

DreamTrack

Brisbane, QLD



TOTAL Annual Project Budget: \$52,650



Overview



Community Building

DreamTrack is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth club that provides mentoring to Murri youth in and around South-East Queensland. It brings together local youth aged 8 to 16 on a monthly basis to engage in social, cultural and spiritual activities in a fun, safe and friendly setting.

Their vision is to see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living with purpose and a positive identity. Their aim is to equip young people with life skills and resources that will help them to embrace life, culture and their community. Each event includes activities that promote cultural identity, resilience and life skills.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVE
A LIFE EXPECTANCY

10 YEARS

LOWER THAN NON-INDIGENOUS



Indigenous people are people are much more likely than non-Indigenous people to die before they are old. *Source: ABS, 2013*

**INDIGENOUS
ADULTS**

MORE LIKELY TO BE JAILED



Indigenous adults are 15 times more likely to be jailed than non-Indigenous adults.

Source: ABS, 2013

\$35,650

ANNUAL PRIVATE FUNDS NEEDED

DreamTrack receives some small grants from local sources and ADRA Australia needs to raise \$35,650 every year to keep this project operating.

Activities

- Role-modeling, education, supervision and friendship to young people.
- Connection with an elder or well-known community member who shares stories and life experiences.
- Activities across a variety of disciplines designed to promote cultural identity, resilience and mastery.
- Annual camp including activities such as low ropes courses, pontoon obstacle courses, BMX riding, and archery.

Impact

DreamTrack works to provide indigenous young people with healthy, positive identities, enhanced confidence and resilience, an improved sense of community, cultural strengthening and wider employment and tertiary education options.



Jacinta's Story

Seventeen-year-old Jacinta* is a very proud Aboriginal from the Wakka Wakka and Gooreng Gooreng nation, and she has big dreams – she wants to be a doctor. But she hasn't always been so sure of her future.

Five years ago, Jacinta was a shy little girl who lacked confidence and was afraid to try new things. She also faced the challenges of growing up in a disadvantaged environment. "I grew up in a strong but tough community surrounded by alcohol, drugs and crime," Jacinta says. But then Jacinta was invited to attend DreamTrack. Through fun team-building activities, and mentoring Jacinta was able to develop healthy life skills, increased resilience and greater self-esteem. Since joining DreamTrack, Jacinta has grown and matured, and she's gained more confidence.

She is now a leader and mentor to the younger children who attend. And she's right on track to pursuing her dream. "In a couple of months I start a nursing course at TAFE," she says proudly.

*Name changed to protect privacy.

Join the Circle

The DreamTrack Project receives no government funding and depends entirely on donations to meet annual operating costs. You can partner with DreamTrack by joining the Supporter Circle. You will receive regular updates and see the impact you are having on the lives of those in need.



Donate

Your donation of \$60 per month will enable ADRA Australia to fund one great fun DreamTrack Day for young people to experience water sports, food, fun and friendship. One-off donations of any amount also provide valued assistance.



Pray

Commit to praying regularly for the DreamTrack Project and for young indigenous people in need of guidance and support.



Volunteer

You can volunteer at the DreamTrack Project. Generalist and specialist help is always needed. Contact ADRA today to discuss suitable roles.

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