

# The Drill

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## Thank you, Beppie

After 27 years of selfless service and as a constant source of friendship and support to Br Olly Pickett, our beloved Beppie deKuyer is stepping back from her volunteer role at Wheelchairs For Kids Australia.

Towards the end of last year, Beppie faced some health challenges and after careful consideration decided to move into full-time care. She has embraced this new chapter with the cheer, courage and calm she has always shown.



Beppie deKuyer, Br. Olly Pickett

Beppie's legacy at WFKA is immeasurable. Her dedication, compassion and cheerful spirit have touched countless lives. While we will miss her presence at the factory, her contributions will continue to inspire all of us who have had the privilege of working alongside her.

Thank you Beppie, for your incredible years of service. We wish you love, comfort and joy in this new stage of your life.



Beppie DeKuyer

## Bright Lights, Big Hearts



Christmas lights

The wonderful residents of Samson Court, Duncraig opened their gardens and their hearts on the 1st of December 2025, welcoming the community to enjoy their magical Christmas light display. We are so grateful to once again be supported by the much loved Samson Court Christmas Lights, a true Perth Christmas tradition.

This year's display was a huge success, raising funds to provide wheelchairs for 123 children. Even more impressively over the past 10 years this generous community has helped make life better for more than 1,102 children and their families with the gift of a wheelchair.

Big thanks to Jenny Prince, Phil Gulley and their merry band of WFKA volunteers, who were on hand every night to make giving extra joyful.

# UPDATE – CEO Greg Hebble

Dear Friends and Supporters,

With another Christmas and New Year behind us, I find myself wondering whether the seasons are coming around faster or if I'm simply getting older. Perhaps it's both! What I do know is that the work of WFKA continues to grow and that is something worth celebrating.

## A Successful Santa's Christmas Appeal

Our recent Santa's Christmas Appeal was a tremendous success. My Sincere thanks to all our donors, long-standing and new. Your generosity reflects the true spirit of our community, people who believe in giving children around the world the gift of mobility, dignity and inclusion.

## Field Visit to Bali

In early January, I travelled to Bali with Linda Aitken, Mayor of Wanneroo and Darren Meakins, President of the Rotary Club of Scarborough. We participated in two wheelchair fittings hosted by RC Seminyak during their weekly meeting. It was a humbling



Greg Hebble, Andrew Bracey, Darren Meakins



Bali

experience, made possible through the partnership of Global Village Foundation, who remain an essential part of our mission in the region.

## Production and Distribution Update

Back home, our Wangara factory is operating at full speed, producing 30 wheelchairs each day. Already this year, 350 chairs have been shipped to Zambia and Uganda an extraordinary effort by our dedicated volunteers and supporters.

## Vale – Two Remarkable Men

We recently farewelled two remarkable members of our organisation.

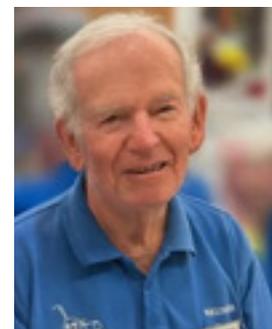
### William (Bill) Gibbins AM (1947–2025)

Bill passed away in December after a long illness. In 2019, he and his wife Iolanda generously provided a \$2 million property loan, enabling us to secure our permanent home on Buckingham Drive. After visiting our operation in 2018, then spread across four factory units, he remarked, "This organisation makes miracles happen." He understood the profound impact of a wheelchair. I was honoured to attend his funeral at Flemington Racecourse, a moving and fitting tribute to a generous and passionate man. His legacy continues to touch lives every single day.



### Bill Culbertson (1945–2026)

A volunteer since 2007, Bill became a familiar and cherished presence in the factory. Even as Parkinson's progressed, he continued contributing alongside his daughter Sam. A memorial service was held at our factory in January. In his honour, his family established a fund that has already provided more than 35 wheelchairs, each bearing a plaque in his memory.



Their generosity and belief in our mission will never be forgotten. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we'll keep changing young lives one wheelchair at a time.

Cheers Greg

# Every Coin Counts

**Across Western Australia, generous local businesses are helping Wheelchairs For Kids Australia change children's lives by hosting donation tins and boxes.**

On a recent trip to the Perth Hills, we met IGA Byford owner Athene Macdonald, who proudly displays a donation tin and has dedicated space on the community board to showcase WFKA's work. Thanks to this wonderful support, the store has now funded 12 wheelchairs.

The donation box project started in 2012, thanks to long time volunteer and Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Murray Carter, who did all the hard yards getting it off the

ground. Today, it is led by volunteers Jenny Prince and Phil Gulley and includes 640 donation locations across WA and supported by a dedicated team of 28 volunteer collectors.

Since 2012, loose change has added up to fund an incredible 3,019 wheelchairs across the world.

### Want to get involved?

If your business would like to host a WFKA donation box, please contact Jenny Prince at: [info@wheelchairsforkids.org](mailto:info@wheelchairsforkids.org)



IGA Byford, Sandra Green, Athene Macdonald, Jenny Prince, Phil Gulley, Mal Green



Donation Collection Team

# Cathay Pacific Turns Miles into Smiles

We're excited to share that Wheelchairs For Kids Australia is now a charity partner of Hong Kong based Cathay Pacific, letting members donate Asia Miles to provide children with life changing wheelchairs.

Through this partnership, members can choose to donate Asia Miles towards individual wheelchair components or a complete wheelchair package. Donations start from 3,140 Miles (A\$30) for a front

tray, basket and toy kit, up to 31,420 Miles (A\$300) for a full wheelchair with toys and a rug.

**'Every donation helps change a child's world for the better'.**



Myra & Allan Watson

## Christmas Cheer

**Our volunteers enjoyed another fabulous Christmas celebration at the Woodvale Tavern. The room was full of lively banter and the chance to catch up with friends. Huge thanks to everyone who came, donated raffle prizes and bought tickets, together we raised enough to fund four wheelchairs.**

We were thrilled to welcome our Patron, Graham Edwards and local MP and long time supporter Daniel Pastorelli MLA, who also brought a beautiful hamper for a door prize.

An amazing year, celebrated together.



Daniel Pastorelli MLA , Graham Carslake



With thanks, we farewell our dedicated volunteer: **Mark Millar** (2015 - 2024)

# SecureIT Services - Why Giving Back Matters



Michael Garner, Michael Purser, Brandon Moodley, Nik Jongmsma, Darren Perera

**Our journey with Wheelchairs For Kids Australia started through Rotary, an organisation that shares the same values we hold at SecureIT Services, service above self, community impact and using our skills to make a meaningful difference.**

As President of Joondalup Rotary in 2015, I met Gordon Hudson, Brother Olly and the amazing volunteers. Seeing the incredible work happening in a small factory in Wangara was inspiring and it was impossible not to get involved. For over ten years, we've proudly supported WFKA on a pro bono basis, ensuring WFKA's IT systems are reliable, secure and fit for purpose. It's our way of giving back and supporting this extraordinary project.

## VolunteeringWA Supporting WFKA



**VolunteeringWA proudly supports WFKA by connecting corporate teams through its Corporate Volunteering Program, making it easy and rewarding for businesses to give back.**

In 2025, VolunteeringWA connected 21 corporate teams with the WFKA factory. The visits saw 183 corporate volunteers contribute 741 volunteer hours, supporting the factory's work and experiencing the difference these wheelchairs make in children's lives.

Like many charities, WFKA depends on volunteers and donations. Technology is crucial, but it's not always where limited funds should go. By managing and supporting their IT environment, we help the team focus on what truly matters, building and delivering wheelchairs to children who desperately need them.

At SecureIT Services, we've spent 22 years helping people and we've learned that while technology changes constantly, the relationships built are what matter most. We provide managed IT services, cybersecurity, cloud

solutions and strategic IT advice to small and medium sized businesses across Western Australia, making technology simple, secure and dependable.

Supporting WFKA reflects how we approach all our clients. We believe IT should be an enabler, not a barrier. We're grateful to Rotary for the connection and proud to play a small part in the extraordinary work of Wheelchairs For Kids Australia.

## International Volunteer Day - 5 December 2025

**We celebrated International Volunteer Day and the incredible people who make Wheelchairs For Kids Australia possible.**

Some WFKA volunteers joined over 750 volunteers at the Volunteering WA Garden Party at Government House, where Governor Chris Dawson and his wife Darrilyn opened their gardens to celebrate volunteers.



Hon Hannah Beazley MLA

## From the Floor to Possibility

**Blu Spring Associazione, shared a story from the Lumezi District in Zambia's Eastern Province.**

They met a young girl sitting quietly inside her home. Her mum works long hours on a nearby farm and has no choice but to leave her at home each day. For most of her life she has spent her days sitting on the floor indoors. Staying in the same position has caused painful muscle tension and a misaligned hip.

Everything changed when she received her WFKA wheelchair. She

can now sit comfortably, move freely and join her family and community outdoors.



Zambia Before



Zambia After



RSL Angeles City

## RSL Delivers 777th Wheelchair

**RSL Angeles City was back in action, fitting two amazing kids with wheelchairs. Special guests from Australia, Fred Campbell OAM and Rick Meehan OAM, joined the team to help assemble the club's 777th wheelchair.**

The girls came from Barretto, Olongapo City, thanks to Dr Mark and the local Cerebral Palsy Society. True to tradition, a mystery Aussie rice farmer donated a sack of rice for each family. Wonderful work by the team.

## 11 New Wheelchairs for Strong Mamas

**Mama Respond believes every child deserves comfort and mobility.**

Their team donated 11 wheelchairs to Strong Mamas, supporting children with cerebral palsy at Matuu Mission Hospital in Machakos County. Providing practical support for both the children and their mothers.

## A Perfect Fit for John

**Thanks to BethanyKids and WFKA, John from eastern Kenya has a wheelchair that fits him properly for the first time.**

At just three months old, John began losing control of his neck, affecting his development. Daily life has been challenging, he can't move independently, finds writing and communication difficult and relies on his mum and sister for constant care.

For three years, a donated wheelchair offered some support, but it wasn't the right fit and caused discomfort. Now, with his new wheelchair John is more comfortable and mobile.

His sister Ann says it has made a world of difference, making each day easier for John and their family.



John



Mama Respond

## News from WFKA East Coast

### Moe Rotary Hard at Work

The Rotary Club of Moe celebrated an outstanding achievement, awarding Past President Robin Noakes a Paul Harris Double Sapphire pin in recognition of the incredible fundraising efforts for the Wheelchairs For Kids Australia project.

Robin also received a Paul Harris Sapphire pin for the marvellous support of President Lyn Cassar (2023–2025), who launched WFKA as her President’s Project in 2023.

A passionate advocate, Robin has grown the project well beyond Moe, presenting across Victoria. From Echuca to Mallacoota, these talks have inspired clubs and organisations, raising funds equivalent to 97 wheelchairs, with the goal for 2025–2026 now set at 100.

Current Rotary Club of Moe President Len Cairns applauded the initiative, saying the WFKA project is one of the finest the Club has ever supported.

Excitingly, a WFKA network is forming in South Australia, with enthusiastic Rotarians already making things happen.



Lyn Cassar, Len Cairns, Robin Noakes



Zambia mobility

### Celebrating Zambia

Pamodzi Ndi Ana is our distribution partner based in Chipata, Zambia, working across the Eastern Province. Their team travelled thousands of kilometres to deliver and fit 152 new wheelchairs, completed 445 wheelchair adjustments and follow-up visits as well as delivering 671 vital bags of maize.

Bringing freedom and independence to children in Zambia is made possible by dedicated local staff and volunteers, including students and health specialists from Italy, with support from Blu Spring Associazione and Hands Around The World.

### Chancy’s Path to Dreams

For kids with disabilities a wheelchair isn’t just about getting around, it’s about school, friends and joining in the fun.

Take Chancy, a 15 year old from Malawi. Thanks to WFKA and support from World Vision Malawi and Malawi Against Physical Disability, he now races to school in his new wheelchair. Chancy loves learning so much, he’s dreaming of becoming a teacher one day. His energy and smile inspire everyone around him, showing just what’s possible when mobility barriers are lifted.

A wheelchair is freedom, confidence and a ticket to new opportunities. It means being part of the world, making friends and chasing dreams. For kids like Chancy it changes everything and the joy is contagious.



Chancy

# Wheelchairs dispatched since 1996

AFGHANISTAN	1	GAZA	1006	NAURA	10	USA	2
ALBANIA	40	GHANA	234	NEPAL	703	VANUATU	383
ANGOLA	50	GUINEA	1	NIGERIA	806	VIETNAM	8054
ARMENIA	302	INDIA	368	PAKISTAN	848	YEMEN	166
AUSTRALIA (TOTAL)	32	INDONESIA (TOTAL)	5624	PAPUA N.G. (TOTAL)	2227	ZAMBIA	3054
COCOS IS. (TOTAL)	1	BALI	2516	BOUGAINVILLE	6	ZIMBABWE	487
BANGLADESH	671	FLORES IS.	20	PERU	2	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">66,784</h2> </div>	
BELARUS	131	JAVA	2156	PHILIPPINES	2144		
BHUTAN	8	LOMBOK	547	ROMANIA	132	<h2 style="margin: 0;">2025/2026 Financial Year Dispatch</h2>	
BORNEO	340	SALATIGA	8	RWANDA	516		
BOSNIA	100	SUMATRA	28	SAMOA	231	JUL	516
BOTSWANA	1	SURABAYA	350	SEYCHELLES	60	AUG	702
BRAZIL	2	IRAN	22	SIERRA LEONE	661	SEPT	705
BULGARIA	26	IRAQ	1949	SINGAPORE	2	OCT	350
BURKINA FASO	164	JORDAN	271	SOLOMON IS. (TOTAL)	368	NOV	48
BURUNDI	24	KENYA	4093	SOMALIA	332	DEC	350
CAMBODIA	1433	KIRIBATI	338	SOMALILAND	160	JAN	370
CAMEROON	1	LAOS	90	SOUTH AFRICA	123	FEB	350
CANADA	2	LEBANON	673	SOUTH KOREA	20	MAR	
CHINA (TOTAL)	1746	LIBERIA	181	SRI LANKA	2209	APR	
HONG KONG	1	LIBYA	340	SUDAN	62	MAY	
COOK ISLANDS	5	MADAGASCAR	86	SYRIA	507	JUN	
D.R. OF CONGO	1072	MALAWI	3738	TAIWAN	50	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3391</b>
EGYPT	665	MALAYSIA	7	TANZANIA	3620		
EL SALVADOR	1	MALDIVES	4	THAILAND	338		
ETHIOPIA	110	MAURITANIA	75	TIMOR LESTE	1156		
FIJI (TOTAL)	857	MAURITIUS	438	TONGA	16		
BA	2	MOLDOVA	40	TUVALU	6		
NADI	8	MONGOLIA	1606	UGANDA	2668		
ONO - I - LAU	10	MOROCCO	1635	UKRAINE (TOTAL)	105		
SAVU SAVU	40	MOZAMBIQUE	439	CHERNIVTSI	25		
SUVA	630	MYANMAR	3515	CHERNOBYL	60		

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# Kids Making Impact

This story just goes to show that no matter how young or old you are, you can make a real difference. Amazing work from Seth, Violet and Gracie who generously donated \$300, saved from their pocket money earned throughout 2025 by helping around their grandparent's house. Little hands, big impact!



Seth, Violet, Gracie, Greg Hebble

# Road Trips and Wheelchairs



Members of the Touring RV Club, Greg Hebble, Br Olly Pickett

We welcomed Maureen and Hugh Robertson and members of the Australian Touring RV Club for a factory tour, and were even more thrilled when they arrived with a cheque for \$1,502.40, enough for five wheelchairs.

One enthusiastic member raising more throughout the year through donated jewellery and by nominating WFKA as the Christmas charity for two other groups, with \$635 from the Taking Shape staff Christmas party and \$675 from the Caribbean Ladies Christmas lunch.

Maureen's passion has helped raise enough for 10 wheelchairs. WFKA is so lucky to have such incredible supporters.

## HELP PROVIDE THE LIFE-CHANGING GIFT OF MOBILITY

**\$300**  
Gifts a complete Wheelchair

Cushions, padding & supports \$55

Frame, brakes & footrests \$130

Tray, Basket & Tool Kit \$30

Chassis & Wheel Set \$85

At Wheelchairs for Kids Australia we are committed to creating a world where every child who needs a wheelchair can get one.

Just \$300 builds a complete, fully-adjustable wheelchair and provides a child with greater independence, dignity and quality of life.

With the support of amazing donors like you, we have been able to provide the gift of mobility to **over 66,000 children** in 80 countries around the world ... free of charge.

Please help us build a wheelchair with your kind donation today.

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