



Changing lives for over 30 years

About KIDS Foundation

KIDS Foundation is a charity established in 1993 to care for and support traumatised and injured children and grown ups left with disabilities. We empower safety and promote wellbeing through education by engaging children, families and Early Childhood Education Centres (ECEC's).

Our vision is that all Australian children are safe - free from harm and injury.

Our mission is to provide opportunities that build bright prospects, resilience, and optimism through education, empowerment, socialisation, promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.

VIDEO: Who we are and What we do



Our Founder and CEO – Dr. Susie O'Neill OAM

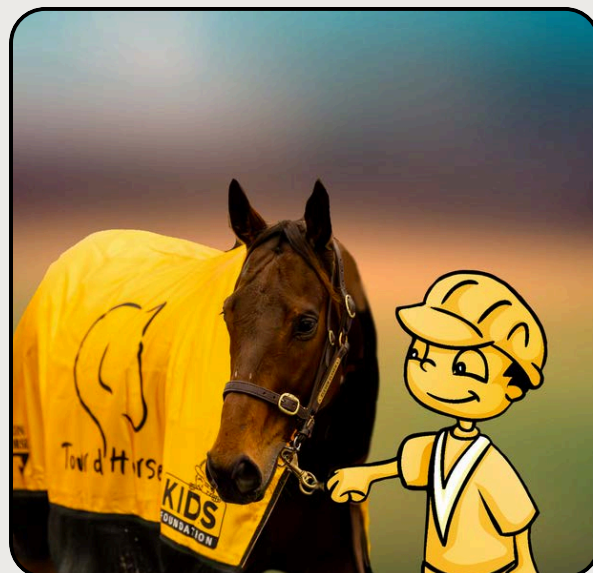


Susie is a Doctor of Philosophy of Education, qualified preschool and primary teacher who specialises in working with children at risk of injury. In 1993, Susie founded the KIDS Foundation to support traumatised and injured children and adults left differently abled from burns, accidents, violent crimes, abuse, and disease. Susie has authored 15 children's books focused around a character she created named SeeMore Safety, a parenting book, and a book of human interest stories. In 2023 Susie was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her Services to Children.

Education Programs

Our education programs educate and empower children to build a strong sense of identity and wellbeing so that they can keep themselves and others safe while still allowing them to be kids. Educating children through our series of SeeMore Programs is our focus.

We feature equine based programs linked closely with our books, 'SeeMore and Carm' and 'SeeMore Kindness', to help children develop an awareness of emotional communication.



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Recovery Programs



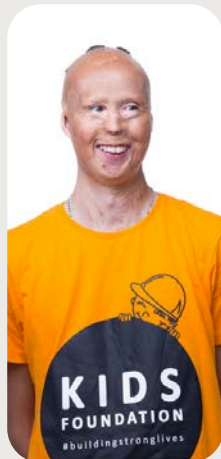
Our recovery programs support children and grown-ups recovering from horrific injuries and trauma caused by from burns, accidents, violent crimes, abuse, and disease. We do this through Trauma and Injury Recovery camps, leadership workshops and the National Burn Survivors Network. The transformative impact of peer support is recognised and promoted through the delivery of all our programs. We work with the most courageous and inspiring survivors, whose stories we have shared below.



Survivor – Matt Thiele

Matt was trapped in a car fire at the age of three, sustaining full thickness burns to over 30% of his body. *"The KIDS Foundation has been life-changing and amazing for me. I'm confident, resilient, happy, and found purpose. I give back by mentoring other young survivors with stories similar and some even more devastating than mine."*

VIDEO: [Matt's Story](#)



Survivor – Maggie Brown

Maggie was critically injured in a car accident on their way home from a family holiday, left with a brain injury. She underwent several surgeries in the following months to reconstruct the right side of her face and save her eye.

"The KIDS Foundation camps are a safe place for Maggie, where she feels supported, heard, and can be herself without judgement".



Survivor – Ahweata Pikari

Awheata was on her way home from a school sport event with her brothers when the bus they were travelling in flipped on its side after colliding with a truck. She suffered life changing injuries and amputation of her left arm.

"Attending KIDS Foundation's Camp Phoenix for injury and trauma survivors with my family was amazing".



Survivors – Fletcher and Spencer

Brothers Spencer and Fletcher suffered horrific burns after the car they were sitting in was set on fire by their own father. KIDS Foundation has helped Spencer to live his dream of being an inspiring actor after starring in block-buster movie 'Max Max: Furiosa'

"I wanted to make my scars worthwhile, and the KIDS Foundation has helped me to do that."

VIDEO: [Spencer's Story](#)



Tour d'Horse

Million Dollar Stakes – A Race at Walking Pace



Tour d'Horse 2025 is more than just a slow-paced race. It's a journey that brings together the thrill of a challenge, a test of skill and horsemanship, the beauty of unbelievable country, and the warmth of contributing towards a cause greater than oneself.

It will be a brutal and tough 6 days in the saddle, navigating the breathtaking Hunter Valley terrain. The mountain's summit is where the best and boldest riders will take their place. With every stride and struggle, the riders are reminded that their efforts are supporting those recovering from trauma and injury.

In our inaugural year, Tour d'Horse raised \$520,000, positively impacting 200,000 children and families across Australia. This year, we aim to reach **1 million dollars**, extending our programs to 300,000 children, young adults and families.

Your involvement, whether as a rider, supporter, or donor, will make a meaningful impact. Be part of this unforgettable journey and help us create a safer, better future for children and young adults affected by trauma.

Get involved. Donate. Ride. Share the story.

VIDEO: Tour d'Horse 2025 - Teaser



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