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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**THE KYLE ANDREWS FOUNDATION INC**

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# THANK YOU

## TO OUR SPONSORS

Without our sponsors, much of what we do would not be possible.

We sincerely thank every sponsor!

Every business who supports KAF, no matter how big or small, contributes significantly to the joy and happiness of the kids and their families. These businesses get it. They know and understand the difference we make as they see it firsthand. The Broome & wider communities are second to none.

Please support those that support us. They have the right values and community spirit.

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WE BUILD

# EXPERIENCES

**In the words of Kyle, we exist to bring happiness to children with serious or life-threatening illness...**

**“so they might feel better!”**

## At the Heart of our Foundation

The heartfelt aim of The Kyle Andrews Foundation is to bring joy and happiness to children with serious or life-threatening illnesses. We also understand how hard it is to deal with serious illness for families. Our camps and holiday homes provide much needed respite for families.

This is why, since 1998, our volunteers have worked in partnership with our local community, sponsors and supporters to ensure we rally together and from generous donations and fundraising with a range of community events we can continue to nurture families and provide fulfilling life changing experiences and opportunities.

Simply, it's the smiles on the kids' faces.

The joy of the fun activities with other kids experiencing serious illness.

Providing an escape from the white hospital walls.

That's really what drives us.

**That's why we exist.**



# OUR STORY

## ... SO FAR

It all began with a young boy, Kyle Andrews, and his dream for other children to experience the healing and happiness he felt coming home to Broome when he was not receiving treatment for leukaemia in Perth, WA.

He wanted to share his hometown with the friends he had made in hospital so that they might experience the happiness and healing he found in Broome.

'So they might feel better' is the essence of The Kyle Andrews Foundation.

Our charitable foundation, run by volunteers, continues Kyle's legacy and his wish to create happiness and joy, to support children and their families by making their lives a little more memorable and fun during difficult times.

We achieve this by providing experiences, support, respite homes and accommodation.

The Foundation relies on donations and funds raised through our events to be able to continue to deliver our services. Proudly, nearly 100 per cent of the funds raised and donated go towards supporting children with cancer and their families along with Northwest families who need accommodation in Perth whilst undergoing treatment.



**Kyle Andrews**

## IT BEGAN WITH

# THE CAMP

## IT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR

How it all began – because of an inspirational boy called Kyle Andrews...

Kyle Andrews the brave young boy from Broome who loved life and lived it to the fullest.

In early 1998, after being diagnosed with leukaemia, Kyle spent much of his time at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) in Perth, undergoing treatment. Although the treatment was difficult and draining, he looked forward to returning home to Broome in-between treatment for a much needed break. The time spent in Broome allowed Kyle to recharge and made him feel stronger. Kyle knew his friends in Ward 3B at PMH needed to escape the 'white walls' of the oncology ward, inspiring his dream of bringing his young friends to Cable Beach, in his words "so they might feel better". This is where it all started!

The Broome community rallied around and raised the funds for the inaugural Kyle's Camp in 1998. "Kyle's Camp 98" was such a wonderful and enriching experience for everyone who attended, that it became an annual event.

Sadly, Kyle lost his battle with cancer at the young age of 11, after experiencing the first Kyle's Camp with his friends, but his legacy lives on in The Kyle Andrews Foundation Inc.

The Kyle Andrews Foundation Inc group has been working together since 1998 to achieve Kyle's dream and is fully incorporated as a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.



## OUR PURPOSE

### What we do best

**If we can provide the children and families with even the smallest amount of happiness, then we are succeeding in our mission.**

The Kyle Andrews Foundation aims to bring joy, happiness and fun to the lives of those who are going through some of the most trying times in their life.

To provide support for children with serious or life-threatening illness and their families who are going through difficult times while undergoing treatment.

It's important that sick children are able to just be children, free from thinking about their next treatment or how much it's going to hurt, even if it's only for a small amount of time.

As Kyle said, "So they might feel better."

### EVENTS

Are you ready to be part of something truly magical?

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### FAMILY SUPPORT

For us at the Foundation, it's not about curing cancer, there are other experts that are working hard at this noble endeavour. Our focus is to create moments of happiness, a chance to relax, to have fun. To provide respite for families during hard times and support for families in Perth undergoing treatment. It's simple in approach, yet that simplicity creates beautiful moments that are treasured forever.

### PROPERTIES

It started with a dream of one property to assist families in need, a holiday getaway home in Broome to recoup, recover, regroup as a family. Our fundraising opportunities provided purchase of a second property, accommodation for those undergoing treatment in Perth, and we now expand to our third property located in Bussellton WA as a Southern respite getaway.

### VOLUNTEERS

The Kyle Andrews Foundation has, since its inception in 1998, been managed by a team of volunteers.

Our team share many things in common, our values, mission and vision to continue Kyle's legacy. More than anything we are all passionate in trying to bring joy to children and their families. There is nothing better than seeing them relax, smile and have fun.

# CURRENT EVENTS

... AND WE CAN DO MORE!



## KYLE'S CABLE BEACH WALK

Be part of an event that practically shuts Broome down during the walk. Where most of Broome heads down to the beach for an amazing cause. But you don't need to be in Broome to participate.

This event all began as an idea from one of our committee members in 2012. The idea blossomed quickly into holding our first Cable Beach Walk event in 2013 with more than 10 per cent of the Broome community joining us on the beach to walk the 5km in support of the Kyle Andrews Foundation.

What a sight it is to watch over 1000 people make their way down Cable Beach, all donning the same event shirt and walking with the camp kids, sponsors and patron.

Kyle's Cable Beach Walk has continued to grow since those early days to now attracting more than 1,500 people getting sand between their toes in support of The Kyle Andrews Foundation.

Each year we walk from one end of the famous Cable Beach to the other. This walk has a special place in many people's hearts, with many travelling to Broome to physically be there on the day.

## THE GIBB CHALLENGE

The Gibb Challenge is an annual, socially competitive, team relay mountain bike event raising community awareness and funds for charity.

Its a peerless outback cycling adventure, tracing the iconic Kimberley stock route of the Gibb River Road from the deep water port town of Derby, through the vast pastoral leases of the central and East Kimberley and on to the community celebrations of the Boab Metals Ord Valley Muster.

In 2024, the Kyle Andrews Foundation took over the operational management of the Gibb Challenge, following Simon Rimmer, who dedicated over 18 years to running this remarkable event. The KAF team are excited to embrace this responsibility and continue building on its legacy of success.

Our Gibb Retreat property in Perth was purchased in 2017 as a result of fundraising from The Gibb Challenge event.

## THE GIBB CHALLENGE



## KYLE'S CAMP

Kyle loved the Broome lifestyle. During his illness and treatment in Perth he was occasionally able to return home to Broome. The beach and the Broome lifestyle always recharged him, made him feel stronger and mentally prepared him to continue his treatment. "It made him feel better."

Kyle wanted the other kids on the ward to experience the same.

Kyle's Camp brings approximately 15 – 20 children with life threatening illnesses, nursing staff and camp coordinators to Broome annually, for a well-deserved break from difficult treatment and therapy.

It's a once in a lifetime experience that is shared with children with similar health conditions, forming bonds that go beyond the camp. Kids can be kids again without the responsibility and stress they endure whilst in hospital and undergoing treatment.

Kyle's Camp has been running for two and a half decades and each year is special and unique. Each group of children who go on camp together form a special bond.

The kids are with others that understand what they are going through, making it easy to share their stories. Our goal is 'to make them feel better' and every year we achieve this.

There is a noticeable change in the children from the start of the camp to the end – it is incredible.

It's like their pilot light's been reignited when they come on camp - they can be kids again, have fun with others also facing challenges, and the bonds that are built during the week are life changing.

Activities: The week long camp comprises an array of Broome activities including the Willie Creek Pearl Farm Tour, a cruise on Great Escape, a visit to the Broome Crocodile Park, a Red Sun camel ride, AOC fishing charter, breakfast and yoga at The Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa and a host of other activities. The children stay at the Broome Camp School located on the beautiful Cable Beach.

We sincerely thank the local businesses for helping us provide joy and happiness and a true Broome experience for the kids.



## OUR SUPPORT

# OUR PATRON

## JUSTIN LANGER

Our wonderfully supportive Patron is Justin Langer who, along with his family, has been able to attend most Kyle's Camps and represents the Kyle Andrews Foundation Inc. at a number of functions.

Justin spent valuable time with Kyle whilst he was in hospital and always took the time, even whilst overseas in his capacity as a player with the Australian Cricket Team, to call Kyle and check in on him.

It has been wonderful to have Justin, his wife Sue and their four daughters as part of the KAF family. They love Broome as much as Kyle did.



## PROPERTY SNAPSHOT



### FAMILY RESPITE ACCOMMODATION - BROOME WA

We understand that going on a holiday when having a child going through treatment and therapy for a life-threatening illness can be financially difficult. It is also difficult when families have recently experienced the bereavement of losing a child.

The Kyle Andrews Foundation provides a week of complimentary holiday accommodation for eligible families. This cottage is also available to nursing staff working in the Oncology Ward at the Perth Children's Hospital for a minimal cost.

Respite for families and carers is so important for the health of everyone.

We want the families to be able to have the option to go on a holiday, escape the day-to-day stress, to have a break and recuperate. Often children who have been on Kyle's Camp share photos, videos and stories of their exciting trip and want to return with their family. Kyle's Cottage was set up for this purpose, to support unwell children with a family holiday in Broome or for families who have suffered a recent bereavement.

The cottage is a large, modern, fully furnished and tastefully decorated three bedroom, two bathroom, open plan living residence with facilities for people with a disability. Of course – we have a swimming pool because we think that's an important element to having a great holiday!

The cottage can accommodate up to 8 people and is self-contained; all you need to bring is your personal clothing, toiletries and provide your own food on arrival.



### FAMILY APARTMENT FOR TREATMENT - PERTH WA

Gibb Retreat was purchased in 2017 with funds raised from the 10th Anniversary 'Gibb Challenge Bike Ride'.

The apartment provides individuals and families from the North West with comfortable accommodation while undergoing medical treatment in Perth.

The Gibb Retreat is a self-contained apartment which caters for up to six people and is located close to Perth hospitals and local transport. The apartment is in a complex and comprises of three bedrooms and two bathrooms (one with disability access) and is fully equipped. The complex has a pool, gymnasium, and secure undercover parking.



## KYLE ANDREWS LEGACY LIVES ON



### KYLE'S GETAWAY

#### FAMILY RESPITE ACCOMMODATION - BUSSELTON WA (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

Kyle's Getaway currently being developed as southern holiday accommodation for eligible families. This is also available to nursing staff working the Oncology Ward at the Perth Children's Hospital for minimal cost.

This facility will broaden the holiday respite opportunities during the wet season period (Nov-March) in Broome when conditions are extreme in the North but perfect in southern locations.

The facility is currently being developed in stages on a beach front lot, with estimated opening date mid 2025.

# SIMPLE FACTS ABOUT US



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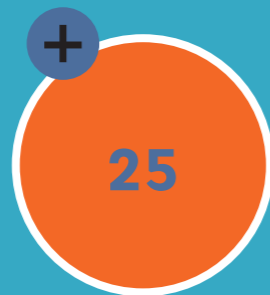


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**CAMP KIDS ATTENDED**

Approx 18 children attend the camp annually, along with 3 nursing support staff for a week of activities in Broome.



**YEARS OF KYLE'S CAMP**

At the heart of all our work is Kyle's Camp. Broome, fun, love, new experiences, new friends... 25 years have flown by.

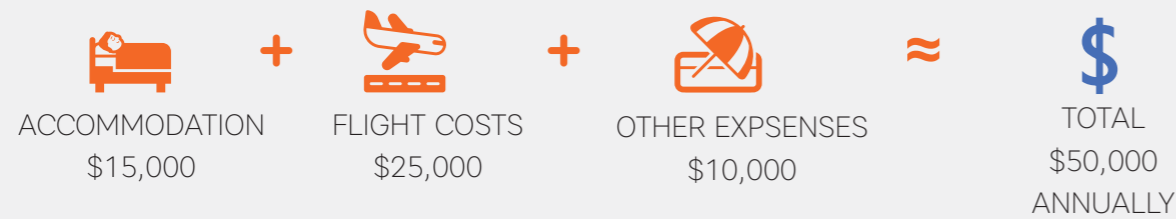


**COMMITTEE CREATING DREAMS**

Our committee has a 60% retention of office bearers of over 15 years service. Our committee are a bonded group who we call our family.

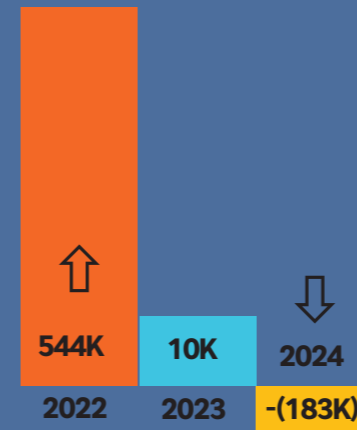
## ANNUAL CAMP COSTS

Kyle's Annual Camp is the largest expense for the foundation per annum.



## THE FOUNDATION

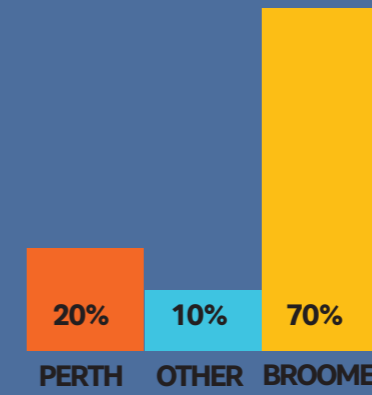
In facts and numbers



### PROFIT 3 YEAR REVIEW

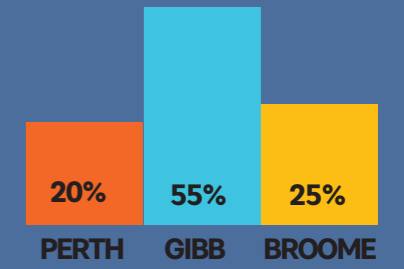
OVERVIEW:

2022 profit Gibb Ride \$500k+ raised. 2023 fewer fundraising events steady year. 2024 Busselton Build outgoings from the 2022 profits.



### SPONSORSHIP LOCATIONS

SPONSORSHIP Support is heavily dominated by Broome local business and service providers. While KAF look to extend our sponsorship reach we are eternally grateful for the ongoing support of the Broome entities.



### GENERATED FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING continues to be dominated by the Gibb Challenge contributions, Perth and other areas of WA contributing lower percentage of raised income.

## EVENTS CAPTURED

**KYLE'S CABLE BEACH WALK**

1000 - 1500 participants annually

**THE GIBB CHALLENGE**

200 - 300 participants 5 day event

**OTHER EVENTS BI-ANNUALLY**

Pentathlon, Gala Ball, Broome by the Bay

## OUR FOUNDATION IN NUMBERS



VOLUNTEERS RETAINED OVER THE 25 YEARS



BEAUTIFUL YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS



PROFITS PUT INTO THE FOUNDATION



SUPPORT NURSING STAFF ATTENDED OVER 25YRS



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## 2024

2024 was another excellent year for us.

We hit some key milestones and our committee and volunteers have once again delivered outstanding dedication and success.

We thank Dean Lafferty who has been part of the foundation and on the committee for over 20 years and is taking a step back for the coming year, we can all agree, he has had a massive impact during his time here and we would be thrilled to have him return.

Some of my personal highlights from our activity this year include:

- The Gibb Challenge ride and also now integrating KAF to become administrators of the event
- Fundraising support extending into the Perth and WA regions
- The development at the Busselton property took some vital steps forward in the planning and completion. We can all agree it has been a slow moving and complex project, but we have no doubt about the benefits once completed.

As always, we must extend our gratitude to all our supporters and sponsors, primarily to our patron Justin Langer and his family, who continue to donate valuable time to the charity's goals and missions and to our long standing Camp Sponsor Katana Asset Management and family for their continued support. We are humbled to have them all part of our KAF family.

Our success is also directly linked to the hard work of our team. We have made extraordinary progress this year, and I'd like to personally thank every team member for their energy, commitment and consistency in driving our business forward.

Thank you all for another excellent year. I look forward to continuing to break barriers in 2025 with you all.

Anne Adcock  
Chairperson

## THE YEAR AHEAD - 2025

### What we do best

**To continue to provide children and families with even the smallest amount of happiness.**

With little change to our committee in 2025, the foundation will continue our property developments, events and upcoming projects.

The 2025 Camp arrangements are underway, promotion of the Gibb Challenge ride has commenced and our 2025 Kyle's Cable Beach Walk will take place during our Kyle's Camp.

The attendance of the Camp Kids at the walk provides direct community interaction and first hand view of how the support of so many can assist in changing lives of kids battling life threatening illness.

Our key priority is paramount, "so they may feel better".

### EVENTS

Our regular events will proceed with discussions on return of the pentathlon in the coming years. Operational incorporation of the Gibb administration will take precedence over other income events in 2025.

- The Gibb Challenge May 2025
- Kyle's Camp - May 2025
- Kyle's Cable Beach Walk June 1, 2025
- Goose Club Christmas in July Raffle

### PROPERTIES

As our Busselton project evolves and we expect to see further development of building in 2025. We continue to monitor and take bookings for our Gibb Retreat and Kyle's Cottage. Our bookings are available via [info@kyleandrewsfoundation.com.au](mailto:info@kyleandrewsfoundation.com.au)

### FAMILY SUPPORT

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### VOLUNTEERS

The KAF amazing volunteers take a break in January to reconvene in February and continue our organising for our 2025 events.

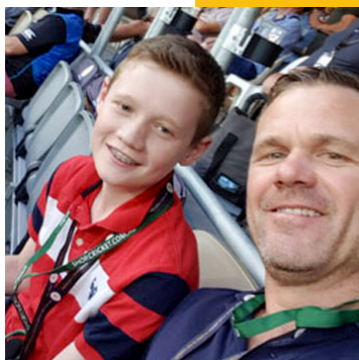
Our Volunteers are widely known as "Friends of KAF", the name is a reflection of the value we hold true as a Foundation. Friendships, Fun, Laughter.... so they may feel better.

# TESTIMONIALS



“In mid 2014, aged 14, I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Over the next ten months I underwent intensive chemotherapy treatment at PMH and returned home to Denmark in April of 2015. In 2015 I flew with the Kyle Andrews Foundation up to Broome and spent one the best weeks of my life in one of the most beautiful and welcoming places in the world. KAF kindly asked me to return to Broome the following year to play a set of songs at their 20th anniversary party on the beach. I am now in the final year of my Bachelor’s degree at the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (now completed). The part I am looking forward to most is being involved with KAF and to keep on giving for a cause that I am passionate about. I can’t wait to see unwell kids like I was once be able to spend time on a camp closer to home in the Busselton development.”

Julian Anderson  
Camp Kid & mentor now



“My Son, Thomas Quarmby, attended the annual KAF Camp in 2019. The Camp provided my son with an incredible experience and adventure. He had an amazing time and met some great people. I am incredibly grateful to the KAF team for the experience they gave my son and the ongoing support I get from the KAF family.

It truly is an amazing charity made up of incredible people that work tirelessly to enrich the lives of kids impacted by life threatening illness.”

Matt Quarmby  
Kids Camp Dad

# KYLE



“It was a beautiful warm afternoon so when we finished fishing, we just sat on the rocks and watched the sun go down. And then Kyle said to me, “Dad wouldn’t it be great if all the kids on the Ward could come up to Broome, wouldn’t they feel so much better”.

I thought at the time, what a very unselfish wish, coming from a little boy going through so much pain and suffering at the time himself. All he could think about was all his mates on the cancer ward at Princess Margaret Hospital.”

Jero Andrews  
Kyle’s Dad

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# COMMITTEE



## **ANNE ADCOCK - PRESIDENT**

I met Jero (Kyle's Dad) when Kyle was early diagnosed and offered support. My family had lost our youngest child Robert to leukaemia a couple of years prior. The Foundation makes incredible differences in people's lives who are going through extremely challenging times. The Foundation has achieved, given and received so much over the years - we make a positive difference.



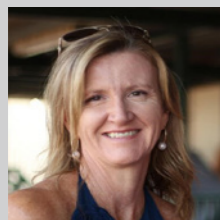
## **KRYSTAL CILLIA - VICE PRESIDENT**

KAF is my family, I am honoured to have been involved since I was 10 years old, after growing up and being family friends with Kyle. I love seeing the affect the foundation has on families, children and the wider community. KAF is special, it helps to make people to feel better, either through providing support, respite and providing people the opportunity to contribute to a good cause.



## **LEE ANDERSON - TREASURER**

I am better known as Kyle's Mum. I have lived in Broome for over 35 years & with the Foundation from its inception. 25 Camps - Kyle's wish. I have held numerous positions on the Committee. I live and work in Broome and currently I am the Caretaker at Kyle's Cottage which I love. Kyle's siblings are active in supporting the Foundation, the Camp and fundraising events.



## **JULIE BONNER - SECRETARY**

My dad lost his battle to cancer when I was 21 and although it was a tragic time it also made me aware of how grateful we should be of health and live our days to their fullest. The opportunity to be part of The Kyle Andrews Foundation where volunteering time can provide hope, increase in quality of life, fun, love and give kids a chance to feel better is a gift to all of us.



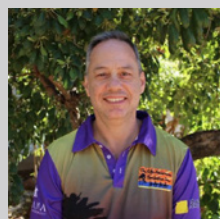
## **ROGER LEWIS - COMMITTEE / PAST CHAIRPERSON**

I am one of original members of the foundation and I love helping the kids come to terms with their situation. I also love showing them with the help of the foundation that they are not alone and there are lots of people and kids out there who want to help and who understand.



## **SUSANNE BRADSHAW - COMMITTEE**

As Broome small business owners, my husband and I sponsored the foundation for many years. We were also going through our own journey on the cancer ward at Princess Margaret Hospital with our youngest child, so it made perfect sense to join the committee when approached in 2007. I love the work that we do; giving kids a fantastic week on Kyle's Camp in the beautiful town of Broome.



## **ANTHONY MASI - COMMITTEE**

I initially became involved with the foundation as a way of giving back to my local community. After being involved for many years, I now realize that we do so much more. We change the lives of families for better, we help those that aren't going so well and we genuinely spread love and care to those with serious life threatening illness.

# COMMITTEE



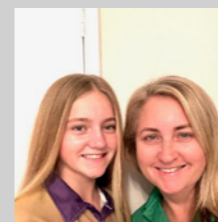
## **CHRIS COOKE - COMMITTEE**

Seeing kids happy and enjoying themselves in a beautiful environment that is not their norm. If we can help kids feel better, we have succeeded.



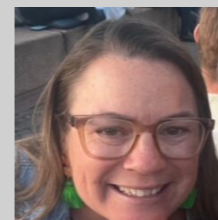
## **SHANE DAHLSTROM - COMMITTEE**

As Kyle's older brother and having grown up in Broome, I've personally witnessed the immense joy and healing that Broome and the Camp can bring to children and families affected by cancer. I'm honoured to carry forward his legacy and contribute to making a lasting difference in the lives of many.



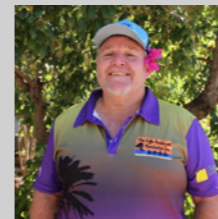
## **BLAIRE GROENBERG - COMMITTEE**

The Kyle Andrews Foundation will always be special to me having known Kyle and growing up with his family in Broome. It's a foundation with a heart of gold just like Kyle had and it's an absolute privilege for my family to be involved with the committee.



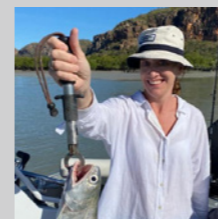
## **JULES WESTLAKE - COMMITTEE**

Being part of the KAF family is a special and unique honour. Seeing the kids on camp transition from the first day where some are quiet and assessing the process, through to the last day where they are all laughing, bonding and loving the Broome lifestyle is truly amazing. What a fantastic legacy from Kyle.



## **DEAN LAFFERTY - COMMITTEE**

In February 2004 I was asked by Kyle's father Jero Andrews to attend a KAF monthly meeting. The rest is history I have had some of the most enjoyable times in my life being part of this community of like-minded people who just want to give what they can and create opportunities for those children and families who have been through aspects of difficulty of life threatening illnesses.



## **ZOE PHILLIPS - COMMITTEE**

We moved to Broome in 2018 and I was lucky to participate in the Kyle Andrews' walk and Pentathlon in 2020. After learning the Kyle Andrews story and seeing the passion of the committee I was determined to become part of the Foundation, and was honoured to become a committee member the next year.



## **AIDAN MITCHELL - COMMITTEE**

I was humbled when I was asked to become a member of the Kyle Andrews Foundation committee, Having long admired the proactive spirit of the KAF team and their dedication to the cause of helping sick kids feel better and echoing the inspiring words of Kyle himself, has always resonated deeply with me.