

# Your Impact

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Foundation

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YEARS

Your generosity is turning possibilities into reality

March 2026

## Celebrating 75 Years of Purpose and Progress

2026 marks a significant milestone for Endeavour Foundation as we celebrate 75 years of people, purpose and progress. Since 1951, families, volunteers and communities have driven a powerful movement for inclusion—and today, that mission remains as strong as ever.

To mark the occasion, we're delighted to announce a special **75th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday 13 June 2026** in Brisbane. We'll share ticket details soon and would love you to join us as we celebrate.

Throughout the year, we'll be sharing stories that have shaped our organisation—stories of people who have volunteered, donated, shared skills, opened doors to employment and stood alongside us as champions for people with intellectual disability. These are stories of heart, courage and community, and they continue to propel us forward.

Reflecting on 2025, we were reminded how far we've come. Our inaugural **Business Excellence and Impact Awards** celebrated corporate partners creating inclusive employment pathways, while the **Great**

**Endeavour Rally** continued to grow, fuelled by team spirit and a shared commitment to impact.

We also honoured remarkable individuals like **Aileen Trace of Biloela**, whose 40 years of community fundraising remind us that generosity is about more than dollars—it's about showing up, inspiring others and making a difference.

With the continued support of donors and vital grant funding, we are widening our circle of impact and deepening understanding of what's possible.

Together, we are creating real change—and a community where everyone belongs, contributes and is valued.

We're so grateful to have you with us as we begin our next chapter.



**Sharon Wood**  
Head of Philanthropy



# Celebrating Champions of Inclusion

A room filled with passion, innovation and purpose shone bright in Brisbane, as guests joined Endeavour Foundation for our first-ever **Business Excellence and Impact Awards**, proudly supported by our inaugural major event partner, smartMonday.

From cutting-edge robotics to inclusive workplaces and community giving, the day celebrated visionaries who are helping people with disability to live their best lives.

Five inspiring winners took home top honours:

- ★ **Maryborough Cross Arm Mill**  
Glencore Results That Shine Award
- ★ **Kennedy's Timbers**  
CBC Group Partnership Excellence Award
- ★ **Shamrock Civil**  
Charity Champion Award
- ★ **Chloe Haidenhofer**  
Advocacy in Action Award
- ★ **Komatsu Australia**  
McCormacks 4WD Community Leadership Award



**"These awards highlight the incredible ways our partners engage with us—from employment and sponsorship to community fundraising, each nominee proves that together, we can create opportunities where everyone belongs."**

Sharon Wood  
Head of Philanthropy



**Save the date!** Business Excellence and Impact Awards  
Thursday 22 October 2026 | Rydges South Bank Brisbane

## Beyond the Dollars: Aileen Trace's Lifelong Gift

Aileen Trace has dedicated more than 40 years to supporting Endeavour Foundation, inspired by her son Mark, who was born with a disability. Through her much loved Cent Sales in Biloela, Aileen has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund programs, transport, activities and the creation of Endeavour House—now a vital hub for people with intellectual disability. In November, Aileen held her final Cent Sale, marking an extraordinary legacy of generosity, community spirit and purpose. Chief Corporate Relations Officer Kirrily Boulton and Head of Philanthropy Sharon Wood were delighted to attend and thank Aileen personally.



**Her story is a living example of what it means to give back—with time, heart, and purpose.**

# Growing Confidence with Corporate Partners

Corporate partner, **Jani-King Facilities Management (JKFM)**, joined forces with the Redcliffe Learning and Lifestyle hub for a corporate volunteer day that became much more than a garden makeover. Together with hub participants, the JKFM team rolled up their sleeves to transform the outdoor spaces by clearing garden beds, tidying paths and drains, making room for fragrant rosemary at the front door, and creating a special memorial garden with grevilleas to honour a much loved friend.

These hands-on activities not only refreshed the hub's surroundings, they also sparked conversation, confidence and connection, with participants proudly leading the way and sharing their creativity throughout the day.



**"We all had a thoroughly fulfilling day and we're very grateful for the shared experience with the Redcliffe team; I'm sure that it won't be forgotten."**

Jarrold Keogh  
JKFM General Manager

# Grant Funding Strengthens Our Learning and Lifestyle Hubs

Thanks to grant support from Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund, our **Cannonvale Learning and Lifestyle Hub is now powered by a new solar system**, improving energy reliability and reducing operating costs. These savings enable us to reinvest in the activities our community loves—from gardening and cooking to technology skills, self care workshops, and local excursions.

At the same time, our **Noosaville hub has undergone a kitchen transformation** supported by a grant from the Australian Government's Stronger Communities Programme. New appliances, including a modern oven, cooktop, fridge-freezer, and microwave, have revitalised the hub's cooking programs. Participants are now

baking with confidence, exploring new recipes, and developing essential everyday skills in a safer, more efficient environment. From perfectly baked birthday cakes to smooth-running weekly programs, the upgrade is already making a delicious difference.



# Raising Dust, Dirt and Dollars



As 2026 gets underway, we're still buzzing from the unforgettable Bathurst to Batemans Bay Rally. Heading south for the first time in years last August brought crisp mornings, foggy views and a fresh sense of adventure—and while the weather was cold, the energy from participants never wavered.

**Together, the Rally community raised an incredible \$552,000, supporting the Strong and Sure program to help people with disability improve balance, strength and fitness.**

What truly sets the Rally apart is its people—the teamwork, new friendships and shared drive to make a difference. The impact of a Rally continues long after the engines have stopped.

## A Night of Speed, Spirit and Support

We were delighted to be named charity partner for the **Little's Lawyers Corporate Track Day**, an event that proved to be a standout success.

Guests enjoyed the thrill of Porsche 911 GT hot laps and the excitement of a competitive charity auction—all contributing to an outstanding fundraising result for Endeavour Foundation.

We extend our sincere thanks to Little's Lawyers for their ongoing commitment to inclusion and social impact.

Partnerships like this create meaningful change, and this event truly demonstrated what can be achieved when community and compassion come together.



# Thank you for supporting our Christmas Appeal



Last Christmas, our community gave a gift that can't be wrapped—one that creates opportunity, dignity and belonging for people with disability. **Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$35,000, which will help provide vital support across health and wellbeing, advocacy and employment.**

**"Seeing clients achieve their goals shows just how powerful donor support is. This funding helps create spaces where people can grow in confidence and skills."**

Tiarne Gibbs  
Site Supervisor

Thank you for choosing to make a difference this Christmas. Your generosity is helping people with disability start the year with greater opportunity and hope.

## Finding Voice and Building Power at our first Self-Advocacy Conference



In November, Endeavour Foundation proudly hosted its first ever Self-Advocacy Conference, made possible through the generosity of you, our amazing donors and support from the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission grant.

Held over three days and themed Voice. Connection. Power., the conference brought together 19 self-advocates from across the eastern states to build confidence, strengthen skills and claim their right to be heard.

Participants took part in practical workshops and open discussions exploring issues that matter most to people with disability—from discrimination and bullying to the need for clear, accessible communication in everyday services. Together, they identified priority issues they want organisations like ours to focus on, helping shape future advocacy efforts grounded in lived experience.

Above all, the conference highlighted the strength found in community and shared voices.

**"Advocacy means people having a voice—having a say in what they believe is right."**

Chloe  
Self-Advocacy Participant

# Celebrating International Day of People with Disability



Endeavour Foundation marked **International Day of People with Disability** in December, with an uplifting **All AbiliTea Morning Tea** that also launched our 75th anniversary celebrations across 36 sites, bringing together around 6,500 people from home, work and community services. Across Australia people shared food, stories and activities that highlighted inclusion and the

vital role people with intellectual disability play in their communities.

Queensland Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety, and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Hon Amanda Camm MP, joined the celebration at Kingaroy Kitchen, recognising Endeavour Foundation's long-standing leadership in disability support.

**"At the core of everything we do is a commitment to celebrating the power of inclusion—on International Day of People with Disability and every day into the future".**

Andrew Chesterman, Endeavour Foundation Chief Executive Officer

**Sit Up**  
Challenge

MAY 2026

Join our month-long movement challenge to raise funds and help support people with disability this May.

Visit [fundraise.endeavour.com.au/SU26](https://fundraise.endeavour.com.au/SU26) to learn more.



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Join the Great Endeavour Rally for a week of adventure. Explore Toowoomba to Mount Dare from 4-12 September 2026.

Visit [great.endeavour.com.au/GER26](https://great.endeavour.com.au/GER26) and secure your place.



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## A joke from Alex

Why does it take so long for pirates to learn the alphabet?



Because they spend years at C!

**We'd love to hear from you**



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