



**WESTS TIGERS
FOUNDATION**
— EST. 2018 —

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2022





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wests Tigers acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land in which all players and employees operate. Spanning from the Eora Nation of the Inner West of Sydney to the Tharawal Nation of the South West Sydney region, Wests Tigers pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging as we continue to celebrate the rich history and culture of Indigenous Australians.





OUR MISSION

Wests Tigers is committed to enriching the lives of our community by harnessing the power of Rugby League to make a lasting difference in people's lives across the Inner West and South West of Sydney.

Wests Tigers Foundation relies on generous donors and benefactors to contribute to the development of our three main pillars; elite development, community engagement and heritage.

We understand physical activity is a key contributor to establishing healthy habits. Regular physical activity helps prevent a range of diseases, heart attacks, cancer and diabetes, but sport does more than just keep us physically healthy. An entire community benefits from sport participation. From players to family to volunteers, sport brings people together.

Rugby League continues to allow new friendships to form and builds a sense of belonging and pride. The confidence that is built from playing or supporting rugby league helps foster important life skills. Wests Tigers continue to ensure the positive influence of rugby league enables all Australians to feel connected.



2022 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

\$260,115
total donations



9,411

registered junior league players across 3 districts



59 engagements reaching

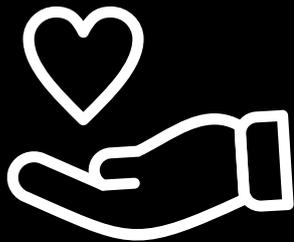
152K people in our community

75,000KM +

distance travelled to deliver community programs and engagements



60+
volunteers



102

schools engaged in community programs



26 high schools

76 primary schools



OUR WORK

Ways we worked to enrich the lives our local community in 2022

Autism Friendly Room

In partnership with Autism Spectrum Australia, the Wests Tigers' Autism Friendly Room entered its 5th consecutive season, delivering a unique opportunity to members of our community to watch Wests Tigers in a safe and relaxed atmosphere. The space is designed to provide calm, focus, and comfort to individuals with sensory processing challenges.

138 members made use of the Autism Friendly Room.

Wests Tigers were awarded ASPECT's 'Autism Friendly Achievement' award.



Virtual Community Blitz

An impact of Covid-19 was a switch to a virtual format for the club's annual Community Blitz. The online learning workshop was delivered via a live stream platform and discussed themes such as teamwork, communication and the upcoming junior league season. Players shared their learnings about working together to achieve goals and promote inclusivity.

Connected with over 10,000 students across 57 schools.

Read more: weststigers.com.au/news/2022/02/24/wests-tigers-virtual-blitz/



OUR WORK



Unite Harmony

A program targeted towards high school students in stages 4 and 5, Unite Harmony celebrates Australia's cultural diversity, delivering a total of six workshops. The program touches on themes such as healthy relationships, teamwork, excellence, communication, respect and belonging.

Eighteen programs delivered to high schools in 2022, reaching over 500 students.

Read more: weststigers.com.au/news/2022/03/29/wests-tigers-harmony-night/



Christmas Toy Drive

Wests Tigers teamed up with Wahu to deliver the annual Christmas Toy Drive, a staple in the Wests Tigers calendar since 2016. Visiting pediatrics wards across the South West of Sydney, Wests Tigers male and female players along with club legends spread Christmas cheer to those most in need.

Two hospitals visited, 50 gifts given and 8 NRL and female players took part

Read more: weststigers.com.au/news/2021/12/07/wests-tigers-spread-christmas-joy-at-annual-toy-drive/





AED Regional Trip

Partnering with the Michael Hughes Foundation and Heart180, Wests Tigers distributed 86 life-saving defibrillators in regional areas of NSW.

Alongside community engagement activities, the campaign included CPR education courses in Dubbo, Menindee, Condobolin, Mindarriba and Karuah.

Eighty-six AED's donated to local Aboriginal Land Councils. 3x community clinics were delivered and over 2,500km travelled.

Read more: weststigers.com.au/news/2022/07/05/regional-road-trip-helping-save-lives/



WHOs Active Life

Across a 20-week period, Wests Tigers Community team joined the residents of WHOs at Leichhardt Oval, delivering a one-hour program of physical activity. 'We Help Ourselves' is one of the largest non-government treatment providers in Australia, offering treatment and support services for individuals with drug and alcohol associated issues.

Delivered program to over 200 residents at We Help Ourselves.

Read more: weststigers.com.au/news/2022/11/04/community-team-commended/

Wests Tigers Community team delivering AEDs to local community in Dubbo, NSW



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Client W from WHOS Lilyfield

PARTICIPANT IN WESTS TIGERS' ACTIVE LIFE PROGRAM

I've always liked football and was so excited to find out about the Wests Tigers sessions every week. I know I'm keener than most in the sessions, but I really like the way Grace & Ned always make sure everyone gets involved. It's not about winning it's about showing up and participating and doing your best. They also make it fun to be active which I know is important for some of the girls, otherwise they might find an excuse not to join in. I'm really hoping to work in sports when I leave WHOS, and I don't think that would have been something I would have really thought was possible before the sessions with Grace & Ned.

Participating Parent

AUTISM FRIENDLY ROOM

My children absolutely enjoyed the experience and so did my husband. It is very hard to enjoy a game when you have typical children and a child with Autism. They were all catered for. The small fidget toy was a winner and the setting of couches with pillows made it a perfect sensory experience. Please know your planning and efforts were greatly appreciated by a small family who struggle daily with Autism. The anxiety it places on us when attending public venues and events was alleviated.

Participating Teacher

GLENFIELD PARK SCHOOL (UNITE HARMONY PROGRAM)

Thank you so much for how your staff interacted with our students. Being a behavioral school, it is hard to interact with external providers but Kenneth and Bo really connected with the students. The way that you have engaged with our kids and worked with them really made a significant difference.





CHARITIES SUPPORTED

Autism Spectrum Australia
Legacy Foundation
Beyond Blue
KARI Foundation
Royce Simmons Foundation
McGrath Foundation
Michael Hughes Foundation
Fight Cancer Foundation
Wheelchair Rugby League
Settlement Services International
Mater Dei Foundation
What Ability Foundation
24 Hour Fight Against Cancer
Mark Hughes Foundation

The Junction Works
Liberty Cares
Autism Advisory & Support Service
Foundation for a Bloody Great Cause
AbSec
Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre
Camden Women's Shelter
Heart Lung Clinic - St. Vincent's Hospital
NSW Local Aboriginal Land Councils
Men of League Foundation
South West Sydney Local Health District
McHappy Day
Miracle Babies Foundation
WISE Employment

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We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to Wests Tigers community programs.

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