



WA Senior Australian of the Year - Brother Olly Pickett AM



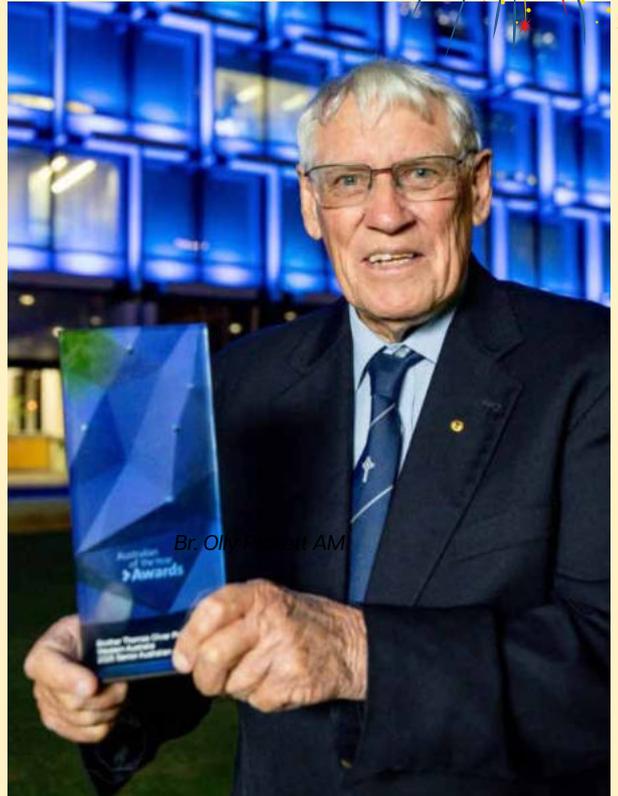
Brother Olly Pickett AM, an extraordinary leader, was honoured with the WA Senior Citizen Award at Government House for his tireless dedication to Wheelchairs For Kids Australia.

Driven by a singular mission - to provide wheelchairs to children living with disabilities. Br. Olly has played a key role in the production

and distribution of over 60,000 wheelchairs each one a transformative gift.

For nearly 27 years, Br. Olly has worked daily at the WFKA factory alongside a team of retired volunteers. While he humbly insists that any recognition belongs to all who support WFKA, it is his unwavering commitment that has inspired this remarkable community of volunteers to come together.

Thanks to the generosity and dedication of Br. Olly and the WFKA volunteers, countless lives have been improved, making WFKA an example of what community spirit and compassion can achieve.



Br. Olly Pickett AM

The recognition at the WA Senior Citizen Awards is a well-deserved tribute to Br. Olly's lifelong contributions and the ongoing difference he continues to make.



Seniors Week Bbq

Seniors Week Celebrations

WA Seniors Week 10 to 17 November 2024, a time to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions seniors bring to Wheelchairs For Kids Australia and the wider community. This week honours their active involvement and the positive impact they continue to make.

On Wednesday the 13th November WFKA hosted a fantastic sausage sizzle giving all the volunteers a chance to relax, catch up and enjoy each other's company.

UPDATE – CEO Greg Hebble



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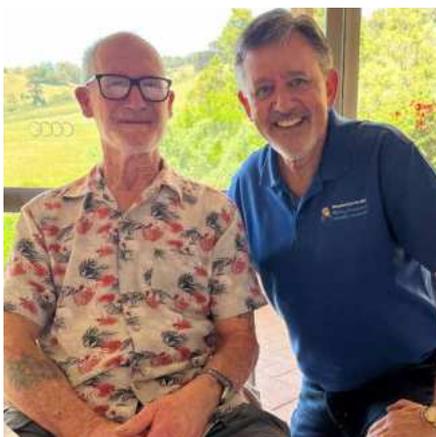
Wow, it's been an exciting three months since our last edition of the Drill!

We're thrilled to share that Br. Olly Pickett has been named WA Senior Australian of the Year, a well-deserved recognition for his 27 years of dedication to our organisation. Congratulations Olly, we couldn't be prouder.

During Seniors Week, we were also finalists for the COTA WA Age Friendly Business of the Year, a testament to the incredible work of our volunteers.

In September we received a generous contribution from the estate of Edward Smith through his Karma Foundation. We're deeply grateful for their ongoing support.

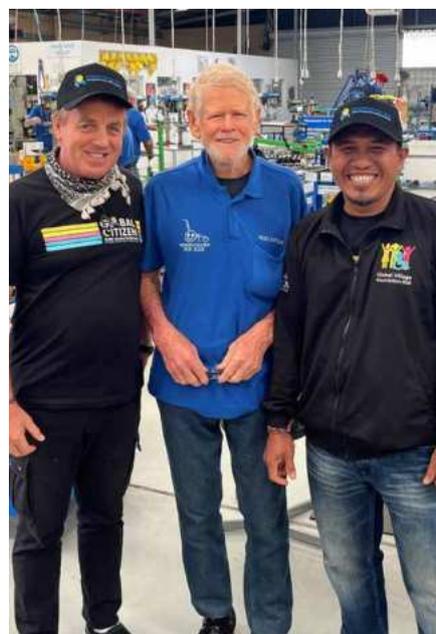
In November, I had the privilege of driving to the Southwest of WA to meet and thank a couple of our



Dean and Greg

loyal supporters. Dean and Lyn are such wonderful people who made me feel so welcome in their home. It reminded me how lucky we are to have so many generous supporters of our great organisation.

We also hosted Andy and Putu from the Global Village Foundation in Indonesia, our partners who help distribute wheelchairs across the many islands there. We look forward to strengthening this partnership.



Andy Bracey, Don Kidson & Putu Januarta

With help from the Insight Advisory Group, our intern Midhin has developed a stock management app that will greatly improve our inventory systems.

Our Strategic Plan is progressing well, with many goals already achieved. However, watch this space as early in 2025 we plan to announce some new Board Directors who will be joining us with their wealth of knowledge and experience to assist us on our journey moving forward.

Finally, we have launched our Christmas appeal to help us continue to manufacture and distribute more wheelchairs around the world. If you or someone you know might be able to help us with our mission, please don't hesitate to let us know.



Midhin & Greg



“Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy New Year!”

Cheers, Greg



Visit from Global Village Foundation Bali



Wheelchairs For Kids Australia had the pleasure of welcoming Putu Januarta and Andy Bracey from the Global Village Foundation Bali to the WFKA factory. They came to see the wheelchair making process firsthand and to meet the incredible volunteers behind it all.

Putu and Andy shared heartwarming stories of how WFKA's wheelchairs have transformed the lives of over 3,000 children, with each wheelchair custom fitted by the GVF team. These wheelchairs do so much more than just provide mobility they improve health by supporting better respiration, nutrition and digestion opening doors to education and letting kids experience the joy of simply going outside.

Physiotherapists Lead Wheelchair Training in Mongolia

Two volunteer physiotherapists from Wheelchairs For Kids Australia, Beverley Eldridge and Sarah Lee participated in a wheelchair fitting and adjustment training session in Mongolia.

During their time there they held a training session for 12 new local volunteers at the IVCO JVC and Dari Ekh Hospital.

Beverley and Sarah delivered a comprehensive hands on training session sharing valuable techniques and tips while guiding the volunteers through the process of customising wheelchairs to meet the specific needs of each child, working through the step-by-step methods for building each wheelchair, measuring the children and assessing their health conditions. This training is crucial giving local volunteers the skills necessary to adjust the wheelchairs ensuring that children receive optimal support for their mobility challenges.

At the second training session in Dari Ekh Hospital, they made adjustments to wheelchairs addressing issues

with loose brakes caused by the rough terrain they navigate daily.

In addition to training and educating volunteers they travelled to the Uvurkhangai Province where they delivered 11 wheelchairs to children in rural areas with two of the newly trained volunteers accompanying them on the trip.

The team had the opportunity to visit the Australian Embassy in Mongolia

where they met with Ambassador Ms. Katie Smith to share updates about the Wheelchairs For Kids Australia Project and its impact in the region.

This training provides immediate benefits and builds long term capacity within the community to support the children and their families.





Team Global Express

For more than 13 years logistics company Team Global Express has been supporting Wheelchairs For Kids Australia distributing wheelchairs worldwide to children in need.

Over the years they have transported in excess of 1,000 cartons of packaged wheelchairs as well as more than 500 cartons of knitted blankets and toys to our international distributors who then manage delivery to the local communities.

Most of this work is coordinated via their Perth site connecting into Team Global Express's multimodal network – utilising trucks, ships, aircraft and rail to transport the precious cargo from locations across Australia.

Team Global Express Projects Manager Kurt Finos helps manage the shipments and is proud of the support the business has provided for so many years.

To be able to play even a small part in helping give children the gift of freedom and mobility is such an honour for our business. Over the past decade people have come and gone and the logistics landscape



has changed vastly, the one thing that has remained constant is the support we are honoured to provide for such an inspired cause.

When shipments from WFKA are sponsored via the Team Global Express network, the enthusiasm and positive response from the team is evident to see from warehouse staff and loaders to drivers and customer service, everyone is excited to help the shipment on its journey to the most deserving of beneficiaries.

All transportation of wheelchairs and other goods is offered by Team Global Express at no cost, meaning

WFKA funds can be funnelled into paying for materials, equipment and other essential operational costs.

Who is Team Global Express?

Team Global Express is Australia's leading logistics company. Their heritage traces back to 1888 when Albert F Toll established his transport business in Newcastle, Australia.

Today, their multimodal network offers unparalleled scale, reach and speed across Australia and New Zealand. They employ over 8,500 people and work with more than 5,000 delivery partners domestically and overseas.



Fundraising Team Sizzles

Fundraising is crucial in supporting Wheelchairs For Kids Australia. Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers who barbecued over 900 sausages on the day at Bunnings Wangara. Special thanks to Murray Carter, Jenny Prince and Phil Gully for organising the sausage sizzle and John Jeffery for the raffle which helped us raise enough funds to provide 18 wheelchairs.

WFKA also had great success with pop-up stalls at Lakeside and Karrinyup Shopping Centres, creating awareness and enough funds to build and donate 35 wheelchairs.

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to lend a hand with sausage sizzles or shopping centre pop-up stalls. If you're interested in joining our fundraising team and making a positive impact, please contact our office to learn more about how you can help.



L to R : John Jeffery, Chris Colbey and Lyn Amery, Lakeside SC



L to R : Sue Edwards, Ali Azarian, Rob Bennett, Suzan Arrow and Lyn Amery, Bunnings Wangara



John Jeffery at Bunnings Wangara

Lunchtime BBQ

Supporters of WFKA, Ian Goodenough MP and his father Reg, provided a BBQ lunch for the volunteers. Both Ian and Reg put on their aprons and took charge of grilling and serving up a delicious BBQ lunch for everyone to enjoy.



L to R : Peter Chapman, Ian Goodenough, Greg Hebble and John Jeffery

Sewing Friends

The Wednesday sewing group, Rita McIntyre, Robyne Kos and Heather Ballarine settle in for a morning of sewing trunk, hip, and head supports covers.

L to R : Robyne Kos, Rita McIntyre and Heather Ballarine



Vale

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and passion for helping others. You have truly left a lasting impact at WFKA, and your contributions will be remembered for years to come.

Charlie Scale - Volunteer 2010 -2024

John Hay - Volunteer 2022-2024

Tom Thompson - Volunteer 1998 -2016

Tom Lowes - Volunteer 2016-2018

News from WFKA East Coast

Wheelathon Day at Lyndale Secondary College

The WFK East Coast team brought two wheelchair trailers to Lyndale Secondary College in Dandenong North for an exciting day of wheelchair activities hosted by the school's Interact Club. While students participated in various wheelchair events the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong Endeavour

Hills members hosted a lunchtime sausage sizzle, with Colin and Leanne from the club serving sausages to the students. Led by the current District Governor of Rotary District 9815, the Rotary club played a key role in the event's success with the event raising \$2,082 enough to donate 7 wheelchairs.



Wheelathon Day at Emerald Primary School, Emerald VIC



On 19th September a Wheelathon was held at Emerald Primary School organised by the school's EarlyAct Club where they raised enough funds to provide 15 wheelchairs. The EarlyAct Club with support from the Rotary Club of Emerald and District managed the event. School principal Emma Clark a longtime member of Rotary Emerald is also the current District Governor nominee for Rotary District 9815.

Rotary Club Presentations

Over the past three months representatives from the East Coast Team presented at Rotary Clubs in Hampton, Mount Martha, and Manningham City each of these clubs generously made donations to support the purchase of wheelchairs.

Dreams Come True For Favour



Favour lives with her mom Jessica and their extended family in Malawi. Before Jessica had to carry Favour everywhere which became more difficult as Favour grew older, especially after her second child was born.

Thanks to her new wheelchair Favour now attends a nursery school for special needs, goes to church and plays with her friends, all things she couldn't do before. Favour loves playing soccer and dreams of becoming an accountant.

Jessica is incredibly grateful for the wheelchair, saying life is much easier now. The wheelchair was provided by World Vision's partners, Malawi Council for Handicapped and Malawi Against Polio, who also check on Favour every three months.

Wheelchairs dispatched since 1996

AFGHANISTAN	1	GHANA	234	NIGERIA	456	VANUATU	383
ALBANIA	40	GUINEA	1	PAKISTAN	848	VIETNAM	8054
ANGOLA	50	INDIA	368	PALESTINE - GAZA	656	YEMEN	166
ARMENIA	302	INDONESIA (TOTAL)	4584	PAPUA N.G. (TOTAL)	2225	ZAMBIA	2364
AUSTRALIA (TOTAL)	27	BALI	2516	BOUGAINVILLE	6	ZIMBABWE	487
COCOS IS.	1	FLORES IS.	20	PERU	2	61,628	
BANGLADESH	671	JAVA	1465	PHILIPPINES	2050		
BELARUS	131	LOMBOK	547	ROMANIA	132	2024/2025 Financial Year Dispatch	
BHUTAN	8	SALATIGA	8	RWANDA	166		
BORNEO	340	SUMATRA	28	SAMOA	231	JUL	0
BOSNIA	100	IRAN	22	SEYCHELLES	60	AUG	506
BOTSWANA	1	IRAQ	1949	SIERRA LEONE	661	SEPT	340
BRAZIL	2	JORDAN	271	SINGAPORE	2	OCT	506
BULGARIA	25	KENYA	3587	SOLOMON IS.	368	NOV	340
BURKINA FASO	164	KIRIBATI	338	SOMALIA	332	DEC	166
BURUNDI	24	LAOS	90	SOMALILAND	160	JAN	
CAMBODIA	1267	LEBANON	673	SOUTH AFRICA	123	FEB	
CAMEROON	1	LIBERIA	181	SOUTH KOREA	20	MAR	
CANADA	2	LIBYA	340	SRI LANKA	2207	APR	
CHINA	1746	MADAGASCAR	76	SUDAN	60	MAY	
HONG KONG	1	MALAWI	3388	SYRIA	507	JUN	
COOK ISLANDS	5	MALAYSIA	7	TAIWAN	50	TOTAL	1858
D.R. OF CONGO	1072	MALDIVES	4	TANZANIA	3608		
EGYPT	665	MAURITANIA	75	THAILAND	338		
EL SALVADOR	1	MAURITIUS	272	TIMOR LESTE	1156		
ETHIOPIA	100	MOLDOVA	40	TONGA	16		
FIJI (TOTAL)	857	MONGOLIA	1256	TUVALU	6		
BA	2	MOROCCO	1635	UGANDA	2316		
NADI	8	MOZAMBIQUE	439	UKRAINE (TOTAL)	105		
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This is how you can deliver the gift of mobility to a child this Festive Season

Embrace the spirit of Christmas with a gift that goes beyond the ordinary. Your donation today will help us purchase the vital materials that make-up our specialised, all-terrain, fully adjustable wheelchairs.

You can join us in transforming a child's life by donating a component of the build or by gifting the total investment for one wheelchair built by 100% volunteer labour.

For \$275 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.

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

1. Consider making a **bequest in your will**. This generous form of support has been a great benefit to us.
2. Visit our website to **donate online** at www.wheelchairsforkids.org
3. **By electronic transfer** to BSB 016 494, ACCOUNT 425 457 815 and please email your amount, name and address for us to correctly receipt your generosity.
4. **Fill in the donation slip below**, detach and post to Wheelchairs For Kids, PO Box 1175, Wangara DC, WA. 6947
5. **Donate online** by scanning the QR code at right.



 **\$29** provides the front tray, rear carry basket and accessories.

 **\$49** provides the cushions, foam supports, padding and strapping.

 **\$79** provides the chassis and wheels.

 **\$118** provides the frame, brakes and footrests.

 **\$275 builds a complete rough terrain wheelchair.**

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It costs \$275 to assemble a wheelchair for a child.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY GIFT OF:

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My choice _____

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