



WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

PROVIDING WHEELCHAIRS FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IS OUR MISSION ...

GETTING A SMILE IS OUR REWARD.

Smiles all round in East Java, Indonesia



BANYUWANGI. EAST JAVA.

In October, 2021, The Global Village Foundation (GVF) wheelchair team visited East Java (30 mins by ferry west of Bali) for five days.



Their mission: To provide, and to custom fit 'WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS' Children's wheelchairs to some of the (so) many children living with severe disabilities and without wheelchairs in East Java.

Demand was such that the team stayed an extra day to ensure every child attending, who needed mobility assistance, was assessed and fitted with a brand-new WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS adaptive wheelchair.

The total number of wheelchairs fitted and distributed at the end of the five-day session was 95 new children's wheelchairs.

With so many children still needing assessment and new wheelchairs the team returned to East Java for a second visit from November 24th to 28th.

Once again the team was based at the AKADEMIE KELAUTAN BANYUWANGI, (The Marine Academy of Banyuwangi)

Children again travelled considerable distances from their homes in remote villages to attend this second wheelchair distribution and to receive their new wheelchairs from the team.

By 28th November, the fifth day, a further 95 children and young disabled people of East Java had been fitted and gifted with their new wheelchairs; bringing the total to 220 new wheelchairs distributed by the Global Village team in East Java during 2021.

A huge amount of work is involved in organizing these wheelchair distribution events and a great many people are involved in the process.

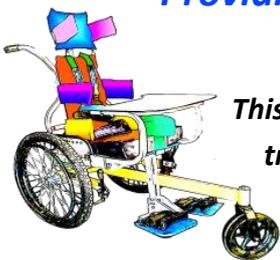
The GVF team are very privileged and honored to provide these desperately needed wheelchairs, to be the final link in a very long chain of compassion for these children living with disabilities here in Indonesia.

Thank you so very much from all the team at Global Village to all of you who have made this possible. God bless you.

Andy Bracey

(Andy Bracey is a co-founder of The Global Village Foundation. Editor)

"Providing the right wheelchair, in the right way, at the right time has the capacity to change a person's life forever.



This is just the start ... to really put the wheels in motion, people with disabilities also need training and support to be healthy, confident and included in society.

They are not the only ones to benefit...

families, communities and even economies feel the positive change."†

† Motivation Charitable Trust. (2015). *Motivation, Freedom through mobility*: <http://www.motivation.org.uk/>.



A Word from the CEO - Gordon Hudson

Support for us and our income continues to increase, despite many charities feeling the pinch due to Covid. We are doing extremely well, with more and more people and groups thinking of novel ways to help.



On Monday 25th April we waved goodbye in Kalamunda to a team from the **Petroleum Women's Club of Perth** who are walking the complete rough **Bibbulmun Track** (over 1,000Km) raising money for charity, particularly Wheelchairs For Kids.

Then there are two charity shops in Busselton, run completely by volunteers, also supporting us. I have been criticised for telling people how well we are doing. However, I don't believe in begging or crying poor. Telling the story of what and how well we are doing, along with tight control of expenses, gives the public faith and they join us.

Running this organisation with the world wide logistical problems is not easy.

Volunteer **Don Kidson**, our Distribution Coordinator, is managing to find some shipping and **Olly Pickett** our Factory Manager is doing a supreme job of keeping the factory running smoothly with the stop start supplies arriving and finished goods stacked up awaiting shipping.

Unfortunately, worldwide rapidly rising prices of materials and inward shipping (some shipping costs increasing by 450%) means that our wheelchair manufacturing cost has increased to \$250. But then, look at what you get for that still relatively low figure.

Distribution costs, normally met by our conforming distributors, are causing some problems with continuity. Our long time friend and supporter **Gerry Georgatos**, whom you will recognise from his monthly editorial in the West Australian, has set up a Foundation just to financially help with the shipping costs of those distributors having financial difficulties. A great help Gerry

As you will know, due to very generous supporters, we have recently moved into a large factory. But can you believe it! We need more space!

Due to the worldwide hold ups we are having to greatly increase our materials inventory and often have large quantities of finished wheelchairs awaiting shipping.

Yes, we are looking at building a large storage shed alongside the factory. However, with our existing strict spending policies, the costs will not come from money donated to build wheelchairs.

We have recently become a member of the 440 member **Wanneroo Business Association** and have already made some good contacts . Check on their website to see if any functions interest you.

300 schools throughout Australia support us.

On our website (and page 6 of this newsletter) you can see how some schools have fun with a Wheelchair Wheelathon.

Bye for now

Gordon



PS And lastly. Please don't forget us in your will.....and keep talking !

WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS LTD

Wheelchairs For Kids is now recognised as a charity with a global presence and its legal structure reflects that.

We operate through a public company limited by guarantee which means we have NO shareholders, only members, and our objects MUST be charitable.

We are registered as a charity with the *Australian Charities and Not For Profit Commission* and endorsed by the *Australian Tax Office* as a *Tax Concession Charity* and *Deductible Gift Recipient*. We hold a current *Charitable Collections Licence* in WA and are registered in all Australian states with charitable fundraising status.

The members of the company constitute the members for the time being of the Rotary Club of Scarborough plus volunteers invited to be so by the Board of Directors.

The company has a Board of Directors and is assisted in the management of the Project by a Management Committee made up of volunteers.

Corporate Governance is paramount in our philosophy of management as is transparency.

This approach, which we have adopted over the past 22 years, has resulted in both tremendous loyalty from our Donors...and over 50,000 wheelchairs.

Rotarian Peter Whyte (Retired Lawyer, Board Member Wheelchairs For Kids)

WHEELCHAIR PRODUCTION NUMBERS TO PONDER

 Since 1998 the **AVERAGE** number of wheelchairs made per year is **2133**.

 Over just the last 10 years this yearly **AVERAGE** is **3089** wheelchairs.

 Storage concern, arising from shipping problems, could become a significant factor affecting wheelchair production.



SPOKE COVERS = FINGERS SAFE.

The introduction of the self-propelling rims also helped to highlight the risk of fingers slipping into the moving spokes of the wheels.

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Peter Hoo, we now have spoke covers / guards fixed onto the wheels which both protect the fingers and provide a little extra bit of publicity. Hopefully everyone wins!



COLOURFUL SUPPORT FROM RIVERTON CRAFT GROUP



In November last year the Queen of Apostles Church Craft Group in Riverton once again continued their long time support with a magnificent gift of colourful knee rugs and soft toys. This generous and talented group of women have supported *Wheelchairs For Kids* in this way for many years. Their gifts will go around the world with our wheelchairs to children and their families living with disability. On their behalf we once again say thank you so much.



A TRIBUTE TO BETTY QUICK

In 1965 Betty and her husband were responsible for planting the South West's first wine grapes on their Forest Hill property at Denmark. This predated the Margaret River region by two years.

In 1973 Betty formed the Mt. Barker/Frankland Wine Producers' Association and in 1989 was made the WA Wine Industry Association's first female wine baron.

2011 was the year she was awarded the prestigious WA Press Club Jack Mann Medal for her lifetime contribution to WA's Wine Industry and also the year she began her support for *Wheelchairs For Kids* from her home in Albany.

Betty had retired from the Wine Industry and now gave much of her energy and talent to promoting WFK as a guest speaker at craft groups and having a display with our pamphlets at the Albany show along with setting up knitting/crochet groups to make knee rugs and soft toys. Over the following ten years she organised 3 loads of rugs and toys to be brought up from Albany each year and, thanks to Betty and her coworkers, 7477 rugs and 5500 soft toys have come up to WFK from Albany.

Due to ill health, Betty has retired from the wonderful work that she has done for us after making sure that others will continue the support.

Betty retires with sincere gratitude and respect from all at *Wheelchairs For Kids* and we wish her good health and every happiness for the future.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE WANGARA Factory

ANOTHER REFRESHER COURSE COMPLETED



In January, just before the Covid restrictions set in, twenty two factory volunteers completed the PBELS refresher course run by Australian Red Cross. This “Providing Basic Emergency Life Support” course ensures that there is at least one trained first aid responder in the factory every working day. *Wheelchairs For Kids* greatly appreciates this extra and most important contribution provided by these volunteers.

Special thanks go to Jenny Prince for her time and effort in making all the necessary arrangements .



Standing L to R: John Jeffery, ARC Educator Joanne Thodis, Jack Nolan, Allan Watson, Nigel Redfern, Bob Morris, Barbara Gilarski, Denis Colley, Jeff McAskill, Peter Chapman, Harry van Wees, Peter Choo, Brian Hocking, Michael Lalor, ARC Educator Bernadette Lint

Sitting L to R: Jenny Prince, Syd Elkes, Ian Stewart, Vern Scanlan, Gary Evans, David Laws

Absent from the photo L to R: Yoram Yurisich, Ann Sladen, Peter Hoo

***IGA* SUPA SUPPORT . . .SINCE 2016**

*** FROM 95 STORES**

*** \$95,834.70 DONATED in total by STORES or CUSTOMERS**

*** 480 WHEELCHAIRS ENABLED TO BE PRODUCED**

OUR THANKS TO ALL MANAGEMENT, STAFF AND CUSTOMERS OF THESE STORES.



MURRAY - A MAN ON A MISSION

When Murray Carter volunteered his time and talents in 2018 Wheelchairs For Kids was to received the services not only of a valued factory equipment worker but also a remarkably tireless and incredibly effective raiser of much needed funding.

Murray has assumed responsibility for placing and monitoring donation tins and boxes at **396** business locations in both the Metropolitan area and widely spread country centres. The generous giving of his time and talents has provided **\$190,033** which has ensured that **950** wheelchairs will change the lives of children and their families around the world who are living with disability.

Murray and fellow volunteer John Jeffery are also involved in establishing Wheelathons in many of our schools. These 'funraising - fundraising' events also provide the students with an opportunity to experience being in a wheelchair.

In February Murray and wife, Beth, pictured right, raised **\$1040** through a raffle they held in Augusta. The prize was a trailer load of firewood donated by the Lions Club of Leeuwin. Thank you Murray, Beth, Leeuwin Lions & all who bought tickets.



**THE FIRST WHEELATHON BY
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS
IN RAISING **\$2261.10** FOR THE
MAKING OF **ELEVEN** WHEELCHAIRS.**



Volunteers (LtoR) **JOHN JEFFREY**, **BR. OLLY PICKETT** and **MURRAY CARTER** accept the cheque from Teacher **BEN THYER** and **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**.



A REALLY BIG **THANK YOU**

**TO ALL INVOLVED
IN THE WHEELATHON -
ESPECIALLY **YEARS 4,5 & 6.****



2022
PRODUCTION

JAN	220
FEB	278
MAR	242
APR	313
TOTAL	1053

AFGHANISTAN	1
ALBANIA	40
ANGOLA	50
ARMENIA	302
AUSTRALIA	24 25
COCOS IS.	1
BANGLADESH	671
BELARUS	131
BHUTAN	8
BOSNIA	100
BOTSWANA	1
BRAZIL	2
BULGARIA	25
BURKINA FASO	164
BURUNDI	22
CAMBODIA	1092
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	2884
BALI	1836
FLORES IS.	20
JAVA	445
LOMBOK	547
SALATIGA	8
SUMATRA	28
JORDAN	271
KENYA	2576
KIRIBATI	172
LAOS	90
LEBANON	673
LIBERIA	181
LIBYA	340
MADAGASCAR	56
MALAWI	2544
MALAYSIA	7
MALDIVES	4
MAURITANIA	75
MAURITIUS	211
MOLDOVA	40
MONGOLIA	938
MOROCCO	1149
MOZAMBIQUE	99
MYANMAR	2835
NAURU	10
NEPAL	186
NIGERIA	456
PAKISTAN	848
PALESTINE - GAZA	656
PAPUA N.G.	2219 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	2928
THAILAND	336
TIMOR LESTE	1156
TONGA	16
TUVALU	6
UGANDA	1976
UKRAINE (TOTAL)	85
CHERNIVTSI	25
CHERNOBYL	60
USA - CALIFORNIA DEMO	1
VANUATU	383
VIETNAM	7890
YEMEN	166
ZAMBIA	1343
ZIMBABWE	485
TOTAL SINCE 1998 52,414	

Our wheelchairs can now be found in 83 countries (42.6% of all the countries in the world) with numbers ranging from 1 to over 7000 wheelchairs in a country.



An indication of the wide spread nature of our wheelchair distribution.

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
 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 - **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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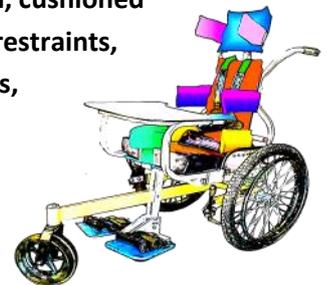
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For \$250 we give each child an adjustable, all terrain, cushioned wheelchair along with an upper body harness, foot restraints, postural support devices for the head, trunk and legs, detachable tray, carry basket, soft toy, colourful knee rugs, tool 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



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Our gratitude to all our supporters on behalf of the children you have helped.

