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Triple i supports FIRST[®] Robotics in Wollongong

We have recently begun sponsoring *FIRST* Team 5985 of the Bucephalus Project, who was thrilled after their performance in the Southern Cross Regional Event this month, and who are set to compete at the *FIRST* World Championships in Houston in April.

The team takes part in the *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Program, which is an international program for children with a heavy focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning experiences.

The *FIRST* Team 5985 is an independent community-based team, with members consisting of students from Wollongong. Students come from all academic backgrounds such as public, private, selective, and home-schooled students. The team is achieving 50% female membership which is balanced throughout all leadership and operations aspects of the team.

The *FIRST* Team 5985 has proven to be competitive not only on a domestic level but internationally, becoming an award-winning team in both Australian and International competitions. The team won the Engineering Inspiration award for the Turing Division at the 2022 *FIRST* World Championships and has received the Regional Chairman's Award five times in the six years they were eligible.

The Southern Cross Regional Event this month was no exception. After unveiling their robot and competing in the regional event, they went home with the Judges Award and a Dean's List finalist. Setting the tone for their next event in April, they will be competing at the Silicon Valley Regional in San Jose, California and then the *FIRST* World Championship held in Houston, Texas. They are expected to give the competition a challenge!

We hope our contribution and support can help them in their journey to the Internationals. Like Project Bucephalus, we are dedicated to ensuring our next generation is involved and enjoying STEM and the endless possibilities it presents.

Good luck *First* Team 5985, we cannot wait to see what happens!

To learn more about *FIRST* Team 5985 visit their website at <https://www.projectb.net.au/frc/team-5985/>

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