

Making Waves



The Making Waves program has gone from strength to strength this year with a focus on building the foundation for the success of the program for the next five years and beyond.

School Engagement.

In 2019 the program has more than doubled its participant engagement from the 2018 pilot year with 241 young people involved. 2020 is expected to be the biggest year yet for the program with five schools engaging with the program and over 800 young people expected to be impacted. High schools working with the program in 2020 include Armadale Senior High School, Byford Secondary College, Cecil Andrews College, Clontarf Aboriginal College and Kelmscott Senior High School.

Program Curriculum

2019 has seen the evolution of the Making Waves curriculum. The on-water program has been solidified and refined with additional equipment purchases. The off-water program was introduced and is currently being piloted. This curriculum focuses on well-being, mental health and teaching participants key skills in this area.

Work is currently underway on developing the out of school program which provides opportunities for youth to participate in sessions before and after school and on weekends. This program will be trialled in 2020.



Hon. Mick Murray MLA and Wesfarmers CEO Rob Scott with Making Waves Manager Vanessa Paun and coaches

Department of Education

Making Waves continues to be fully compliant with all Department of Education guidelines and policies. In 2019 the program received a letter of commendation from the Minister of Education which recognized the work of the program and its importance to the local area. Making Waves will continue to work with the Department of Education with a view to ensure its lasting legacy in the local area.

Supporters, Partners and Sponsors

Good progress was made throughout 2019 to ensure the program's profile, support and resourcing is in place. Support has been gained from local council, local and federal politicians, the Ministers of Sport and Education and local high schools. In addition, the partnership with Curtin Ahead has now been expanded to include the wider University. Great progress was also made on securing the resources which will ensure the successful running of the program for the next 5 years with 49% of the current funding target of 1.8 million reached. Current sponsors include Sykes Australia and Wesfarmers. The signing of Wesfarmers as a major sponsor was a significant moment for the program and the support that it has been received from Wesfarmers has truly been outstanding. Significant private donations for Making Waves were also received and Making Waves would like to acknowledge and thank all of its donors as without their support the running of the program would not be possible.

Staffing

The Making Waves program now has a dedicated program manager who oversees operational program delivery and works close with the Rowing WA CEO to manage and deliver against the program's strategic objectives.

The operational structure of Making Waves has also been formalised with lead coaches, wellbeing facilitators and program coaches all in place to ensure the program is supported to deliver against key objectives and outcomes.