



Quarterly Newsletter

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Breaking Barriers to Education, One Ride at a Time

Dear ,

Since our last update, your generosity has helped break down barriers to education in rural Zimbabwe. With your support, we've provided **bicycles, technology, and food security**, ensuring that students stay in school and thrive.

In this newsletter, we highlight:

- **How bicycles are transforming education**—Eddie Sandrini's reflections from his visit
- **Sustainability efforts at Hwata Secondary School**—how a new garden is improving food security
- **Ride for Bikes 2025**—how you can take action to help us reach our goal of 120 bikes
- **A heartfelt thank you to our major donors**—who make this work possible

Your support is making a real difference, and we invite you to continue this journey with us.

Warm regards,

Sigrid Pfaffle

Managing Director, No Barriers Education Foundation

 **Sunday, 6 April** |  **Market Square Reserve, Old Noarlunga** | **50km Ride**

Ride for Bikes 2025 – Join the Movement!

For many students in rural Zimbabwe, a bicycle is more than just transport—it's the key to education. **A Buffalo Bike can cut a student's commute by 75%, increase school attendance by 28%, and improve academic performance by 59%.**

This year, we aim to provide **120 bikes**, and we need your help!

- ✓ **Ride with us** – Register solo or in a team
- ✓ **Sponsor a rider or donate**
- ✓ **Share our fundraiser** to spread the word

[Register or donate now](#)



How Bikes Change Lives – Eddie's Story

*Most of us have various means of transport and choose to ride bikes for enjoyment, to stay active, or for fitness. However, for students in rural Zimbabwe, having a bike can be a **game changer**.*



Eddie Sandrini, NoBarriers Director & Bicycle Ambassador

October 2024



During my recent visit to the two schools supported by No Barriers Education Foundation, I saw first-hand the impact that bicycles have on students' lives. In Australia, a 10km journey is something we might do as part of training or a weekend ride. But in Zimbabwe, **many students walk 10km or more each way just to get to school**. This means **hours spent on the road daily**, leaving them exhausted before they even reach class.

With a bicycle:

- ✓ **Students arrive on time and ready to learn**
- ✓ **Attendance and academic performance improve**
- ✓ **They spend more time at home and in school instead of walking for hours**

I was privileged to ride alongside students and experience their joy and excitement firsthand. Seeing the pride in their eyes as they gained a sense of independence was truly heart-warming.

Each bike that we can provide **has a massive impact on students and their families**. The Buffalo bikes we provide, at **AUD \$300 per bike (delivered to the schools)**, are designed for durability, require minimal maintenance, and are built for tough terrain.

I encourage you to participate in the **NoBarriers 'Ride for Bikes – 2025' cycling fundraiser on Sunday, 6th April** and help us raise funds to purchase bikes for this year's distribution. Our target is **120 bikes**—and every contribution helps!

If you're unable to ride on the day, please consider a donation.

Together, we can make a difference.

Enjoy the ride,
Eddie Sandrini

Growing Hope: Sustainability & Food Security



At **Hwata Secondary School**, a new **1,200 sqm community garden** is helping students and families:

🏠 **A protective fence** keeps out free-roaming goats

💧 **Water access improved** thanks to NoBarriers donors & Rotary Club of Norwood

🌱 **Beans & vegetables planted** to supplement student meals

However, **recent heavy rains and soil nutrient loss** have made conditions tough for local farmers. Despite these challenges, this initiative is a step toward **self-sufficiency** and resilience.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Major Donors

We are deeply grateful to those who have made generous contributions this year:

- ✦ **\$20,000 from a donor who wants to stay anonymous** – with another \$20,000 pledged for 2026
- ✦ **\$3,500 from Rotary Club of Norwood** – supporting our menstrual & sexual health program for the 2025 student intake at Hwata Secondary, one of our schools
- ✦ **\$25,000 from Lang Family Foundation** – helping sustain NoBarriers' vital programs
- ✦ **\$30,000 from Susan Pierce Charity Fund** – to provide much needed textbooks and new desks for classrooms.

Your generosity is **changing lives**. Thank you for believing in the power of education!

Save the Date!

- 📅 **Ride for Bikes – 6 April 2025** 🚲 [Sign up now!](#)
- 📅 **Quiz Night – 8 August 2025** 🎉 More details coming soon!



Thank You for Your Support – How You Can Help

NoBarriers exists **because of you**. Here's how you can make an impact:

- 💛 **Donate** – Support bicycles, school meals, or technology for students
- 🚲 **Get involved** – Join a fundraiser or organise your own event
- 🗣️ **Spread the word** – Follow us on social media and share our mission
- 🙌 **Become a regular giver** – Monthly support helps us plan for long-term impact

Every action, big or small, **helps break down barriers to education**.

[Donate or get involved today](#)

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