



## TFN Live Events | Impact Report

Thank you for completing this Impact report so we can share with our network the outcomes of the project/program that you pitched at a TFN event. Please answer as accurately/comprehensively as possible, although we appreciate that you may not have exact answers to everything. If you raised funds after the event because of your pitch, we are keen to know about your success as we track this information. To save and resume your report later, click the SAVE button at the bottom right of the page. When complete hit SUBMIT. Thank you.

### 1. Organisation name

Making Tracks Far West NSW

### 2. Your name and position

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### 4. Date of the TFN event at which you presented

5/03/2020

### 5. Please outline the project/program and funding you pitched for at the TFN event.

Our pitch was aimed at being able to provide the following for Making Tracks Youth: driving lessons, which is fundamental to breaking the cycle of disadvantage & improving access to employment & services.

Purchase work gear, PPE, tools & equipment to continue our work crews capacity to develop work readiness skills

Purchase a 12 seater mini bus and a trailer, which would let us pick up and drop off youth who would otherwise not be able to access our program.

Running costs of our program.

*e.g. We pitched to employ a Volunteer Coordinator for 2 days per week...*

### 6. Please describe how the funding was used and the implementation of the project/program.

We used our TFN funds to purchase all the resources we required to operate our work crew.

Purchasing a vehicle to transport youth was high on our list of priorities. The additional funding allowed for us to purchase PPE, work gear, tools, a trailer & support running costs of the program.

*e.g. We employed our Volunteer Coordinator in month and he/she did...*

### 7. Please describe the impact that the TFN funding has had on your organisation.

Having the resources to run our work crew has had a significant impact on our capacity to continue to develop work readiness skills & youth confidence. Prior to TFN funding our Making Tracks staff were also using personal cars to transport our youth. Our vehicles have given us increased capacity to deliver our work program.

*e.g. Having a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator has enabled us to increase the number of volunteers who*

support our program and to develop a more in-depth training program to support more young people...

**8. How many people have been supported by programs or activities that were funded by the TFN donations?**

The TFN funding has supported 50 youth, families & the community to engage in work crew, improve access to health & wellbeing services to support quality of life. The funding has also given us the capacity to take our youth camping. This gets our youth off the streets & minimises their time spent engaging in risky & illegal behaviour.

*e.g. 45 young people participated this year, which is 25% more than last year, thanks to the new Volunteer Coordinator resourcing.*

*Also, consider and tell us about any indirect beneficiaries if you can.*

**9. Please tell us a short story about someone who has benefited from this funding.**

This funding has allowed us to have the resources to expand our work crew and enter into new partnerships. JB is a youth who really connected the our new work crew, in particular the animal husbandry. JB is engaged and thriving working with animals. JB is developing skill sets which lead to the opportunity to lead an evening tour. This has been such a positive experience in building confidence and exposure to different career paths. Thank You

*e.g. Jacob is one of young boys who has been helped through our program... Please change any real names or identifying details.*

**10. How much funding did you receive through the TFN event for your project/program?**

\$59,950.00

**11. Please provide a budget breakdown on how the funds raised at the TFN were used.**

Purchase 2 x 8 seater Tarago vans and associated registration and transfer costs=\$28870  
Trailer & associated registration costs=\$2500  
Work clothing, PPE=\$3500  
Tools=\$1000  
Driving Lessons x 12=\$720  
Program running costs including staff wages for program delivery=\$23,280

*e.g. Training - \$1500, New equipment - \$3000 etc*

**12. Describe if, and why, any of the funding was used differently from what you described in your original pitch/budget.**

We modified our plan to purchase a 12 seat bus due to Covid restrictions & purchased 2x 8 seater vans which has allowed for easier youth collection & drop offs & expansion of work crew options.

*e.g. Due to Covid, it took about 6 months to employ the Volunteer Coordinator so some of the funding was redirected to....*

**13. What measures did you use to assess the impact?**

We surveyed our youth and got them to list the benefits of the resources our TFN funding purchased. Youth also identified positive benefits and impact to program delivery. These included:  
it's better and easier to get to different work crew locations with 2 cars  
we don't have to wait so long to be picked up or make two trips  
our work clothes and boots stop us from damaging our own clothes and shoes  
it's good to go out and help people in the community in our gear  
if we didn't the trailer we wouldn't be able to do all the things we do especially camping

*e.g. We asked volunteers to complete a survey after they had been volunteering with us for 6 months etc..*

**14. Describe three ways that your organisation has changed in the past 12 months since the event. (You can also describe here how Covid-19 restrictions have impacted on and changed the way you work).**

Covid restrictions meant youth transportation was modified to allow for fewer youth in vehicle...meaning more trips. Our numbers fluctuated with anxiety and uncertainty associated with Covid, with a number of families isolating on country. We adjusted how we delivered our program, with a number of youth receiving off site support.

*e.g. We have grown in size, maintained funding levels, improved services, reduced staff, relocated, secured corporate sponsorship etc...*

**Please upload photos of the work supported with TFN funding.**

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*These will be published on our website and sent to donors.*

**Videos**

*If you have any videos, please provide link for downloading or sharing here (e.g. YouTube, Dropbox, Vimeo, WeTransfer)*

**15. Over the past 12 months, did you receive any additional financial support from anyone you met through TFN?**

No

*We do not make any claim on additional funding you've received. We simply want to keep track of the leverage effect of introductions made through TFN.*

**16. Over the past 12 months, did you receive any goods in-kind and/or pro-bono services from anyone you met through TFN?**

No

**17. How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives this year?**

We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding

**18. Has the TFN pitch coaching and mentoring helped you successfully secure funding from other sources after the TFN event?**

No

{if  
( \_17HasTheTFNPitchCoachingAndMentoringHelpedYouSuccessfullySecureFundingFromOtherSourcesAfterTheTFNEvent = "Yes")}

**Please provide more details**

{PleaseProvideMoreDetails}

TFN uses this information to track the impact of our pitch coaching. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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**19. What were some of the other benefits of participating in TFN?**

Pitch coaching, the experience for our youth, developing my confidence and skill set and the introduction to a network of diverse and experienced groups and individuals.

*e.g. pitch coaching, access to a new supporter base, greater self confidence, a greater ability to articulate your proposition etc.*

**20. Do you have any other comments or feedback on the TFN experience or funding process?**

This was an amazing experience. The TFN teams organisation, knowledge and vitality are an inspiration. What an amazing opportunity to be in the company of so many motivated and generous people. Thank You, So Grateful.