



WFKA and 6PR Launch Santa's Wheelchair Appeal

The Wheelchairs For Kids Australia factory in Wangara was buzzing on 18th November as 6PR came on site for our first WFKA Giving Day, officially launching the Santa's Wheelchair Appeal.

The day began with CEO Greg Hebble joining Karl and Millsy on air, before Simon Beaumont continued the live



Bepie deKuyer, Simon Beaumont

broadcast from the factory floor.

Throughout the morning, Simon interviewed Br Olly Pickett, volunteers Kate Magnay and Dot Ammerer, Board Member Paul Coates, Patron Graham Edwards and many generous visitors who dropped in to donate.

Millsy and Karl kicked things off with a great mix of auction items, helping 6PR raise \$8,500

through money can't buy experiences. The partnership brought fantastic exposure, sharing the WFKA story across Perth and inspiring steady donations all day.



CEO Greg Hebble, Simon Beaumont

Guided tours showed visitors how each wheelchair is made and the volunteers behind them, leaving guests amazed by the teamwork and care involved.

The vibe around the factory was fantastic, thanks to the sausage sizzle, free ice cream cones, raffle and plenty of friendly banter. WFKA volunteers once again stepped up and helped with the setup, pack up and all the little tasks that helped the day run smoothly.

WFKA extends warm thanks to Simon and the entire 6PR crew, along with every volunteer and supporter who tuned in, visited or donated.

As we go to print, enough has been raised to give 100 children the life changing gift of mobility and freedom.



Br. Olly

Br. Olly Awarded City of Wanneroo Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Br Olly Pickett, who was awarded Volunteer of the Year 2025 by the Wanneroo Business Association. This award, sponsored by Anne Aly MP, recognises a volunteer who shows outstanding service to the community and Br Olly truly embodies that spirit.

UPDATE – CEO Greg Hebble

Dear Friends & Supporters,

How quickly time flies! Can you believe Christmas is just around the corner, only a few short weeks away?

The past three months have been as busy as ever and I'm pleased to share that we've been trialling several new initiatives to strengthen our profile and fundraising efforts. I'm happy to report that these efforts are paying off. As you'll see in this edition, two new events, the inaugural Open Day and the launch of this year's Santa's Christmas Appeal with 6PR, were both fantastic successes. These events have provided valuable insights that we'll look to build on in the future.



Open Day



Simon Beaumont, Dot Ammerer

I want to take a moment to acknowledge that none of this would be possible without the incredible support of our volunteers. Both events ran seamlessly, which is a true credit to everyone involved.

On a different note, we've faced some unexpected delays in receiving parts and materials due to a typhoon and subsequent shipping congestion in Singapore during their peak season. Thankfully, our first container has now arrived and the next is expected within two weeks. Our apologies to our volunteers who were unable to come to work for several weeks.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Brother Olly Pickett for being named WBA Volunteer of the Year! This marks an incredible 12 months for Olly and we couldn't be prouder of his ongoing dedication and contribution.

Whilst reflecting on the months since our last Drill, it's heartening to see how communities, near and far, continue to rise with compassion, creativity and courage. Whether it's a child walking for charity, a volunteer delivering meals in a storm or a local group planting seeds of inclusion, these stories remind us that the spirit of service is alive and well.



Ken Broadhurst, Rob van Hamersveld, Joe Magnay, Phil Taylor, Luigi Sabbadini

At Wheelchairs For Kids Australia, we are proud to be part of this global tapestry of kindness.

As we head into the festive season, I want to wish each of you and your families a joyful Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. Thank you for your unwavering support it truly makes all the difference. Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Cheers, Greg

Bright Skies at WFKA's 1st Open Day



Roger Yuswak, Alex Alman, Nigel Bilton, Tanya Ong, Joy Angerson, Keith Talbot, John Passmore, John Jeffery

Our very first Open Day at Wheelchairs For Kids Australia was a wonderful success. Families, friends and visitors joined us for a morning full of sunshine, fun and bargains. After days of rain and even showers earlier that morning, we were relieved when the skies cleared, creating perfect weather for our big day.

The factory buzzed with guided tours, giving visitors a behind the

scenes look at how our wheelchairs are built. The raffle table was busy, the plant stall bursting with greenery and the other stalls offered books and treasures galore. Our bake sale was an absolute hit, the sausage sizzle team cooked up a storm and the

teddy bear sale proved especially popular with kids. Most importantly, every dollar raised goes directly towards producing our wheelchairs.

A big thank you to Joy Angerson, John Jefferies and the fundraising team, as well as the many volunteers who donated goods, baked, potted plants and gave their time to make the day such a success and of course, thank you to everyone who came along.

A special mention goes to Jodie from Bunnings Bayswater. A valued team member for 19 years, Jodie, who is autistic, joined us for the day and quickly made her mark. With her plant knowledge and practical advice, she confidently guided customers and boosted sales. For her outstanding contribution, Jodie was presented with a Bunnings Achievement of Excellence Award.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers and supporters, our first Open Day truly planted the seeds for many more successful events to come.



Jodie, John Jeffery, Isaac



Online Training Brings Hope to Nepal Children

Wheelchairs For Kids Australia Board Member and long-time occupational therapist Lois Moir had been planning a training trip to Nepal in November, but due to travel warnings, the visit had to be cancelled. Determined not to let the local therapists miss out, Lois arranged online training sessions with the Karuna Foundation so the program could continue.

Through these sessions, local physiotherapists were able to gain further skills in assessing, measuring and fitting wheelchairs for each child's unique needs.

Two young girls with cerebral palsy were fitted with their new wheelchairs during the sessions. An 8 year old from Dharan and a 9 year old from Itahari, both received individually fitted wheelchairs that have already made a real difference, improving their posture, mobility and comfort, easing the daily challenges faced by their families.

Thanks to Lois and the dedicated team in Nepal, children who once relied completely on others now have greater freedom to take part in everyday life.

Vale

With deep thanks, we farewell our dedicated volunteers:
Hemchand Gosrani (2022 - 2025) | Peter Pougnauld (2012 - 2020)

From One Mother to Another - The Moment That Started No Ordinary Journey Foundation



NOJF David Dziadyk, Linette Lahey, Anne Lundmark and Danette Rowley.

Wheelchairs For Kids Australia has proudly partnered with the No Ordinary Journey Foundation (NOJF) since 2019. Founded by Canadian Laverne Bissky, NOJF is dedicated to providing mobility, training and support across Southeast Asia, enabling children with quality, properly fitted wheelchairs that give them lasting comfort and independence.

Laverne's inspiration came from a deeply personal moment. During their first wheelchair fitting in Battambang, Cambodia, a young boy's joy at moving independently touched everyone. Through a

translator, they asked his mother how she felt, she burst into tears and so did Laverne. Standing outside the rehabilitation centre, the two mothers shared a profound moment of understanding. Laverne, whose own child has Cerebral Palsy, knew exactly what she was feeling. That encounter sparked the beginning of NOJF, supported by her husband and children.

While travelling through Southeast Asia, Laverne often saw children confined to beds or carried everywhere simply because they had no wheelchair. She knew firsthand how a wheelchair enabled her own family to travel and move freely and she wanted to bring that freedom to others.

From the start, sustainability was a priority. Laverne's goal was not only to provide wheelchairs but also to train local professionals in fitting, adjusting and maintaining them, while also helping agencies access the right equipment.

After seeing WFKA Adjusta wheelchairs in a Vietnamese orphanage, she reached out to Wheelchairs For Kids Australia, sparking a lasting partnership.

The first training sessions were held in Vietnam, where physiotherapists from centres nationwide learnt how to correctly fit and adjust the wheelchairs. Local charities assisted with importing, storing and delivering wheelchairs, even to remote locations. The next significant project took place in Cambodia, working with the Department of Persons with Disabilities to train staff from provincial rehabilitation centres.

Looking ahead, NOJF plans to extend training to rural India. Beyond fittings, the foundation also offers professional development for therapists, led by experienced paediatric physiotherapists and occupational therapists, all focused on helping children thrive.

Wheelchairs For Kids Australia looks forward to continuing this partnership, bringing independence, mobility and hope to children across Southeast Asia.

A Mother's Courage

Miriam, a devoted mum of three, has faced life's challenges with quiet strength. Raising twins, one with cerebral palsy and the other with autism. Her son Moses spent his first month in the NICU, where meningitis caused the brain damage behind his condition.

As a single parent, Miriam balances irregular work hours while meeting her children's needs, with the help of a nanny and her father. Since Moses' hip surgery, ongoing care and long school absences added extra strain. Mobility was the toughest hurdle until Bethany Kids Kenya fitted him with a WFKA wheelchair, bringing much needed relief.



Miriam, Moses, Bethany Kids Kenya

A Special Visit in Bali

Wheelchairs For Kids Australia volunteers Nigel Bilton and his wife Betty had a memorable experience on their recent trip to Bali. With the help of our partners at the Global Village Foundation, they visited two young wheelchair recipients in their homes south of Ubud.

The first was a bright but soft-spoken 4 year old boy, born without knee joints and facing spinal challenges. The GVF team carried out maintenance on his wheelchair, fitting new wheels and covers and making adjustments to keep him comfortable and fully supported.

Next, they visited a 6 year old girl living with Hydrocephalus. Her wheelchair received careful tweaks, including a new headrest, seat adjustments, fresh wheels and covers, plus a jockey wheel to keep her steady while reclining. Her mum was thrilled with the extra comfort and peace of mind these changes provided.

Nigel described the visits as humbling and a powerful reminder of why he volunteers at WFKA. Huge thanks to Andy and the amazing GVF Bali team for creating these special moments.



Nigel Bilton & GVF Team

News from Tanzania

Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania provides specialised healthcare in Dar-es-Salaam and Moshi. WFKA office assistant Pitu Varsani visited family in Tanzania and met children receiving new wheelchairs.

One of these children is Baraka an 11 year old from Mbande, Dar-es-Salaam. Born healthy, he developed hydrocephalus as an infant, underwent surgery at 12 months and later received therapy to reach milestones such as sitting independently. Today, he can sit and shuffle but has not yet stood, walked or developed speech.

Baraka was thrilled to be fitted for his new wheelchair. His mother learned how to maintain it, giving him greater comfort and mobility.

CCBRT has trained 45 Community Health Workers in Dar-es-Salaam to support children with cerebral palsy and is working to secure more WFKA wheelchairs to reduce waiting times.



Baraka

Big smiles in Morocco

Volunteer Youssef from Red Goes Faster recently delivered a brand new wheelchair, specially fitted to suit the needs of 10 year old Mohamed in Ouarzazate, Morocco. He couldn't be happier. His old adult sized wheelchair was tough to use, but this one, complete with a tray, fits perfectly and will make school life so much easier.



Youssef and Mohamed

Supporting Children in Cambodia

We were delighted to welcome Kate Arkwright and Srey Meak from Safe Haven. WFKA partners with Safe Haven to assist children in Cambodia living with disabilities and complex medical needs.

Safe Haven's dedicated team provides therapy, nursing, nutrition and social work support to help each child reach their full potential. They ensure every WFKA wheelchair is safe, comfortable and well maintained, carrying out regular checks and repairs. Through their early intervention training, parents gain the skills and confidence to better care for their children.



Srey Meak, Br. Olly Pickett, Kate Arkwright

Wheel-a-thons on the Move

Lyndale Secondary College

Lyndale's enthusiastic Interact Club returned in 2025 after the success of last year's Wheel-a-thon. Held on 5th September, the event again received wonderful support from the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills, who fired up the BBQ for a lunchtime sausage sizzle. Together, their efforts raised enough funds to provide six new wheelchairs, a fantastic outcome.

Balcombe Grammar, Mount Martha

Balcombe Grammar's secondary school Interact Club added an extra spark this year with their Wheel-a-thon. The event brought together Year 4 students, with a helping hand from Year 8 students for a day of fun, teamwork and creative challenges. A favourite moment was the fancy-dress relay using the wheelchairs.

Partnering with the Rotary Club of Mount Martha, the Interact team also hosted a Bunnings sausage sizzle ahead of the big day. Together, they raised over \$6,000 enough to fund 23 wheelchairs. Huge credit goes to school coordinator Rachel Gray for leading the charge.



Coldstream Primary School

Coldstream Primary held its fourth Wheel-a-thon on 15th September, with students enjoying a tasty sausage sizzle from the Rotary Club of Wandin after completing their laps. Their efforts helped raise enough to provide four wheelchairs, well done Coldstream.

St Thomas More Primary, Mount Eliza

St Thomas More Primary joined in for their very first Wheel-a-thon on 17th October and what a fantastic start it was. Two trailers carrying 40 wheelchairs arrived for the big day with a fun and challenging course set up on the school's sports oval overlooking beautiful Port Phillip Bay.

Grade 4 student Lewis, who uses a motorised wheelchair, proudly led the way setting the pace for his classmates as they pushed the wheelchairs around the track. It was an inspiring day, with the school community raising enough funds for eight new wheelchairs.



Left: Balcombe Grammar. Above: St Thomas More Primary

Perth Wheel-a-thons

St Kieran Catholic Primary School added extra excitement to their Athletics Carnival with a Wheel-a-thon in support of WFKA. Students and teachers joined in with enthusiasm, helping raise awareness and promote inclusion for children living with disabilities.





















St Peter's Primary School in Bedford, Kolbe Catholic College and Our Lady of Mercy, Girrawheen, also hosted Wheel-a-thons, with students and staff enjoying a day full of laughter, teamwork and plenty of action as they raced, cheered and rolled around the tracks.

A big thank you to WFKA volunteers John Jeffery, Jenny France and Lindsay Green for organising and bringing these events to life.



St Kieran Catholic Primary School.

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