



Empowering
young people
to build their
own future

Quarterly Report

Term 3, 2019

Message from the founder

Thanks to your support, TRACTION is growing to meet the needs of more vulnerable youth who need support and mentoring to get back on track.

In Term 3, we've had the opportunity to support young people from **new schools** including Emmaus, Mt Maria and Villanova Colleges. Participants have been engaged in our Bicycle Build and Small Engines programs, and for the first time students from Beaudesert High School have had the chance to complete a permaculture project at our TRACTION Scenic Rim workshop.

In line with our charitable intent to support young people in need, TRACTION is always seeking ways

to reach and serve diverse groups of youth in local communities. We are delighted to announce that in Term 3, TRACTION piloted a Bike Build Program with young people in the Youth Justice system. With support from The Cory Foundation, and in conjunction with with other Redlands-based referral agencies, we have expanded our geographical reach across the bay, running 1-day Bicycle Build and Maintenance workshops on Macleay Island. It is a privilege to be able to work with other community groups to engage, inspire and connect with young



people, and we look forward to developing these relationships further.

It is a reality that for TRACTION to meet the ever increasing demand, we need community support to continue. During the term we have been fortunate to receive generous donations from M&D Pherous,

The Lighthouse Club, Present Group, Pitcher Partners, D&G Martin, Fluor, The Lions Club of Beaudesert and Australian Vitamin & Sports Nutrition. TRACTION has also been successful in securing community grants from the Chain Reaction Challenge Foundation, The Courier Mail Children's Fund, Lend Lease and the Yarrabilba Community Enterprise Foundation, the Port of Brisbane, Transurban and Redland City Council.

Throughout the term TRACTION has also been busy engaging with the wider TRACTION community through three **significant events** including the inaugural CEO Bike Build, the Redland Supporters Dinner and as beneficiary of Food For Thought Brisbane's Long Lunch.

We look forward to the last term of 2019 with a sense of accomplishment and pride in the young people we support and gratitude for our many sponsors, supporters and advocates. We invite you to stay with us or if you are new then please become part of the TRACTION journey and help more young people build their own future.



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Progress to date

Term in review

107 Participants (young people) engaged, including:

20 From the Redlands region

18 From Brisbane's Southside

14 From Logan region

12 From the Scenic Rim region

43 Through Outreach, Mobile or Holiday programs

94% Term 3 program completion rate

92% Term 3 program attendance rate

19 Referral agencies supported – including schools, community groups, child safety and youth justice agencies

4 Programs delivered, including:

- Bicycle Build,
- Small Engines,
- After school Community Bike Program, and
- 1-day Bicycle Build and Maintenance Program.

10 Program delivery locations

2019 to date

220	Participants (young people) engaged, including:
66	From the Redlands region
39	From Brisbane's Southside
37	From Logan region
24	From the Scenic Rim region
54	Through Outreach, Mobile or Holiday programs

41	Referral agencies supported – including schools, community groups, child safety and youth justice agencies
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Cumulative to date (since July 2015)

931	Participants (young people) engaged, including:
396	From the Redlands region
197	From Brisbane's Southside
73	From Logan region
71	From the Scenic Rim region
194	Through Outreach, Mobile or Holiday programs

Term 3 program highlights



1-day Bicycle Build and Maintenance programs were delivered for students from Runcorn State High and Mt Maria College.



Presentation of fantastic growth ideas from 2 teams that competed in the Westpac Youth Network & QUT Business School 'Innovation Challenge'.



With support of the Cory Foundation, community outreach programs were delivered for young people in partnership with the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) on Stradbroke Island, Project Booyah PCYC, Running Wild Youth Conservation Culture on Macleay Island, BABI Youth & Family Service and The Cage.



As part of the Small Engines program, students from Villanova College learnt quickly about the fundamentals of mechanics and prepared six Honda CT110 'Postie' motorcycles for the Dust Hustle event. Nothing like a deadline - the pressure was on to get these machines ready for the 28th of September. How exciting!



TRACTION Connect Success

Your support makes it possible for TRACTION to provide the spark for many young people to re-engage with their schooling, their friends, family and community. To build upon this, TRACTION seeks to connect young people with further training, work experience, apprenticeships and employment opportunities through partnerships with education providers and businesses to help build new pathways for our young people.

During Term 3, Lauclan, a TRACTION participant who completed the Bicycle Build program, secured an apprenticeship at Pro Honda Motorcycles at Moorooka.

“ TRACTION helped me really think about what I wanted to do in the future. I learnt a lot about life skills, how to be polite, work in a team and share ideas. To me it's really important to have a positive attitude, be nice to people and show them respect like you want to be respected. They're the two main things I got out of TRACTION – working in a team and respect.

In providing this opportunity for Lauclan, John Peterson, Director of Pro Honda Motorcycles and long-standing supporter of TRACTION, said

“ People from TRACTION have that extra thing that employers are looking for.



Our people in focus

Monique has been a wonderful member of the TRACTION community since 2015 and recently has been supporting TRACTION participants as part of completing a Certificate III in Community & Support Services. She's also kicking goals at school! She was recently awarded the Senior Secondary Leadership Award as part of recent NAIDOC week celebrations. Monique is a proud descendant of the Bunjalung and Barkinji people, is a peer mentor to younger students and a member of the Beyond the Broncos Girls Academy. Congratulations Monique on being recognised for your hard work.



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Community partnerships & engagement



TRACTION is an organisation that provides an opportunity to make a meaningful difference to young people's lives. The community we mobilise is our greatest strength.

CEO Bike Build

The inaugural CEO Bike Build for TRACTION was held at the former



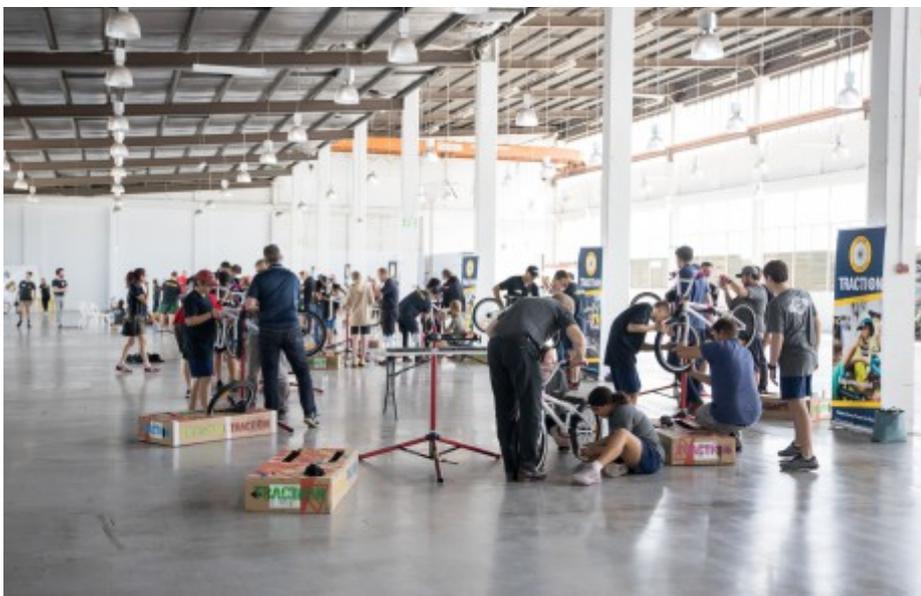
Bunnings site in Albion on the 6th of September and proved a great success.

23 business and community leaders helped raise over \$51,000 which will provide many more vulnerable young people access to TRACTION programs.

30 TRACTION participants, many facing significant life challenges, teamed up with the CEOs to build BMX bikes from scratch within a tight timeframe.

The event allowed young people to engage with and lead their CEO working partners through the bike build process, while sharing experiences and learning from each other.

Highlights of the event included riding the bikes once they were built to celebrate the teams' achievements, with a CEO or two showing they still had the talent and skill to handle a BMX, and the donation of 10 bikes to GIVIT, a partner charity of TRACTION.



The CEO Bike Build is set to become a regular feature in the annual TRACTION calendar and plans are already underway to make it even bigger in 2020.

Our Supporters in focus: AP Eagers



AP Eagers is one of Australia's largest automotive retail groups. With over 100 years of history and employing around 4,500 staff nationwide, TRACTION is proud to be supported by an icon of the Australian car industry.

AP Eagers, together with the AP Eagers Foundation, were integral to the success of the inaugural TRACTION CEO Bike Build, providing a superb facility for the day.

We are thrilled to announce that AP Eagers have committed to become a TRACTION Connect partner, helping provide access to training and employment pathways for selected TRACTION participants. We look forward to having the AP Eagers team provide valuable insight for our young people about career opportunities in the automotive industry.

Food for Thought Brisbane's 'Long Lunch'

Heartfelt thanks to the 300 guests that attended the 'Long Lunch'

organised by Food for Thought Brisbane on 13th September. TRACTION was fortunate to be selected as the beneficiary charity of the event and \$47,000 was raised to provide access to TRACTION programs for at risk youth.



Redlands Supporter Dinner

Business and community leaders from the Redlands attended our first ever Supporter Dinner on 28th August. Riley, a TRACTION participant from Wynnum State High, stole the show sharing his experience at TRACTION. School Chaplain Greg provided insight into the powerful benefits he sees TRACTION deliver for young people, and Barry, one of TRACTION's volunteer Mentors, highlighted the ways he shares his experience and supports program participants.



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Looking ahead

We're excited to welcome new schools in Term 4 including The Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community School (known as The Murri School), Bayside State College and the Sycamore School which provides safe and inclusive education for young people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Small Engines program will be delivered in the Scenic Rim for the first time at our Beaudesert workshop.

TRACTION will be active in the community supporting events for 'Ride 2 Work' Day on 16th October.



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Support us

People working together will achieve extraordinary things. We believe TRACTION is the perfect example of this. Through the support of our donors and sponsors, the TRACTION team are empowering dreams and helping young people go places.

TRACTION relies on private donations, corporate sponsorships, community fundraising and grants to help deliver the program. Our supporters, both big and small, value our purpose and contribution to the community. Their investment in the team and our resources have helped us to grow this far. However,

to meet ever increasing demand, we need to broaden our support base because we still have a long way to go to meet the need that we know is out there.

Ways to support us include:

- Sponsoring a TRACTION participant - \$100
- Donating a Scholarship - \$1,000
- Nominating TRACTION as a beneficiary charity for your corporate staff giving program or fundraising event
- Referring prospective supporters
- Volunteering
- Donating a bicycle



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About TRACTION

TRACTION empowers young people in need by helping them positively engage with community, discover their talents and create their own future.

We understand that everybody learns differently and some young people don't realise their potential in a classroom.

TRACTION provides a safe environment where young people restore items donated by the community and with the guidance of mentors, learn new skills and put them into action through participation in real, tangible and meaningful learning activities.

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