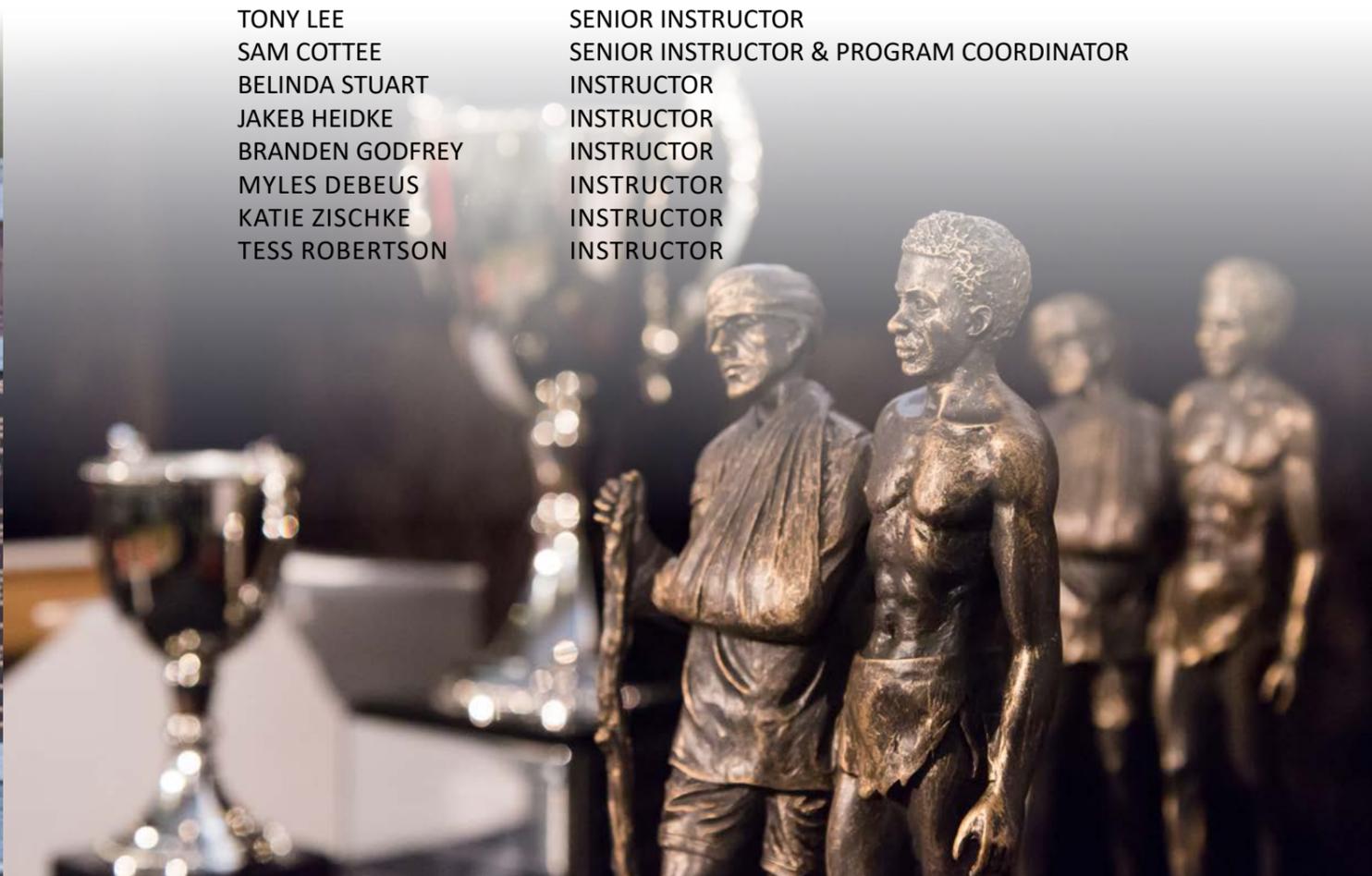
DOUG HENDERSON	FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN
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SAM COTTEE	SENIOR INSTRUCTOR & PROGRAM COORDINATOR
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JAKEB HEIDKE	INSTRUCTOR
BRANDEN GODFREY	INSTRUCTOR
MYLES DEBEUS	INSTRUCTOR
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TESS ROBERTSON	INSTRUCTOR



COMMUNICATIONS

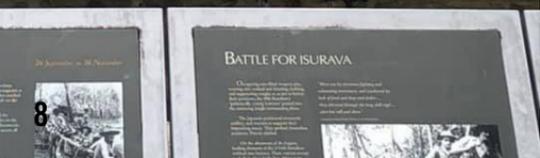
Communications and Media have been a big focus for KYF in 2018, with a new Communications Officer, Naomi Mullen, being appointed in March 2018.

FOCUS

- Generating quality content for our diverse audiences across an array of platforms.
- Communicating both consistently and effectively to our database of participants through email marketing, ensuring our participants were as prepared and informed as possible.
- Increasing the link between KCYP and the Kokoda Challenge Participants by capturing and sharing stories of their journey's.
- Providing Camp Kokoda with refreshed promotional resources.
- Refreshing our front-end web presence, to create a more user friendly experience.
- Increasing our social media presence, to boost participant numbers in all our departments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Working with Griffith University to create a pro bono high quality promotional video for KCYP.
- Gaining Dann and Kokoda Kids the opportunity to be on both Gold Coast and Brisbane ABC Radio discussing the impact of KCYP.
- Working with Bond University, presenting to 60 students on KYF and having them focus their semester assessment on a marketing analysis and strategy for each department.
- Collaborating with Be Challenged to have 18 brand new bicycles donated to Camp Kokoda, for use within their school camps and programs.
- Having Channel 9 and The Gold Coast Bulletin cover The Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge.
- Having several local Councillors attend both our Brisbane and Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge events.
- Encouraging our audience to create and post user generated content, enhancing our content library and consumer experience.
- Having The Kokoda Challenge featured on Australian Story within a documentary of Matt Golinski.
- Relaunching the KCYP Recruitment Strategy with a more streamlined approach, greater resources and a fresh new look and feel.
- Redesigning all of our event collateral, including maps and graphics, to provide high quality content for our audience.
- Capturing video content of the journey's of our Kokoda Kids, their parents and our Volunteer Leaders.
- Working with new partners, including The Hiking Society, Spartan Race Australia, Steeple Coffee, Intrinsic Health and North Ringwood Gym.
- Increasing or maintaining the event participant numbers, overcoming a short lead time with dedicated and focused marketing and promotion.



MEDIA COVERAGE

SOCIAL MEDIA

23091

FACEBOOK FOLLOWING

58399

PEOPLE REACHED
GOLD COAST EVENT WEEKEND

37420

PEOPLE REACHED
BRISBANE EVENT WEEKEND

11101

PEOPLE REACHED
MELBOURNE EVENT WEEKEND

77142

MINUTES OF VIDEO CONTENT
VIEWED ON FACEBOOK IN 6 MONTHS

2781

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWING



RADIO

97.3 NOVA FM
ABC BRISBANE
ABC GOLD COAST
100.3 BAY FM

PRINT

GOLD COAST BULLETIN
NOOSA TIMES
REDLAND CITY BULLETIN
WINGHAM CHRONICLE
JIMBOOMBA TIMES
GOLD COAST HINTERLANDER
BEAUDESERT TIMES
NORTH WEST NEWS

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 9
SUNRISE

NAOMI MULLEN, COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

THE KOKODA CHALLENGE

Another busy year with all Kokoda Challenge events experiencing beautiful sunny days. 2018 saw the successful delivery of our core event The Kokoda Challenge on the Gold Coast and our annual events in Brisbane and Melbourne. Joining the team in March meant a quick induction and hitting the ground running meeting all stakeholders and finalising event logistics.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK:



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

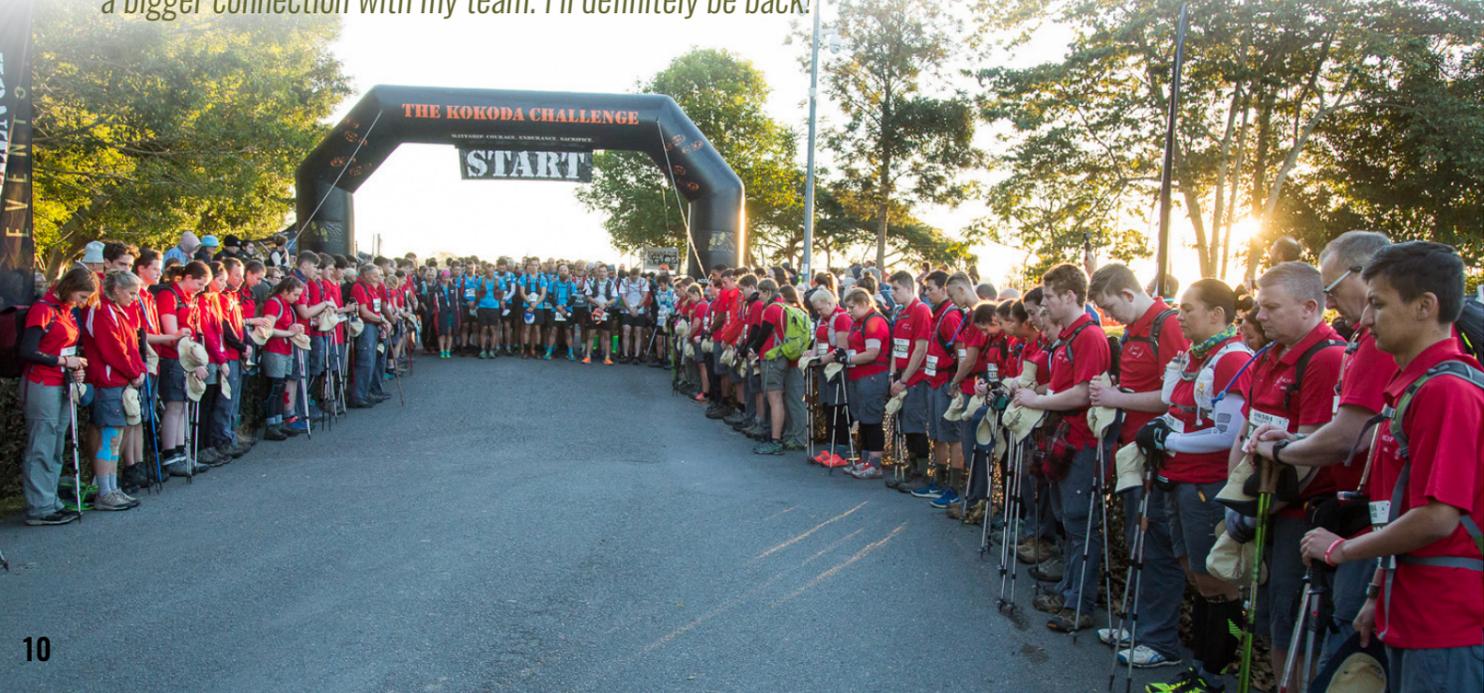
Highly recommend this amazing event, everything so well organised and the encouragement from each and every person out there was just amazing.

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE LIKE THE COMRADERY OF A KOKODA CHALLENGE EVENT.

KOKODA WAS THE BEST 30 KILOMETRES I'VE EVER DONE!

As a corporate team, the culture and morale this event has built within our office has been incredible! The support and energy between our colleagues has grown unbelievably.

I never thought I'd be able to do this, the whole Kokoda experience was amazing! Everyone was so encouraging and that's what kept me going, I met amazing people and have made a bigger connection with my team. I'll definitely be back!



GOLD COAST

2643 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

This year The Kokoda Challenge kicked off on the final week of school holidays due to the realignment of school breaks to coordinate with the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Contact with the schools and chasing the last of the details for each school team found its challenges and feedback from the schools also indicated it was difficult to keep the momentum into the event. Concern of injury or illness added to this.

We again offered two information briefing nights for all participants to attend. The Brisbane event attracted well over 300 people with a variety of presenters and a very entertaining segment from the Kokoda Kids lead by the Event Manager. This year the Gold Coast briefing night was relocated to our long-time support, Currumbin RSL club. The room was at capacity and lots of great information provided with an informative Q & A session. Videos from both nights are available on our website.

Offering pre-registration all day Friday was another great success, with over 550 teams picking up event bags and shirts. With dawn breaking and a beautiful sunrise the atmosphere was electric with 1285 starters preparing for the 96km challenge. Official proceedings commenced with Ros Bates MP State Member of Mudgeeraba officially opening the 2018 event, followed by "the Ode", Last Post and Reveille. Introduction of 4 waves starts to ease the bottleneck at the Bonogin creek crossing was indicated by a round of gun shots performed by the Men with Guns.

With the 96km underway the event team quickly moved across to the beautiful Numinbah Valley to commence preparation for the 11am Jim Stillman start followed by the 48km Open teams. Demand for the Jim Stillman cup continues to grow with an increase of 13 school teams, totaling 865 registered entries and the 48km open category increased to 493 participants a 60% increase. Course changes were minimal for 2018, the popular Waterfall circuit was reintroduced after restoration works which allowed a reduction in Army land and removed the nightmare slope that many a 2017 participant refers too as the "mud slid". Watch out in 2019 the mud slide might be reintroduced.

With the dry weather, anticipation was building. Is this the year we may experience a new course record and see improvement of the % of finishers? Unfortunately, the temperatures plummeted, and hypothermia was the next new challenge to be faced. Thirteen checkpoints were established across the course with four support crew points. We must acknowledge the wonderful work of all the volunteers who sacrifice many hours to support this great event and provide the wonderful encouragement, hugs, guidance, and belief to all of the participants. Without them we could not host the event.

608 teams commenced the challenge with our first 96km team crossing the finish line in 12:46 and our final team in 39:20. We were again fortunate to have Keith Payne, VC, AM in attendance to congratulate and award the teams crossing the finish line on Sunday and presenting the winning team categories during the official presentation. Seeing the emotion and gratitude from our participants continues to strengthen the Kokoda Spirit. Preparation is now underway to continue the great legacy into 2019.



BRISBANE

2032 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Our first event for 2018 and what a great achievement. Building on the success of previous years registrations grew steadily with the final registration numbers reaching 2032, a massive 25% increase from 2017.

With the increased numbers the challenge was on to facilitate everyone's arrival and parking ready for the two race starts. The 48km start kicked off in a very chilly crisp morning with the temperature hovering at 4 degrees. 90 smiling school teams and 168 open teams commenced the 48km challenge through the D'Aguiar National Park. This is the second year the 48km distance has been offered with numbers indicated the appetite for this distance.

As the 48km participants disappeared into the distance the 30/15km starters prepared for the 8am race start. The 2018 Kokoda Kids lined the start chute to encourage and receive support from the 1327 participants. Emotions were following with "True Blue" John Williamson playing in the background.

We were again fortunate to have the support of the honourable Jane Prentice, Federal Member for Ryan and Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services, Councillor Kate Richards for the Punnevale Ward" and Dr Christian Rowan MP officially open the 2018 Kokoda Brisbane Challenge.

With all our events without the support of the local landowners, businesses, elected members, sponsors and community our events would not be possible. We thank you for your ongoing support.



MELBOURNE

516 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Staged in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges and surrounded with the Kokoda Memorial story, we were again rewarded with dry weather. Registration numbers were again low in the open team categories with 113 teams registered across both distances 15/30km. This was overcome with a 310% increase in school teams competing for the Peter Holloway cup (15km) with 38 teams representing four schools. For the first time no school teams registered in the 30km Alan "Kanga" Moore cup.

Offering pre-registration on the Saturday was a huge success with over 100 teams collecting event packs and shirts. The event village build commenced in darkness Sunday morning, where we witnessed a mass start of 516 participants that included 190 school students aged between 9 and 12 years traverse up the Kokoda Track (1000 step) memorial walk.

It wasn't long and we heard the first of many cheers from eagerly awaiting parents and supports with four 15km school teams crossing the finish line consecutively, with

the winning team in a time of 2:16min. Only 5 minutes separated the first four teams.

The alignment of the finish line and presentation area positioned in front of the "Mates Memorial" provided a key backdrop to participant images and a reminder of why Kokoda Challenge events occur. The Spirit of Kokoda was alive.

We acknowledge and thank the ongoing commitment and support of our fellow diggers and family representatives, with Allan Jamieson, Mary Holloway (daughter of Rev Peter Holloway) and Captain Alan "Kanga" Moore in attendance throughout the day rewarding and presenting teams with their dog tags.

JO PARKER, EVENT MANAGER



SCHOOL CUPS

FROM 6 SCHOOL TEAMS IN 2006 TO OVER 600 IN 2018!

“The sense of achievement and pride the students get from completing the Kokoda Challenge is difficult to replicate in the classroom, I couldn’t recommend it more highly,”
Teacher Michael Barnhoorn, St Joseph’s Primary in Elsternwick.

BRISBANE 15KM GEORGE PALMER CUP - 1:42:19
EMMANUEL COLLEGE

BRISBANE 30KM CLARRIE MEREDITH CUP - 4:30:31
MT GRAVATT HIGH

BRISBANE 48KM BERT KIENZLE CUP - 7:02:43
ST ANDREWS PEREGIAN SPRINGS

GOLD COAST 48KM JIM STILLMAN CUP - 9:50:16
ST ANDREWS LUTHERAN COLLEGE

GOLD COAST 96KM STAN BISSET CUP - 15:18:44
ST ANDREWS LUTHERAN COLLEGE

MELBOURNE 15KM PETER HOLLOWAY CUP - 2:16:16
ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY ELSTERNWICK



OUR IMPACT

How we have used the Spirit of Kokoda to change lives... The below gives a snapshot at the impact Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice has had on our community in our 14 years of operation.

SINCE OUR LAUNCH IN 2004,

518 KOKODA KIDS

HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE 14 MONTH KOKODA CHALLENGE YOUTH PROGRAM



66% FEMALES

ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA AND EVENTS, APPROX 66% OF OUR AUDIENCE IS FEMALE



38966

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

3008

SCHOOL TEAMS

11886

SUPPORT CREW

HAVE PARTICIPATED IN KOKODA CHALLENGE EVENTS, CONQUERING 15KM, 30KM, 48KM AND 96KM DISTANCE CATEGORIES.



14 GOLD COAST

9 MELBOURNE

8 BRISBANE

KOKODA CHALLENGE EVENTS HAVE BEEN RUN ACROSS AUSTRALIA



27K SOCIAL FOLLOWING

ACROSS FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM



14000

SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

EXPERIENCING ADVENTURES IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT OUR CAMP KOKODA FACILITY

49 INSPIRING KOKODA KIDS, ACROSS 4 BRANCHES, LED BY 16 INCREDIBLE LEADERS = A SUCCESSFUL 2018 FOR THE KCYP

The 2018 Kokoda Kids kicked off in May with the Kokoda Spirit on display right from the beginning at the Orientation Day, where they were put to the test with fitness testing and team building games. Team morale continued to grow at our annual 2 Day wilderness camp at Camp Kokoda that included various activities such as the sugar glider, team bonding games, an early morning walk, canoeing and team chant performances.

As we moved through the weeks building self-belief and confidence through hard work, resilience, team work and learning the importance that exercise and good nutrition has on our lives, we moved onto the 96km Gold Coast Challenge. Each Kokoda Kid pushed themselves to new heights that resulted in everyone creating new personal limits. A pleasing aspect of the Kokoda Challenge in 2018 was how well the parent/support crew came together for each branch. Their organisation and ability to get the job done under difficult circumstances and to watch the lengths they achieved to support their team and Kokoda Kid was first class.

In early August the KCYP turned its attention toward Papua New Guinea. Leaders and KYF staff worked tirelessly in solving any issues and barriers that came up including passport issues, equipment shortages, medical expenses, anxieties, questions or concerns, which led to facilitating a successful trip for all involved. This year we had 3 teams including Track Group 1 made up of Brisbane and Logan branch, Track Group 2 made up of Gold Coast and Tweed branch and Cultural Group 3 made up of kids and leaders from all 4 branches. Our Leaders and Kokoda Kids performed incredibly well along with our trekking partners, Getaway Trekking, under some exhausting conditions. A big well done and congratulations must go to out to all involved.

With a high attendance rate, the Kokoda Kids are now fully entrenched in their community service commitments working with Daisy Hill Conservation Park, Austinville Land Care, Numinbah Valley Hall, Surfing for the Disabled, National Netball Championship (that is a passion for one of our Logan Leaders Jean Teamoke-Teo)... just to name a few.

Some Kokoda Kids have gone on to higher honours with many receiving awards and recognition within their school and communities, sharing their Kokoda stories and displaying their pride and passion for the whole community to see.

2018 KCYP has seen the introduction of a new Kokoda Campaign education format, with the view to continue to find efficient ways of teaching Kokoda Kids about the Kokoda Campaign and having them retain a large portion of that information.

We introduced 11 new leaders to the team with 7 of them already expressing their desire to return in 2019, we have already received another 7 new suitable applicants ready to be interviewed. We are also in the process of creating feedback forms for Kokoda Kids, Leaders and Parents/Support Crew, with the view to obtain a deeper insight into what areas can be improved as well as understanding what we're doing well.

We reintroduced the fundraising component back into the KCYP by providing each branch a kick starter Bunnings BBQ. Each branch created their own methods to raise their teams money including: representing KYF at the scarecrow festival, asking for corporate donations, movie night, raffles and asking their family and friends etc.

2018 has provided a strong launching pad moving forward, as we continue to define and strengthen what we do. WE strive to continue providing a united youth program from the KYF staff to our extremely valuable volunteer leaders down to our parents and support crews. We will continue to build and grow using the values of the Kokoda Spirit. I now look forward to knuckling down on recruiting the next bunch of Kokoda Kids, by capitalising on the relationships we have built within schools, starting conversations with school guidance counsellors, creating a strong presence on social media and more.

Thanks to our Communications Officer Naomi and Griffith University we have had involvements from interns, created a new KCYP promotional video, updated our KCYP Kokoda Kids and Leaders brochures, improved our application process... this means

WE ARE READY TO MAKE 2019 BIGGER, BETTER AND STRONGER!

DANN HOLLINGSHED, YOUTH MANAGER



ON THE RIGHT TRACK (OTRT)



The 2018 On The Right Track (OTRT) program was delivered across 21 weeks during the middle of the school year, starting on May 2nd and ending on September 19th. All the participants were male students enrolled at Pacific Pines State High School. The basis for selection of Pacific Pines State High School was a previously established connection with Kokoda Youth Foundation (KYF). The program aimed to promote and enact the four Kokoda values of Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice through experiential learning. The development of these Kokoda Kids across the 21-week program provides an opportunity to appreciate how the values of the 1942 Kokoda campaign are still highly relevant today.

- STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED**
- ACCOR GROUP
 - CAMP KOKODA
 - NERANG POLICE
 - DAISY HILL CONSERVATION
 - QLD DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
 - NERANG COUNTRY PARADISE PARKLANDS

Engaging weekly with these Kokoda Kids every Wednesday, the first half of the program was hiking-based and led up to the 48km Kokoda Challenge Event. The second half of the program consisted of 8 weeks of community service, building towards the OTRT Graduation on September 19th. Several local community and government organisations worked with KYF to provide hands-on learning for the group, with tasks providing variety and challenge, while linking back to the Kokoda values at all times. With the aim of nurturing and encouraging personal growth in all our participants, they all had the opportunity to push themselves past previous expectations and experience the process of working gradually towards a larger goal.

The 2018 OTRT Kokoda Kids were nominated for the program by their school teachers. Interviews took place immediately before the program was to start, and a second wave of recruiting was held after several ambivalent group members withdrew from the program. While attendance in both phases of the program was excellent (>86%), the participants struggled at times with a range of personal and family barriers to participation (including but not limited to school suspensions, school expulsion, housing instability, financial strain, physical health issues etc). Supporting the Kokoda Kids through this journey was part of the staff's challenge in providing a valid learning opportunity and ensuring the OTRT program did not impair their education. We are very proud of these kids progress and commitment.

CHARLES AUDLEY, YOUTH COORDINATOR



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OTRT FEEDBACK

“This has taught our son to set goals and work towards achieving them, persevere when times may seem tough and work with others to achieve a common goal!”



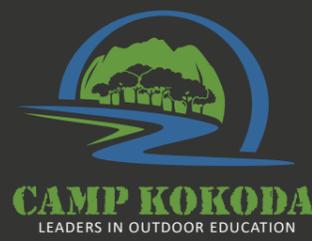
“Our son loved the opportunity to experience some of the hardship soldiers had to endure, while doing things to work for others and benefit the community... Great program!”

“The 48km Kokoda Challenge was the most useful part of the whole program because at times during the event I really wanted to give up... But I pushed through it!”



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CAMP KOKODA OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE



WOW! What a successful year it's been at Camp Kokoda. As we continue to grow we continue to achieve. Camp Kokoda is now Australian Accredited, which is a huge accomplishment.

We have had our most successful year to date with our School Holiday Program, due to the high demand we have introduced 1 Day Family Fun Days, 1 Day Camps for participants between the ages of 7-14 years, as well as our usual 4 Day Camp, while our December Camp is almost fully booked already!

Camp Kokoda is honoured to be finalist's in the 2018 Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation Awards for Excellence in Outdoor Facilities.

Although Camp Kokoda has suffered from the drought in the last 12 months, the recent rain has brought great relief and we are enjoying seeing the place green and creeks flowing again. We have welcomed on board Bec Hudson, who is full time doing multiple roles from program back up, administration and logistics.

Recently our Camp Kokoda Manager participated in the International Fellowship Directors course in Melbourne, Laura found this extremely informative and some beneficial objectives to introduce to Camp Kokoda.



2019 GOALS

- In 2019 we will be creating our sustainable living project. This will be ongoing, introducing veggie and herb gardens and free range chickens, with multipurpose of disposing of group scraps and receiving fresh eggs. Camp Kokoda is planning on building a native tree corridor, to encourage the native bird life and hopefully Koala's in a safe sanction.
- Camp Kokoda is partnering with a small neighbouring school, to provide an Outdoor Education session on site once a month to compensate for the small rural school, allowing them to still benefit from the outcomes we offer.
- Camp Kokoda is excited to be participating in the Scenic Rim Be healthy and Active Program, encouraging our local community to get outdoors. Camp Kokoda has offered to run two 1 hour sessions on a weekend to show our support for this great cause.
- Camp Kokoda is excited to welcome our new CEO Matt Helmers on board and be guided by his expertise in further growing as an organisation.

LAURA SKINNER, CAMP MANAGER



NEW INFRASTRUCTURE BUILT:

BRAND NEW OFFICE

COVERED PATIO

ENCLOSED FENCE

FENCED ARCHERY AREA

LOW ROPES COURSE (PICTURED ABOVE)

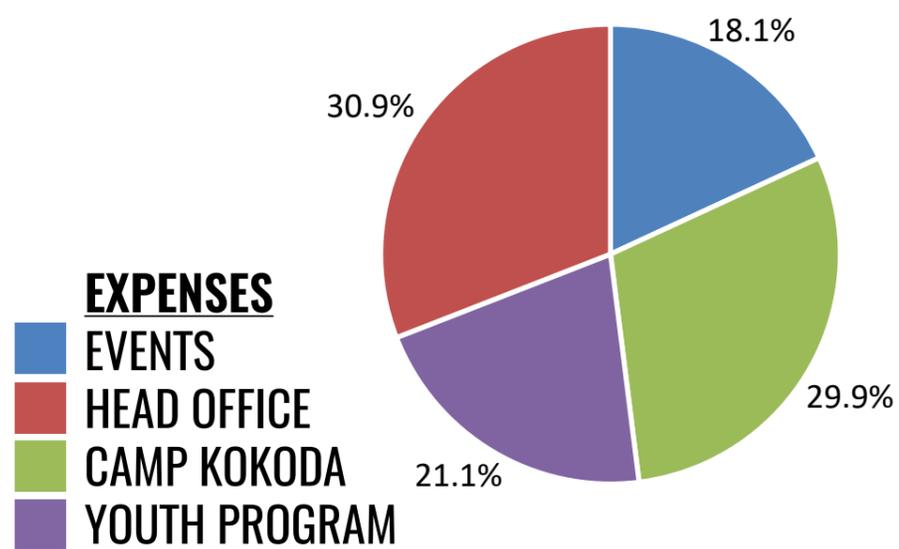
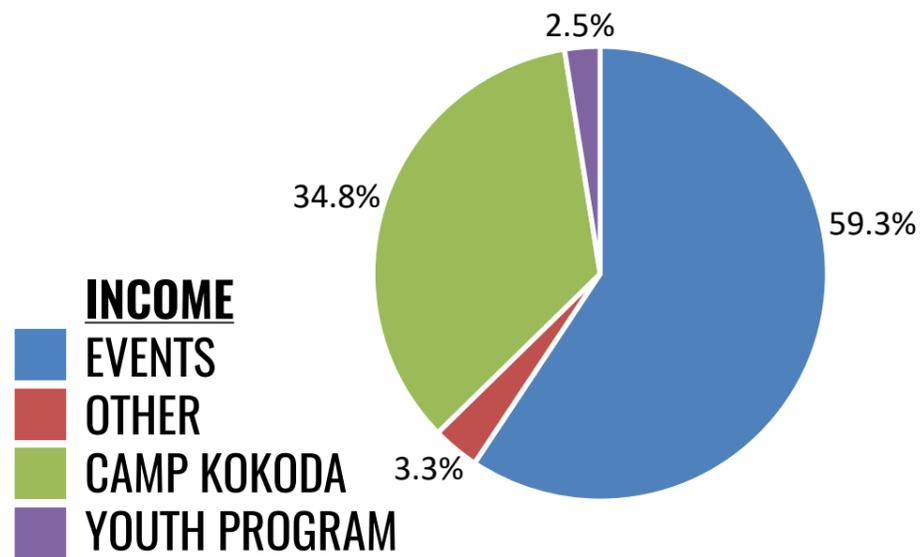


FINANCIAL & TREASURERS REPORT

The Kokoda Youth Foundation (KYF) has delivered 9% growth in total revenue to \$2,147,715 through an increase in event and camp income. Despite an unusual year of high staff turnover, an operating surplus of \$24,503 has still been achieved while maintaining program services. We remain grateful for the significant volunteer contribution which assists in the efficiency of our operations.

KYF remains in a sound financial position with more than \$3 million in net assets, providing a solid foundation for our ongoing commitment to youth programs. Additional new partners are being explored which will provide growth opportunities in 2019 and beyond.

CHRIS GLENISTER, TREASURER



SPONSORS & PARTNERS

We could not have achieved the things we have in 2018 without the ongoing support and commitment of our sponsors, partners, stakeholders and volunteers. We acknowledge and appreciate the continued dedication of the following groups towards The Kokoda Youth Foundation.



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MATES

KOKODA 1942-1943

In memory of the
COURAGE
ENDURANCE
MATESHIP
and
SACRIFICE
of all who served in the
Kokoda Track Campaign

LEST WE FORGET



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