

OUTWARD BOUND

Inspiring Australians

Testimonials

Received from Nowra Lions Club in 2008.

- Chairman for Nowra Lions Club "Outward Bound" project, Lion Geoff Stanton, recently had the pleasure of meeting up with a former participant and his mother. Daniel Heffernan completed the "Navigator" course in 2005/6. Daniel said that prior to the course, he didn't have very much ambition and was basically a loner, but on his return to school he became involved with several activities and actually volunteered to lead them, something he said he would never have done pre course.

His mother concurred, saying he continues to be a very confident young man and she and her family are grateful to Nowra Lions for giving Daniel the opportunity to turn his life around. His HSC results were outstanding. Daniel is now in his second year training as a pilot with the Royal Australian Navy. He said that he would most definitely join a Lions Club on completion of his training, so he can make a contribution in his local community in assisting others to change their lives around as happened to him. He and his mum passed on their best wishes to all, at both Nowra Lions and Outward Bound Australia.

- The difference in our son is amazing. He left us to do the course as a very introverted and lonely boy and returned totally changed into a confident young man. Thank you so much Nowra Lions Club. We now have a wonderful son, who has exceeded his expectations in the recent Higher School Certificate.
- In 2004 this club sent four young students, all of which met our selection criteria, which is, those that have the potential to lead but lacked confidence. All four, two girls and two boys, ended up as school captains of their respective High Schools. The Principals of each school contacted the club and congratulated us on such a successful project.
- A single mother told of her daughter who showed a severe lack of motivation prior to completing the course. This young lady is now in her third year of University, studying to become a nurse.
- The father of one of our earlier successes joined this Lions Club as the result of his son totally changing his lifestyle. "He was not interested in anything at all, but thanks to Nowra Lions who saw the potential in my son, he now holds a very senior position in the Commonwealth Public Service".
- The step parents of an aboriginal young lady are most impressed by the difference the (Outward Bound) course has had on her life. Like most of her race she was extremely shy and introverted and, as her step parents said, felt out of place at her school. She is now the leader of a local aboriginal community group.
- This Club has been involved with Outward Bound for many years. We still see old participants who've completed the course. They all say it was one of the best things they have done in their lives and have wonderful memories of the experience.
- This project has been so successful we now have gained sponsorship for three participants, one from a High School, one from another Lions Club and one from a local Bowling Club. The teaching fraternity from all schools are most impressed with this project.