



FOUNDATION

**2022
Community Impact Report**

INTRODUCTION

Since our establishment in 2012, professional sporting clubs have evolved to be more than just professional Men's, Women's and Academy teams.

The Western Sydney Wanderers have a real responsibility to support the community that supports us and we are proud to use football as a vehicle to bring people together.

Together with the incredible support of our donors in 2022, we have been able to run programs in the Western Sydney community in ways we never have before connecting communities and improving lives through football.

In 2022 we have run programs across our six Foundation pillars:

- Indigenous
 - Indigenous Scholarship via Western Sydney University
 - Karabi Community Centre at Constitution Hill: Working closely with disadvantaged Western Sydney youth of Indigenous background to support, grow and mentor a safe and productive range of weekly football sessions held throughout 2022
- Multicultural
 - Nexus Soccer Solutions: Offering regular football training for over 150 young Sudanese kids at our Wanderers Football Park
 - NSW African Cup 2022: Hosting a ten-week tournament with 36 teams involved, over 600 participants and several hundred fans across multiple matches leading into the final
- Female Football
 - Future Wander Women Program: Over 330 trialists and training squad of 60 selected with weekly training sessions focusing on skills development and high level coaching
 - Female Football Cup: 40 teams participated across under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s, with 430 players involved
- All Abilities
 - Funded our Powerchair Team and enabled us to support the reserves team to provide access for more children to play the sport

- Access to and working within multiple Aspect Schools that allow us to work with children of all abilities, including those with autism or an intellectual disability and run programs around good health and fun playing sport. We were able to support over 500 kids in this space
- Healthy Active Lifestyle
 - Engaged over 5,000 kids through our free school clinics program
 - Had 90 schools participate in the Schools Cup, with the final being held at Wanderers Football Park and medals and trophies being handed out to participants by our A-League and W-League teams
 - Held just over 45 holiday clinics across Western Sydney with 980 participants
- Youth
 - Through the Academy we ran over 150 sessions this year and supported over 100 kids with high level coaching and skills development

We would like to thank all our incredible donors and partners for their generous contributions to the Wanderers Foundation and look forward to continuing to work together to create a real impact in our Western Sydney community.

SCOTT HUDSON

Western Sydney Wanderers CEO

THE WANDERERS FOUNDATION

Community
**is an
integral**

driver at

the Wanderers

it is the

**Western
Sydney
community**

where we aim

to make a **difference.**

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT BY THE NUMBERS

Offered regular football training to over 150 Sudanese players at Wanderers Football Park

The Future Wander Women Program brought over 330 trialists to Wanderers Football Park with a training squad of 60 players selected

Engaged over 5,000 kids through the Wanderers FREE Active Schools Program

Supported over 500 children in the All Abilities space through working with Aspect Schools

The Foundation continued to fund the Wanderers Powerchair Team and is now able to support a reserves team to provide access for more children to play the sport they love

Continued the Wanderers Indigenous Scholarship supported by Western Sydney University

Inaugural Female Football Cup saw 40 teams and 430 players participate with divisions in U10s, U12s, U14s and U16s

90 schools participated in the club's annual Schools Cup tournament

Worked closely with disadvantaged Western Sydney youth with an Indigenous background through Karabi to support, grow and mentor in a safe community sporting group

Hosted 2022 African Cup NSW over 10 weeks with 36 teams participating, over 600 participants and thousands of fans

150 Wanderers Academy training sessions which supported 100 of the next generation of Wanderers players

TESTIMONIAL 1

KARABI AND PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

Together with Parramatta City Council and the Karabi Community Centre, we have been hosting free training sessions for the local Indigenous community in Parramatta.

City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Donna Davis on the importance of these training sessions to the local community;

“It’s so important that we have community services that are available to everybody.”

“There are some residents in our community that don’t have the same opportunities as others, so grants like the one that City of Parramatta has provided to the Wanderers actually gives opportunities so that everyone can have access to great programs.”



TESTIMONIAL 2

FUTURE WANDER WOMEN PROGRAM

The Future Wander Women Program in 2022 doubled in size from 30 to 60 athletes as well as expanding age groups. With over 300 players from all over New South Wales coming to trial for the program, it has been incredible to give an opportunity for young female athletes in the Western Sydney region to continue to develop and grow.

Scendar CEO Gareth Bryant said supporting the Future Wander Women Program would create a legacy for years to come.

"I think the world is finally waking up to Women's Sport and what an opportunity it is to get behind it and the commercial world is slowly following.

"From my perspective, I feel like it's been a long-time coming to create an equal playing field from an investment and commercial sense.

"It's really exciting that the Women's World Cup will be on our shores this year and if we can contribute then that will be a great legacy that we can build for years to come.

"I'm a dad of two young daughters so the opportunity to support Women's football is a no brainer.

"We're really proud to have our brand be associated with the Future Wander Women Program, it's not a beating the chest type of thing, we wanted to help and contribute so we look forward to seeing the next generation of players come out of the program."



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