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NEW-LOOK DEBRA NEWS

You may have noticed that Debra News has been spruced up and features the new Debra

logo. We have adopted our version of the Debra International logo in order to align ourselves more closely with the international organisation. We hope that this will bring more global recognition and a more professional image to attract more funds for YOU, the members. We hope you like the new look!

CANNONBALL CHARITY RIDES SUPPORT DEBRA IN 2011

Cannonball Charity Rides are very pleased to announce their intention to become a major supporter of Debra from 2011.

Cannonball Charity Rides have raised over \$70,000 for chosen charities since their inaugural event in 2007. Ride organiser Ms Katie Warfield said that the "Cannonballers" were very pleased to be supporting such a small and deserving group as Debra for future events, including the 2011 adventure. "Upon becoming aware of Debra, the work that needs doing and lack of Government support provided, we just had to get involved," said Katie. "I believe a strong relationship can be formed between the two groups where we can use our Cannonball events to assist in raising some much needed funds for the Debra team."

So who or what are the Cannonball Charity Rides and what do they do?

Head honcho Katie Warfield began Cannonball Charity Rides in 2007. Katie has been around long distance

recreational rallies for quite a bit, as both an entrant in various car rallies (where until recently she still drove a '76 HX Holden) and as co-organiser for other long distance motorcycle rides. However, in 2007, Katie set up and ran her own charity ride believing both her previous experience and own interest in such events would lead to a better product for the public. At the very core of Katie's events would be the desire to use these activities to support deserving charities.



Bikes and riders take a break for morning tea at a station property



Mission Statement

Debra Australia provides ongoing support and information for individuals, families, and professionals living and working with EB, ensuring all research and best practice treatments are investigated leading to improved quality of life for all.

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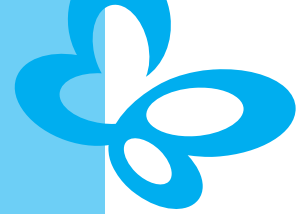
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The first off-road motorcycle ride in 2007 ran from Mt Isa to Karumba in the Gulf, a total of 2500km, and was such a hit that, in 2008, the crew did a trip from Cairns to Broome, again all off-road and now 4500kms. 2009 saw the group, of what was now becoming a close knit community of "Cannonballers", tackle Toowoomba to Tasmania off-road. Finally, in 2010, the crew did another dash from Dalby to Darwin. 2011 will see the Cannonballers set out to tackle Burnett, Kingaroy in Qld to the Barossa Valley in S.A. via Uluru in the Northern Territory. This time, however, the crew will be raising much needed funds for Debra along the way!

To some, the idea of long distance off-road motorcycle adventures is not very appealing at all. For others, adventure is more than just an amusement park ride and holidays are just as much about the journey as the destination. Most importantly, whether it's adventure or holidays, it's about going by motorcycle with a close group of other enthusiasts to out-of-the-way places. Rides are limited to 25 participants and support crew, with most rides booked out well in advance. Should you wish to know more about Cannonball Charity Rides, the work they do for charity or perhaps to sign up for the adventure of a lifetime, then call Katie today on 0402 750 900 or go to www.cannonballride.com.au. Not only will you have a holiday to end all holidays, you will be supporting Debra in the process!



The riders enjoying a few well-deserved cold ones on State of Origin night



Multi-prize Debra Mega Raffle

To coincide with International EB Awareness Week (the last week of October 2010), and in an effort to raise important funds and awareness for EB and Debra, we have a fantastic raffle to announce, with some amazing prizes to be won. All money raised will go straight back into funding Debra services. Raffle tickets can be ordered through Sue McKenna (secretary@debra.org.au / 07 4693 7003) and the more tickets we sell, the more we can help our members this year. So we hope that each of you will commit to selling at least one book of tickets to help us raise more awareness for our cause.

Prizes:

- Cricket stump signed by 8 iconic Australian cricketers; Ricky Ponting; Shane Watson; Michael Clarke; Nathan Hauritz; Phillip Hughes; Doug Bollinger; Stuart MacGill & Ellyse Perry.
- 1 night's accommodation for 2 at the Crowne Plaza Pelican Waters, Caloundra QLD (value \$245)



CROWNE PLAZA

PELICAN WATERS
GOLF RESORT & SPA

- Case of boutique wine from Anggatha Estate, a small family run winery in the famous Hunter Valley (value \$250)



- Gift basket of Wyangapinni Muesli & Nuts (value \$100)



- Peter Walsh signed memorabilia
- 'The First Australians' DVD Box Set (value \$39.99) donated by SBS TV
- 'Food Safari – Series 1 - 3' DVD Box Set (value \$59.99) donated by SBS TV

The National EB Dressing Scheme

BrightSky
AUSTRALIA

specialist healthcare products at your door

In the 2009 – 2010 Budget, the Australian Government committed \$16.4m over four years to establish the National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme. The scheme supports eligible people with Epidermolysis Bullosa by improving access to dressings and bandages.

The National EB Dressing Scheme commenced on 1 January 2010 and is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by BrightSky Australia, in consultation with the National EB Dressing Scheme Clinical Advisory Committee and the Australian Government - Department of Health and Ageing.

For more information regarding eligibility guidelines, application process and the Schedule of dressings, please visit www.ebdressings.com.au. Alternatively you can contact BrightSky on 1 300 290 400 for more information. Approved applicants receive a standard order of dressings each month, as prescribed by their Treating Healthcare Professional. To maintain eligibility, approved applicants must also attend regular reviews with their Treating Healthcare Professional as set out on the application form.

As part of the Scheme, a Clinical Nurse Consultant is available to provide educational support and wound care product advice to patients and professionals. Please contact 02 8741 5721 or 0415 753 571. More educational resources are being developed and will be made available on the website.

Who is BrightSky?

BrightSky Australia provides a national home delivery service for specialist healthcare products, including wound care, nutrition, respiratory and continence. BrightSky Australia is a division of not-for-profit ParaQuad NSW and a contracted supplier to NSW Health under the Program of Appliances for Disabled People.

FAREWELL TO KEVIN DYER

Kevin Dyer

In April this year our Debra community lost a friend in Kevin Dyer from NSW. I was fortunate enough to have met Kevin on several occasions over the years. He was very much a larrikin who loved living life to the full, in his way and as independently as possible. This was reflected in one of the songs that was played at his funeral "Won't Back Down" by Tom Petty.

He was a passionate dog breeder who was very proud of his achievements in this field. Kevin enjoyed fishing and being with his mates as well as getting out on his customised three wheel Harley; nothing would get in the way of a good time. Prior to his passing Kevin wrote a heartfelt letter to his family. His parents Fran and Bob have asked us to share this letter that was read out at his funeral which he titled 'Wind Beneath My Wings'.

Michael Fitzpatrick



Kevin and his customised Harley



Kevin the dog breeder

Wind Beneath My Wings – Kevin Dyer

To turn the pain, tragedy, heartbreak and fear of living with any chronic physical disability and terminal illness into what some would say, a more than colourful, enjoyable and of course in my opinion successful life, you need one main ingredient. In my case their names are Bob and Fran Dyer.

Yes my Mum and Dad are almost the sole reason I have lived so long. Optimistic attitude, trust and unconditional love gave me the wind beneath my, at times, tired and pain battered wings, to experience life as I chose to.

People the calibre of Mum and Dad are as rare especially in today's times as my disability itself. They seem to carry a natural oar of their strength, courage, optimism and kindness, gaining instant respect from all who know and come in contact with them for their personal sacrifice of normality of their own lives. Absorbing with me all the pain, tears, fears and frustration while never once complaining. Missing out, going without, being there literally every day of their life throughout my tears, pain and sickness for just one reason. ME. The love of their child that so many would have had to forgivingly walk away from at birth and have no guilt or blame because of the intense emotional pressures of all kinds needed to do this daunting job, parenting is only for a chosen few. Mum and Dad were chosen to do this job that they never ever thought existed. I'm so glad because if I was the newborn baby to any body else then I doubt if I would have ever lived so long.

They instantly required the ability to cope and to be successful in maintaining a super human effort to stay positive and optimistic on a daily basis, mustering tremendous mental strength to have the will to face every day knowing very well it would bring the same as the last with little or no hope of any change. Mum and Dad would do this and do it not for themselves but do it all for me and this is true because without me they would never have had to face these crushing changes to their lives. Well many others and I today can say they did it and I was the proof that they achieved it so magnificently. How, only they know how and never once looked like failing because again if they did its quite simple, I would have died years before. For the sacrifice of their life I will never have anything worthy of thanks and hope just my unconditional love and emotional respect for them offers some small amount of gratitude for their immense emotional, mental and physical efforts.



I have probably never told them enough and regret it to this very day, so here goes; Mum, Dad I love you both so much it hurts and may be I have hurt you both unintentionally in the past and if I have, I'm so angry with myself and can only say sorry I'm sorry and sorry from the heart, the heart you gave me. There, all done, and mate it feels great, a relief of built up pressure and emotion fighting a fear you would both never know just how I truly feel.

My brother Robert too has also had to endure a lot especially with so much time and attention given to me. But he was always there for me and didn't treat me any differently and made sure I was alright and also, that I knew my place and he wouldn't let me get away with any rubbish, well sometimes. A clip over the head would keep me grounded and I wouldn't have it any other way, for that's what brothers do. He has been a pillar of strength and I can't thank him enough for his unconditional love and support.

In my words My Olds are worthy to stand as equals alongside the saints and the greats of history. Superman had his kryptonite to break him but nothing could break the strength, resolve and commitment of my mother Fran who for everyday twice a day made sure I would get through the day. For 44 years she was my rock.

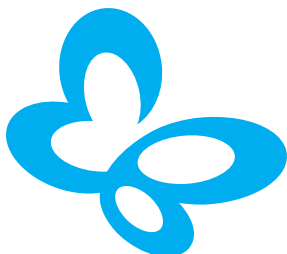
My family, you are my saints; you are my angels. You are my fair dinkum super heroes who were the wind beneath my fragile wings that allowed me to soar to such great heights.

I love you and I thank you for the quality of life you afforded me .

Your loving son and brother,
Kev

Applications for Follow Your Dreams

If you would like to donate to the Follow Your Dreams grant, or would like to apply for the next round, go to www.debra.org.au and follow the links for more information. Applications close November 2010 and will be announced at the 2011 AGM.



'Follow Your Dreams' Good News Story

We are pleased to announce that Gavin O'Brien from QLD is the successful recipient of the Follow Your Dreams grant this year! Gavin was recently in hospital for major surgery and his computer no longer worked so we awarded the Follow Your Dreams grant to Gavin and provided him with a new laptop and portable printer. Gavin has always been a loyal advocate for Debra and helps us out with all sorts of public appearances and lobbying efforts. Congratulations Gavin! We hope you get lots of use and enjoyment out of your new equipment.



Update on our new Rapid Response EB nurse!

Thanks to the generous funding from the nib foundation last year, we have been able to start looking for our first EB rapid response nurse! It's a huge milestone, and the first time a dedicated EB nurse will have been employed in Australia on a national basis.

The EB nurse will be available to attend to any new EB babies or emergencies around the country, and will be able to provide the very best quality specialist EB care to EB patients and families who require it.

We are currently advertising for applications and will keep you all posted on the outcome. Hopefully this will be the first of many EB rapid response nurses employed.

nib foundation

American Academy of Dermatology Conference

This year has been very busy so far for the team at St George Hospital. In March, Professor Dedee Murrell and the team went to Miami for the annual American Academy of Dermatology Conference. This conference is one of the biggest in the world and dermatologists come from every country to hear about new research. Drs Supriya Venugopal and Lizbeth Intong were both selected to present their most recent research at the Residents and Fellow's symposium at this Conference.



Lizbeth Intong, Anna Hanna, Prof Murrell, Supriya Venugopal and Benjamin Daniel at the AAD conference in Miami

Dermatologic Clinics dedicated to EB

This year the Dermatologic Clinics had two issues dedicated to EB which were edited by Professor Murrell. These issues had contributions from dermatologists worldwide and included Professor Murrell, Lizbeth Intong and Supriya Venugopal.

In Christchurch, New Zealand, the team presented two EB presentations. In addition to this, Dr Heather Cohn won the America-Australia Association Fellowship to perform research with Professor Murrell. Her research looks into genetic risk factors for squamous cell carcinomas in patients with EB.

Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting

In May, the Australasian College of Dermatologists held their annual Scientific Meeting in Darwin. DeBRA had a table at the meeting and was able to provide information to attendees at the conference. Mr Yong Kho, who is a final year medical student and previous ILP student with Professor Murrell, presented the

findings from the Australasian Epidermolysis Bullosa Registry in the plenary session. Dr Supriya Venugopal also presented her research on the Investigation of cell therapy for generalised severe dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa by intradermal allogeneic fibroblasts at the registrar's forum.



Debra table at the Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting in Darwin

Congratulations Yong!

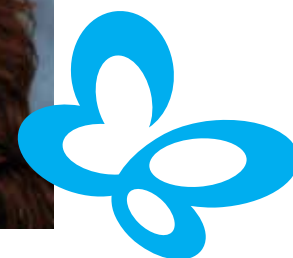
Congratulations to Yong who had his EB registry paper published in the June Edition of the esteemed journal, Archives of Dermatology.

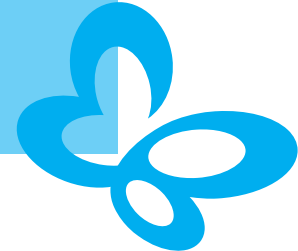
And congratulations to Heather Cohn!

Our postdoc, Heather Cohn, has received a prestigious award from the Society for Investigative Dermatology and European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) to pay for her to go the ESDR meeting in Helsinki, Finland in Sept to present our cell therapy trial!!

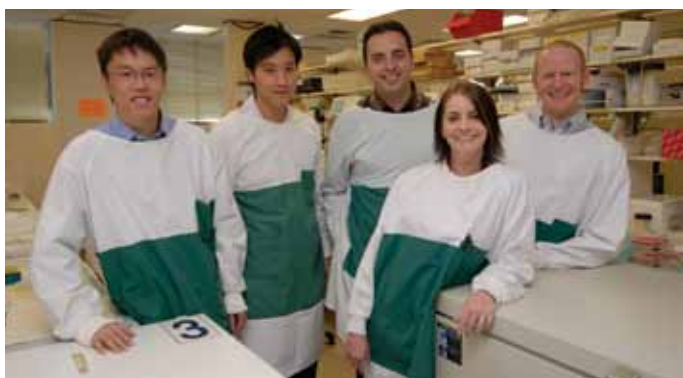


Heather Cohn





Associate Prof Allison Cowin



Some of our Wound Healing laboratory staff

Our Wound Healing Laboratory in Adelaide is led by A/Prof Allison Cowin and consists of 12 members (both staff and students). We were the first research group to identify Flightless (Flii) protein as a negative regulator of wound healing and were able to show that decreasing the levels of this harmful protein improves wound healing outcomes.

For 7 years now we have been working on developing new therapy for improved wound healing. Majority of our team works on the main project of "Flightless therapy development for treatment of wounds" and this would also include treatment of EB patients. We are excited that this project has now moved from small to large animal models and has entered the pre-clinical stages. This gives us hope that in the next few years we will be able to progress to the human clinical trials, which would involve testing the therapy effectiveness on EB patients.

All our projects are in collaborations with both interstate and overseas collaborators and we are grateful for their help and advice. This is an exciting time for EB research in Adelaide so "WATCH THIS SPACE" for more updates on our research and therapy outcomes for the future.

For more details on our research, go to the 'Research' page at www.debra.org.au.

Kind regards

Zlatko Kopecki

Women's and Children's Health Research Institute
Wound Healing Laboratory, Adelaide

Debra SA News

Educational Nurses Meeting - November 24

Zlatko will hold an educational meeting for nurses on November 24, themed around EB. This will be a joint meeting between SAWMA (South Australian Wound Management Association) and DEBRA-SA. Guest speakers will include both National AWMA President Dr Bill McGuinness and BrightSky EB Nurse Louise Stevens. This meeting aims to target awareness of EB within the broader nursing community and to educate SA nurses in "best" available dressings and the EB Dressing Scheme. For more information, please contact Zlatko at zlatko.kopecki@adelaide.edu.au or (08) 8161 6848.

EB Awareness Week Afternoon Tea

Linda Turner is holding an afternoon tea on Friday 29th October 2010 for EB Awareness Week. This will be held at 12 Poltong Crescent, Victor Harbour between 1pm and 5pm. Our SA fundraising raffle for the cricket bat, signed by Ricky Ponting, will be drawn at the afternoon tea.

And in other news...

We held a Fundraiser at the Kensington Café on St Patrick's Day. The Café is a learning centre for students with special needs, and they did a wonderful job. Kate, Linda & Laraine are to give a presentation to one of our wonderful supporter groups shortly, the Northfield Weight Watchers. They are looking forward to meeting Kate, as they have heard so much about her;

We are excited at the prospect of being involved with the Cannonball Ride 2011, which will complete its run in beautiful Barossa Valley. We look forward to working with Katie and sure this will be a successful and enjoyable event.

Special thanks to Sports Power in Victor Harbor, who through their contacts have arranged with Kookaburra for a donation of a cricket bat, signed by Ricky Ponting, which we will raffle. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets for this collector's piece can contact either Linda or Laraine.

No Stopping Gavin



Nothing much sets Gavin back from what he wants to achieve. Due to cancer in his leg a major operation was required at the beginning of the year to amputate Gavin's left leg. Generous locals in Burpengary banded together to raise enough money to purchase a special

electric chair that Gavin could use inside the house.

And another lovely gesture, Nadine & Jason Payne donated an electric wheelchair worth \$4,500 to enable Gavin to use outside of the house so he could still independently get about up town. Thank you to Alan from Alan's Mobility Aids and Dellphene McCosker for coordinating the donations and organising the purchase of the wheelchairs. Gavin is now again enjoying his indoor bowls and attended the NZ EB Camp in August this year.

Thank you to the wonderful individuals and businesses in Gavin's area who donated funds to purchase this much needed equipment. They included:

- Burpengary Terry White Chemist (major donor)
- Burpengary Fruit & Vege
- North Garden Chinese Restaurant
- Budget Refrigeration & Washers
- Burpengary Vet
- Travel World Burpengary
- Tim Nguyen
- James Yuke
- Yowie Gardens
- REMAX
- Cafe 46
- Daenamboo Taekwondo
- Burpengary Tyre Service
- North to South Services
- Janice Hodgkinson
- Cheryl Yuke-Hill
- N & G Quayle
- Good Australian Cafe
- Glamour Nail
- Certus Group
- Dianne Grant-Smith
- Burpengary Office Supplies

- Boyztamen
- Burpengary IGA
- Burpengary Auto Electrics Airconditioning Service
- Narangba Community NCCC
- Burpengary Newsagents
- Burpengary Florist

AGM

The AGM was held on the Sunshine Coast on the 7th August. The executive committee for 2010/2011 are Kathy Hagan as President, Sue McKenna as Secretary and Paul Galvin as Treasurer.

Thank You to the Lovely Ladies at Quota

The Wonders family attended a breakfast meeting held by the Quota International of Wynnum Manly Inc. Paul, Kerry and Madison gratefully accept a \$500 donation on behalf of Debra Qld from the lovely ladies from Quota. Paul explained about the work that Debra carries out and what it was like living with EB.

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

DeBRA Qld would like to thank the following donors for their generosity and continuing support from February – August 2010.

Groups

- African Violet Society of Qld Inc.
- Wind & Waves Hair Studio
- Quota International of Wynnum Manly Inc.
- Krause Health & Safety Mt Isa

Individuals

- P & D Locke
- Sandy Eiser



Paul & Madison accepting the generous cheque from Quota



DebraVic has had a busy couple of months with me accepting the roll as co-ordinator.

This role commenced on July 1 and since then we have been extremely busy with fundraising and membership renewals for the 2010/2011 period.

We are also thrilled to be able to support Liam and Lisa along with Liam's carer Pam to attend the NZ camp in August. This is Lisa's very first camp and we hope they all have a wonderful time and benefit greatly from the experience.

It has been a privilege to have been represented by Dr Tom Connell, Dr David Reid and colleagues from some of Melbourne's major hospitals in the Gold Coast Marathon to raise funds for Debra Victoria. We appreciate all of their hard work and efforts and would like to congratulate everyone on completing their races and hope that they achieved their goals. The funds raised will be put to good use supporting families with EB.

Over the next couple of months we look forward to more fundraising and thank everyone their support over the last financial year.

Regards Simone

Gold Coast Marathon Fundraiser 2010

"For many it was their first half or full marathon but all would agree that it was an amazing experience to participate in the Gold Coast Marathon to raise funds for the Debra foundation!

Our inspiration? Eliza Baird, a courageous 10 year old who not only motivates all of us with her strength of character and infectious smile, but also designed the T-shirts we all wore on the weekend.

When all were about to hit the dreaded wall, either at 18km in the half or 35 km in the marathon, we thought of the many challenges faced everyday by Eliza, her family and many other children with EB.

The weather was perfect for the race, there was no wind and thankfully the courses were very flat! In all 13 of us competed raising almost \$9000 for the foundation. We thank everyone for supporting us and look forward to raising more funds for Debra in 2011. All we need to do now is think of the CHALLENGE!"



DEBRA NEW ZEALAND NEWS

The DEBRA NZ Family Camp in May was a fun weekend for 10 families with children with EB. We now have a whole new generation of DEBRA kids feeling like they're part of a club where they have lots of friends to play with, who all know about having funny skin.



We all had a great time at the Debra NZ Family camp

In late August we are having another Ski Camp at Mt Ruapehu with 6 teens and young adults with EB including 4 Aussies, plus helpers and the EB nurses. It will be a great week. Bring on the snow!!

It is 30 years since DEBRA NZ was founded by Jillyan Hing. We are celebrating this milestone on Thursday 28 October, during International EB Awareness Week. The Governor General of NZ, patron of DEBRA, will host an afternoon tea at his home for the trustees and a few close friends and supporters. Guests will include Graeme and Lyn Passey, parents of Jillyan's niece Shelley who was born in Queensland with RDEB and the reason Jillyan started a DEBRA group in NZ.

We are planning a larger evening function that the Governor General and his wife will also attend, to raise awareness of EB among the public, business people, politicians and policy makers.

Earlier this year we submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health asking for funding for the Specialist EB Nurses and to create a Clinical Network for EB (a nationally based network of EB specialists). We are hopeful that this will have a positive response – I'll keep you posted.

Anna Kemble Welch
Director, DEBRA

Debra NSW Committee

At a recent AGM the following committee members were elected:

Georgia Pyle – President
Lyn South – Vice President
Kylie Gibson – Treasurer
Mary Woods – Secretary
Thelma Carr – Publicity Officer
Michael Fitzpatrick – Debra Australia representative

AAMI

Mary, Kylie & Joshua (RDEB) attended a cheque presentation at the end of May at AAMI's North Shore offices (such wonderful views of Sydney Harbour). We were met with such wonderful reception. Kylie explained about EB & the work Debra NSW does. They were quite taken with Josh explaining how living with EB affects his life and asked him many questions.

The AAMI Charity Committee presented Kylie with a cheque for \$15,000. This will be used to help our EB individuals and their families to make life a little easier. A big "Thank You" to the staff at AAMI.



Kylie & Josh at AAMI's cheque presentation

Sydney Water

Just recently, Kylie attended a cheque presentation at one of Sydney Water's Depots where she was presented with a cheque for \$6,000. The money was raised through their 'Giving through Safety' initiative. This is where Sydney Water donates funds to nominated charities for safety at work.

Thank You to Sydney Water and to Kylie's sister Rebecca for nominating our charity, our EB families appreciated such wonderful support.



Josh & Kylie accepting the generous donation from Sydney Water

Trivia Night 2010

Our exciting Trivia Night is on once again in 2010. The details are as follows:

When: Friday 29th October 2010
Where: St George Leagues Club
Time: 7pm (for 7.30pm start)
Cost: \$20 (this includes supper)
Contact: Kylie 02 9548 6553 or
Mary 02 9546 5107

Flyers will be sent out soon. Hope to see you there!!

Debra NZ EB Camp

The NZ EB Camp is on again at the end of August. We have two members attending with the help of Debra NSW. This camp promotes independence for teens/adults, so our two members will be going without their normal carers, a big step for all parties. We are also helping with the cost to send two of Prof. Dedee Murrells medical students to attend as volunteers and also to help out with dressings. Hope you all enjoy the trip away, make some lifelong friendships and bring back lots of memories.

NEWS BITE!

Go to Debra Australia's website www.debra.org.au and click on the facebook link to become a fan of Debra Australia today! Then invite your friends to become a fan of Debra too!



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Donors from March 2010 – August 2010

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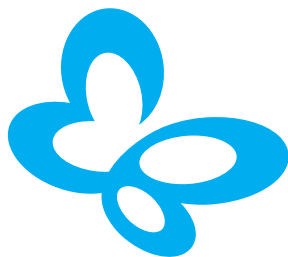
- Hooper Accountants – Sue Lissimore
- Link Healthcare P/L
- Blue Star Print p/L
- Lysterfield Primary School
- Ranford Primary School
- BHP Billiton
- Fredrick Gordon P/L
- Molnlycke Healthcare P/L
- Wentworth Quilters Club
- Trans-Tasman Business Circle
- City of Gosnells
- Nivea Dream Handling Matters and Mr Hanno Vandijk

Workplace Giving Program

- Energy Australia
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government

Private donors

- Andrew McKinlay – donated sporting goods for our raffle
- Chris Byrne
- Anon donor
- Maureen McHale
- Mrs Wilson & Dr G C Wilson
- C & S Tangalakis
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- Judith Walton & Charlie Sumner
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- Mrs H Hatcliff
- Thelma Carr
- J & R McLaughlin
- Vicki Newman
- Ian Willey



Everyday Hero Fundraisers

- Warwick Foster – Sydney Half Marathon
- Helen Cuell - Kokoda Walk for DebRA
- Shelley Hwang – City to Surf, Sydney

- Minhee Kim – City to Surf, Sydney
- Minmin Li – City to Surf, Sydney

High School Student Volunteers

- Katie & Fraser McIntyre, Rebecca & Toby Whitton, Vanessa Ruhle, Garth Weir and Thomas Degnian from Pittsworth State High School

Thanks to Andrew McKinlay

Andrew kindly donated some autographed sporting memorabilia that we will use for fundraising over the next few months. Thanks Andrew, the funds raised from these will go to good use in helping our members and raising awareness for EB and Debra.

Next Debra Australia Conference

The next Debra Australia conference will be held in April 2012, giving us an extra 7 months to fundraise for the two new national EB Nurses and for the conference. It will also give us more time to plan the best conference for YOU. More details will be given as they come to hand both on the website and in following issues of Debra News.

Donations for Debra Chile

Collectively, from the following donors, \$5,700 was sent to Debra Chile to help rebuild their members' houses, bathrooms and lives following the devastating earthquake in February 2010.

- Debra Australia, SA, NSW, VIC & QLD
- Smith & Nephew P/L
- L & G Passey
- Jenny Clifford
- Alex & Sam McKenna
- Nigel Holley



One of the Chile families living with EB who now have a new house thanks to international support

DONATIONS

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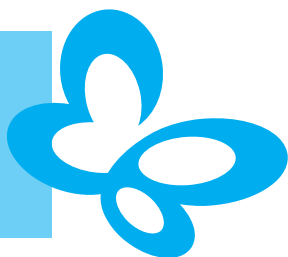
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Debra Australia Inc.

PO Box 226, Pittsworth QLD 4356

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CALENDAR

2010

October

25 - 31 - EB Awareness Week

29 EB Awareness Week Afternoon Tea – Victor Harbour SA (see SA News page for more details)

29 Trivia Night for Debra NSW – St George Leagues Club @ 7pm (See NSW News page for more details)

November

24 EB focused meeting for nurses between SAWMA (SA Wound Management Association) and Debra's SA branch (see SA News page for more details)

December

3 International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD)

2011

May

Cannonball Charity Ride –

www.cannonballride.com.au

International EB Awareness Week

Don't forget that the last week in October is International EB Awareness Week. As well as our multi-prize raffle that you can get involved selling raffle tickets for, there are many other ways that you could create awareness for EB and Debra during this time.

You could...

Hold a huge garage sale in your street and donate all the money made that day to Debra. You could have flyers up around the stalls to tell people all about what EB is and help spread the word about EB. You'd be educating your neighbours and the community at large.

Prompt your school to hold a sausage sizzle or maybe a multicultural food market where mums and dads can cook up some tasty treats from their homelands and donate all profits to Debra. You could have someone stand up and make a short speech about EB and Debra to help spread the awareness.

There are many ways to get involved, and International EB awareness Week would be the perfect time to get into it!

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