

# WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS LTD



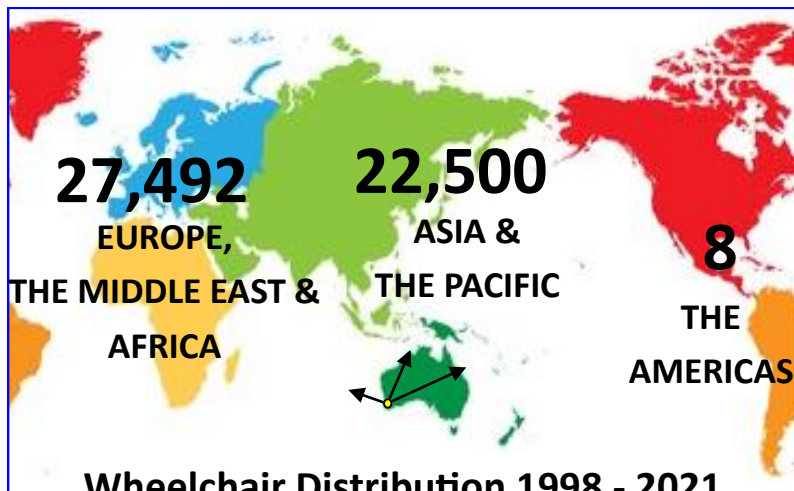
## THE DRILL

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PROVIDING WHEELCHAIRS FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IS OUR MISSION ...  
GETTING A SMILE IS OUR PASSION.

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Scarborough Rotary  
District 9455  
Western Australia

## CELEBRATION



### **DISAPPOINTING ANNOUNCEMENT.**

In the April edition we were delighted to announce the appointment of David Hudson as our new CEO following the retirement of our Inaugural CEO Rotarian Gordon Hudson.

Unfortunately, for personal reasons, David has been unable to continue in that role with Wheelchairs for Kids.

He steps away with our gratitude for the commitment he gave to the role of CEO over the past five months and we wish him well for the future.

Gordon has agreed to resume the role of CEO in an interim capacity - for which we are very grateful.

### **WINNIE-THE-POOH POWERS WHEELCHAIRS**



When WFK volunteer Cathy Cutler and husband Bill enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise on a sailing ship in 2017 they could not have known that an onboard friendship would lead to an unusual WFK fundraising opportunity.

On that cruise from Malaga in Spain to Malta Cathy and Bill made friends with Kim and Shirley Raymond. Kim was the Senior Principal Creative artist with the Walt Disney Company, based in London, and Cathy told them about the good work that WFK was doing around

the world.

In early 2019 Cathy spotted a story in “The West Australian” about Disney creating a special animation featuring Winnie-the-Pooh delivering a gift to the newly born Archie, son of Harry and Meghan. The artist was our friend Kim Raymond.

As a result Cathy corresponded with Kim who offered to create a special one-off picture of Winnie-the-Pooh for WFK to use as a fund-raiser. The water colour portrait duly arrived a few weeks later and Cathy had the unique picture professionally framed. The plan was to auction Winnie-the-Pooh at a forthcoming function being organised by a friend of WFK, Stewart Bermann.

However, prior to the auction, a generous cash offer to Stewart of \$1250 (against a suggested reserve of \$1000) was made by a private buyer Jodie Sparks and WFK agreed to the transaction.

WFK has let artist Kim know of the great result, and he responded “Fantastic news. A wise decision too. It was a pleasure to create, and congratulations to the WFK team for the immense continuing effort in raising money for a cause not enough people even think about (including me until we met Cathy and Bill). Now I do....”

## WONDERFUL SUPPORT FROM DANIEL CORCORAN Author, Designer, Illustrator & Master Cartoonist.



Originally from Perth but now based in Melbourne, **Daniel Corcoran** continues a career as an author, designer and illustrator but his lifelong passion has always been cartooning and drawing.

He started writing children's books to raise money for the Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital via the Elise Sneddon Foundation and as an author, he continues to support other valuable causes when he can.

*"I thank Mum and Dad for teaching us the importance of charitable work and so I'm currently donating profits to Wheelchairs for Kids".*

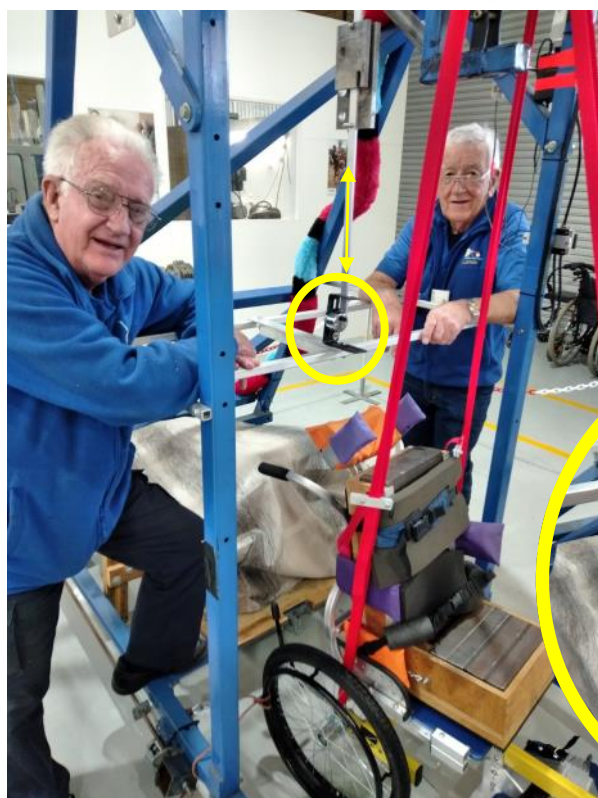
As a former student of St Marks, he holds enormous respect for Br. Olly Pickett and his lifelong devotion to helping kids to 'laugh at life often' – his own personal motto for writing and illustrating. *"It was also inspiring to witness the tireless voluntary effort of all involved at WFK when I was lucky enough to be shown around many years ago".*

**The Mark of the Maker Stone** series is intended to be a humorous dive into the adventures of Mary the Hairy Fairy. She discovers her inner strength when the folks of Fickelton – a town filled with weird creatures like shreeks and giant rock munchers – call on her to retrieve the ancient Maker Stone from the clutches of evil.

*"It sounds a little serious but if these books don't make kids laugh then I have failed as an author!"*

Both boys and girls have enjoyed these stories because they draw the reader's attention to the importance of self-confidence and being yourself. Daniel sums it all up: *"If you have any form of child in your life (according to my wife, 'I'm her third child'), then grab a copy of my latest book, or any of my other books, and I'll gladly donate all profits to Wheelchairs for Kids. The picture books suit a younger age group (3-7) and the illustrated novels are more for primary school age kids (7-12) but for more information head to my website – [www.carrotsticks.com.au](http://www.carrotsticks.com.au)."*

**Footnote:** "Mum and Dad", Marg and Tom Corcoran, have volunteered in the workshops since 2012. **Editor.**



## TESTING THE INGENUITY OF TWO BOBS

International Standard Organisation ( ISO ) 7176.8 requires a manual wheelchair to be drop tested 50mm 6667 times to be equivalent to 5 years of life.

Our equipment required a mechanical device to count the drops so a manual sheep counter was adapted to carry out the count by Bob Morris (left in photo) and Bob Parry.



The up and down movement of the arm attached to the drop mechanism clicks over the sheep counter.

Great lateral/vertical thinking!

## WHEELCHAIR EXPERIENCE FOR YULUMA PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



In May Yuluma Primary School students experienced what it was like to rely on a wheelchair for mobility. This School has supported Wheelchairs for Kids with donations from student activities since 2005, raising \$2983.70 and thereby enabling 47 children living with disability to receive our wheelchairs. Congratulations and thanks to Staff and students.



## REALLY WORTH SUPPORTING.

OUR COLLECTION TINS/BOXES CURRENTLY LOCATED AT  
**63 IGA STORES** HAVE PROVIDED **\$55,068.55**  
**(275 wheelchairs)** FROM CUSTOMER DONATIONS.

The stores below are certainly worth supporting due to the sponsorship arrangement they have put in place. Every dollar spent by a customer = 1 point. The points earned can go to a charity selected by the customer. After a nominated period the charity with the most points will be given \$300 and the one that is second \$200.

On top of this, every 100 points = \$1 .

Suppose WFK accumulates 5000 customer points and comes second. The donation is \$250.  
 or if WFK accumulates 4000 customer points and is not first or second, the donation is \$40.

### THE IGA TUCKER FRESH GROUP INVOLVED

ATWELL FRESH IGA

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# VOLUNTEERS AT THE WANGARA WORKSHOP

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Lindsay Schupp



Ams Bhudia



Joe Broadhurst



Daksha Patel



JAN	160
FEB	275
MAR	296
APR	286
MAY	341
JUNE	123
JULY	375
AUG	360
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2216</b>



Jashu Dabasia



Ivan Shepard



Bob Booth



Barbara Horgan



Peter Hoo

## Wearne House Knitting Group Mandurah



Lots more wonderful colour and cuddly joy  
for children living with disability.  
Thank you Wearne House Knitting Group.



## “THAT’S ONE OF MY RUGS!”

Kay Watt (left) and Beppie de Kuyer discover  
some of Kay’s handiwork in a mural photo at  
the front of the workshop.



Since February 2012 over 300 businesses in WA have had at least one of our donation tins or boxes available to their customers in which to show their support for Wheelchairs for Kids. Over that time, their support has now exceeded \$200,000.00 - thus enabling 1000 wheelchairs to be produced in our workshops.



























Thank you and well done to all the thoughtful and generous customers.




























The Ukulele Band took over the Workshop and entertained the Workshop Volunteers.

Workshop Volunteer Michael Lalor ( blue top and jaunty hat ) showed his musical talents with the band.

Since 1998 **50,102** wheelchairs have been distributed to **82 countries** as below.

	50,105	1
	ALBANIA	40
	ANGOLA	50
	ARMENIA	302
	AUSTRALIA	23
	COCOS ISLANDS 1	
	BANGLADESH	670
	BELARUS	131
	BHUTAN	8
	BOSNIA	100
	BOTSWANA	1
	BRAZIL	2
	BULGARIA	25
	BURKINA FASO	164
	BURUNDI	22
	CAMBODIA	954
	CANADA	2
	CHINA	1745
	COOK ISLANDS	5
	D.R. OF CONGO	1072
	EGYPT	665
	EL SALVADOR	1
	ETHIOPIA	100
	FIJI (TOTAL)	680
	ONO - I - LAU 10	
	SAVU SAVU 40	
	SUVA 630	
	GHANA	210
	GUINEA	1
	INDIA	368
	IRAN	22
	IRAQ	1949

	INDONESIA (TOTAL)	2207
	BALI 1327	
	FLORES ISLAND 20	
	JAVA 277	
	LOMBOK 547	
	SALATIGA 8	
	SUMATRA 28	
	JORDAN	271
	KENYA	2434
	KIRIBATI	172
	LAOS	90
	LEBANON	673
	LIBERIA	181
	LIBYA	340
	MADAGASCAR	56
	MALAWI	2204
	MALAYSIA	7
	MALDIVES	4
	MAURITANIA	75
	MAURITIUS	211
	MOLDOVA	40
	MONGOLIA	938
	MOROCCO	983
	MOZAMBIQUE	99
	MYANMAR	2835
	NAURU	10
	NEPAL	185
	NIGERIA	456
	PAKISTAN	847
	PALESTINE - GAZA	656
	PAPUA N.G.	2225
	BOUGAINVILLE 6	

	PERU	2
	PHILIPPINES	1542
	ROMANIA	132
	RWANDA	166
	SAMOA	231
	SIERRA LEONE	495
	SINGAPORE	1
	SOLOMON ISLANDS	364
	SOMALIA	332
	SOMALILAND	90
	SOUTH AFRICA	123
	SOUTH KOREA	20
	SRI LANKA	2207
	SUDAN	60
	SYRIA	507
	TAIWAN	50
	TANZANIA	2592
	THAILAND	336
	TIMOR LESTE	1156
	TONGA	16
	TUVALU	6
	UGANDA	1975
	UKRAINE (TOTAL)	85
	CHERNIVTSI 25	
	CHERNOBYL 60	
	USA - CALIFORNIA	1
	VANUATU	383
	VIETNAM	7724
	YEMEN	166
	ZAMBIA	1343
	ZIMBABWE	485

*Helping one person may not change the whole world but it could change the world for one person.*

If you would like to help us you can do so in any of the following ways:

1. A **cheque** made out to "Wheelchairs for Kids" and posted to:

Wheelchairs for Kids, PO Box 1175, Wangara DC, WA 6947.

2. Consider making a **bequest in your will**. This generous form of support has been a great benefit to us.

3. **Visit our website** at [www.wheelchairsforkids.org](http://www.wheelchairsforkids.org)

4. **By electronic transfer** to BSB 016 494 ACCOUNT 4254 578 15 and please email your amount, name & address for us to correctly receipt your generosity. See E-MAIL below.

All donations \$2 or more are tax-deductible. All donations are used in the production of the wheelchairs - no wages are deducted since all involved are volunteers. Overheads ( rent, utilities and administration costs ) are paid by donations from and in agreement with several Major Sponsors listed below.



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For \$200 we give each child an adjustable, all terrain, fully cushioned wheelchair, along with an upper body harness, foot restraints, postural support devices for the head, trunk and legs, detachable tray, carry basket, soft toy, colourful knee rugs, tool kit, spare cushioning and spare fasteners.

This gift can change the life of a child living with a disability as well as the life of every family member.

## Major Sponsors



**Our gratitude to all our supporters for the children you have helped.**



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