10th Birthday Edition - May 2021







# A Little Encouragement Can Go a Long Way!



"When Fair Game came to my town they changed my life, they made me believe in myself and now I'm a lot more confident at playing sports. I would love to thank Reece, Abby, Rosie and Theo for making me believe in myself, thank you guys so much. When I'm older want to be with Fair Game."

Participant from recent Wheatbelt trip.

Fair Game is celebrating its 10th birthday this month. In that time we have delivered our health education and fitness. programs to over 30,000 session participants.

You can personally support Fair Game inspiring young people to keep active and healthy by making a tax deductible donation before June 30th.

#### DONATE

# Riley Dolman named WA Young Volunteer of the Year

We know our Fair Gamers are pretty special and we love it when they get the recognition they deserve, so we were thrilled that our superstar Senior Fair Gamer and Board Member - Riley Dolman - was named WA Young Volunteer of the Year at Volunteering WA's Awards

We are 10!

Gala Dinner last week. Among
Riley's many contributions to Fair
Game are an extraordinary 17
Regional trips for Fair Game in four
years. He is an inspiration to his
fellow volunteers as well as the
program participants. See why here.



#### **Equip-Me Sets Up 165 Gosnells Kids for a Great Winter Season**



In March, following last year's successful pilot project of the Equip-Me for Sport program, Fair Game partnered again with the City of Gosnells and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, to provide children in need with pre-loved equipment so they could play club sport this winter. Almost 500 pieces of equipment for AFL, basketball, netball, rugby, soccer, tennis, athletics and softball were donated to 165 young people aged between 2 and 19 years. Over 40 children were able to try a sport they had never tried before.

Ra Jarden-Osborne - Community Development Officer at the City of Gosnells, receiving equipment packages for local children from Rosie McMinn, Fair Game's Intern from Murdoch University.

Many recipients chose to tell us what this program meant to their families. Their comments illustrate the significant impact a program like this can have increasing accessibility to sport.

"I moved to WA recently with my family and have found myself struggling financially, my son has played soccer since he was 5. He said he didn't have to play if I can't afford registration and boots, but I cannot see him miss out. It means so much to us to be able to continue, sport shouldn't be something only wealthier children can afford. It is vital for our children's wellbeing."

"Sole parent, full time uni student and on struggle street. Any help is appreciated!!"

"It will make a difference by allowing my son to fit in & and not be excluded from a sport he really wants to play."

"My son would appreciate anything to help him toward his sport...He has a pair of boots that he has just outgrown & they lasted 2 years...Any help would be so grateful as times are tough & buying a new pair we can't really afford right now...Thank you so much."

"As I have 4 children and a low income accessing this program will let them feel included and not left out because we can't afford the sports."

In 10 years Fair Game has recycled over 55,000 pieces of sports equipment making sport more accessible to tens of thousands of people in remote, regional and underserviced communities.

Just \$5 lets us get a pre-loved piece of sports equipment to a child who needs it.

Make a tax deductible donation before June 30.

**DONATE NOW** 

#### **Welcome to a New Cohort of Fair Gamers**

March was a busy time for the Fair Game Team with 40 new Fair Gamers attending a residential training weekend in Perth and another eight taking part in training with our Hedland Hub. Several have already been on their first regional trips. We were overwhelmed by the quality of applicants and their passion for our mission to build an equitable, healthier and more sustainable Australia. The future is looking bright!

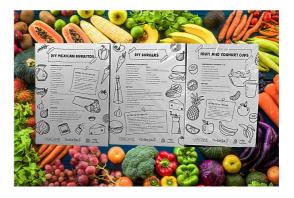




Fair Gamers have donated 40,000 hours over the last 10 years to our mission of building an Equitable, Healthier and more Sustainable Australia.

## **Healthway**





We are delighted that Healthway, through its Go for 2&5 sponsorship, has committed to support our Mid West trips for another two years. Fruit and veg twister and colour-in healthy recipe cards are just two of the ways this sponsorship is helping us start conversations about keeping fit and healthy.



**Recycle & Donate Program Supported by Telethon** 



As one of the new beneficiaries of Telethon, Fair Game CEO, Nicki Bardwell was delighted to attend the Giving Ceremony in March, particularly as she got to meet a hero of hers - Fat Cat!

Telethon's support is helping us grow our Recycle & Donate program, collecting and distributing pre-loved sports equipment to children who need it in the Perth Metro region.

## **School Support!**

We continue to be delighted with the enthusiastic take up by schools of our Be a Sporting Hero Free Dress Day.

If you know a school who might be interested they can find <u>full details</u> and lots of resources on our website.

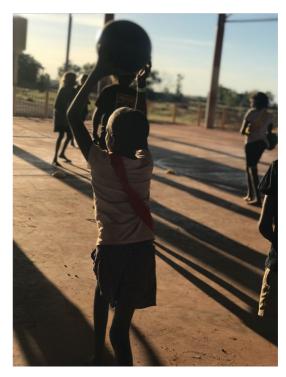


## **Regional Road Trips**

The last three months has unfortunately seen a few trips cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdowns and cyclones, however our teams have still managed to get out to communities right across WA including: Balgo, Mulan, Fitzroy

Crossing, Morowa, Pia Wadjarri, Marble Bar, Yandeyarra, Moora, Hyden and Northam.

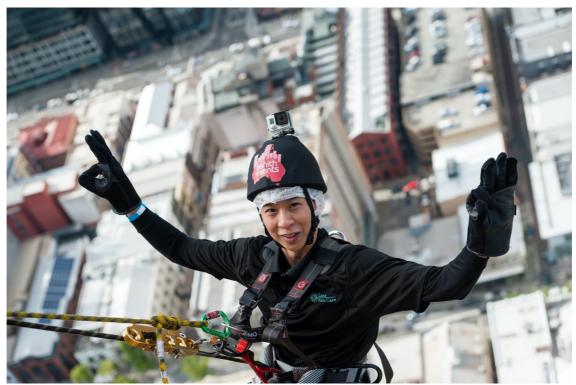








**Take The Plunge for Fair Game!** 



Looking for an inspiring way to fundraise for Fair Game? Abseil off one of the highest points in Perth's iconic skyline and see the City like you've never seen it before. We are excited to announce we have secured a limited number of spots in the epic Central Park Plunge fundraiser on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. So, if you love adventure and want to help Fair Game keep doing the great work it's doing, check out all the details now at <a href="Central Park Plunge">Central Park Plunge</a>.

If you prefer to keep your feet on the ground you might still like to show your support for our team of brave Plungers by sponsoring them. You can do this through the same link.

Registration is \$100pp and participants must raise a minimum of \$1100 sponsorship for Fair Game.



WHAT: Abseil 220m down Perth's tallest tower

WHEN: Saturday 13th November 2021

WHERE: Central Park Tower, Perth

WHY: Challenge yourself and help Fair Game build an

#### equitable, healthier and more sustainable Australia

**HOW:** Visit Central Park Plunge

#### **T-Shirts, Totes and Togs**





Have you checked out <u>Fair Game's merchandise range</u> yet? Great quality, stunning artwork and every purchase supports our mission to build an equitable, healthier and sustainable Australia. Young Pilbara based artist, Antahlia Thomas, also receives a commission on each sale.

# Don't Forget you can Recycle Your Empties to Support Fair Game

Fair Game Containers for Change ID: C10321652 Find out more <a href="here">here</a>





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