



THE GIRLS & BOYS  
BRIGADE

# Stories from the GBB

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## When I was a kid who needed help, kind people like you changed my life

### Your kindness is still reaching kids today

As an alumna of The Girls & Boys Brigade, I understand just how much your support means to kids in need. I wouldn't be who I am today without the support of generous people like you, who gave me opportunities, relationships, and practical support that I couldn't get anywhere else. I'm so grateful that other kids will be able to experience those same things, all thanks to you. I hope you'll take time to read this newsletter, because I want to introduce you to some of the kids you're helping.

I was really touched by the story on page 2 about Aiden — a youth who uncovered a passion while whale watching with the GBB. I remember the staff returning to the centre that day, drenched from the rain, and telling me about their day. Things didn't quite go as planned, but Aiden's experience made it all worthwhile. Activities like these simply wouldn't be possible without you.

On page 3, you'll be able to read all about the Year 5 and 6 camp to Wamberal. It's impossible to imagine Mel wrangling five little guinea pigs without smiling, or to read about the spills had on Avoca Lake without wishing you could join the fun. Undoubtedly, you've given these kids experiences that they'll remember for the rest of their lives!



**Thank you for the compassion you show kids in need,  
and for all you do to support The Girls & Boys Brigade!**

Stefan Lamour-Jansson  
Executive Officer



Fun activities made possible by friends like you can transform the lives of kids. Read below about Aiden, and what a boat trip meant to him.

## “Now I know what I want to be when I grow up”

Earlier this year, youth had the exciting opportunity to go whale watching during school holidays. No whales were found, but one youth found something even better.

The day began with sunny skies, and everyone left feeling excited and optimistic about the day ahead. However, the weather quickly turned. The choppy waves made it impossible to spot any wildlife, and everyone was seasick by the time the cruise was over.

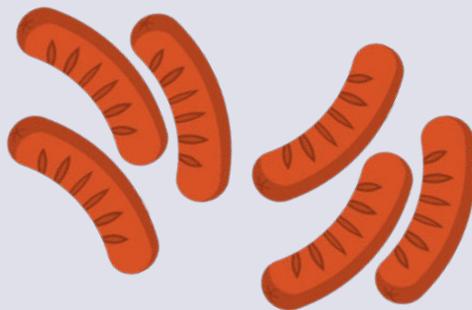
Just when youth staff Bill and Ashley were feeling quite discouraged about the experience, one of the youths, Aiden, gave some surprising feedback.

Aiden said that being on a boat was one of the best things he’s ever done, and because of this experience, he hopes to get a job working on a boat one day. He spent the remainder of school holidays telling us what a great time he had on the boat, and asking if we can do another boat excursion next school holidays.

**Thank you for helping Aiden discover his passion!**

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*Wamberal camp highlights*

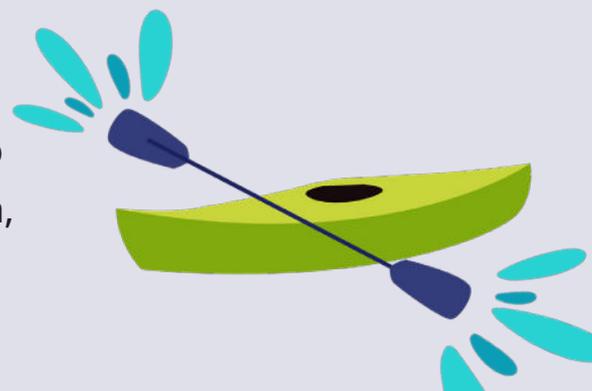


**48 sausages**

barbecued by Bill for all to enjoy over breakfast, lunch, and dinner

**19 water spills**

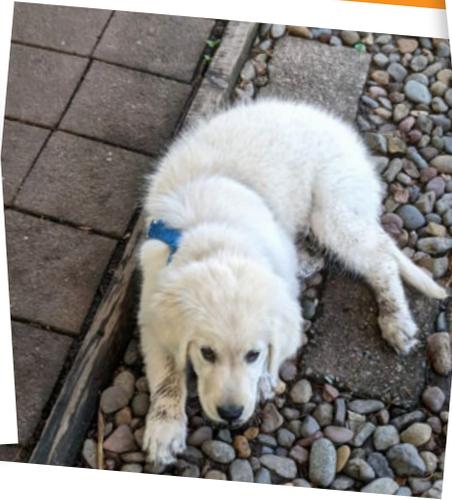
while paddle boarding, canoeing, and peddling aqua trikes on Avoca Lake



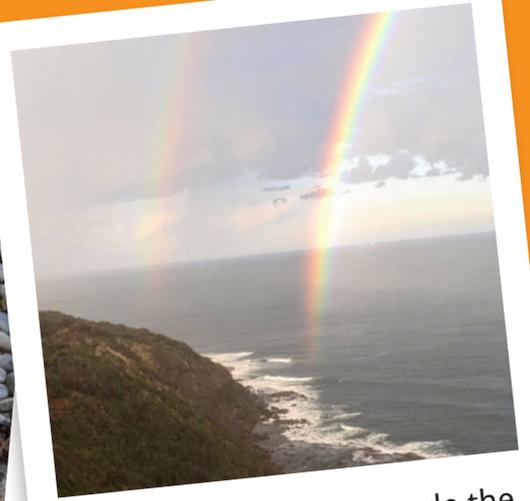
# BFFs at GBB Camp



This September, 14 kids from the GBB took to Wamberal for Year 5 and 6 camp! **Your giving made this camp possible!**



We were welcomed by great hosts, 5 guinea pigs and this cute golden lab named James Bond!



This double rainbow made the views from Crackneck Point lookout even more spectacular.

BFF = Best Friends Forever!

Camp gave me time to bond with other people and try new things out. It was fun when we went canoeing and ice sating. My friends really liked it too, and the staff were really kind. They planned really fun things to do. It was good to try new things in a different place!

-Kiara, Age 10



The last stop was Erina Ice Arena. Thrills, spills, tag, fun and frivolity enjoyed by all.



## 13 games of Mafia

narrated by Stu for the enjoyment of a very competitive crowd

## 9 odd socks

that Mel committed to finding the owners of, along with 8 wet beach towels, 6 cossies, and 5 guinea pigs



**100s of memories made**

Thanks to you!



## Golf Day raises funds to provide a new bus for kids

Our 9th Annual Golf Day was a hole-in-one, all thanks to fantastic supporters like you!

140 golfers gathered together in support of a great cause - The Girls & Boys Brigade Bus.

We are delighted to share that you helped us raise enough money to purchase the bus, which will be transformative to our operations, allowing us to easily and safely transport kids to excursions and camps.

**Thank you for your support of this event, and of The Girls & Boys Brigade!**

## One generation plants the tree; another gets the shade

**Please consider putting a gift in your Will. Future generations of kids will thank you!**

You care about kids in need. You help them access the support they need to grow up safe and well. You give them experiences that they'll remember for the rest of their lives.

When you include a charitable gift in your Will, you do all of that – even after you're gone.

Your legacy of compassion will reach into the future, improving the lives of young people, their families, and their communities. And, it will inspire those who come after us to join in our effort to help kids in need.

To discuss leaving your legacy, please contact Stefan Lamour-Jansson, (02) 9319 4509 or email [stefan@girlsandboysbrigade.com.au](mailto:stefan@girlsandboysbrigade.com.au) – he would love to speak with you!



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