



## paradise kids

### angel appeal

JOIN US...

Friday 2 December 2011

Wear white or angel wings and help us raise funds and awareness of Paradise Kids Supporting children who are experiencing grief, loss and illness

**4:00pm - 6:00pm:** Angel Walk at Southport Broadwater Parklands

**6:00pm:** Celebration in the Parklands - bring your picnic rug and help us celebrate

## News from Paradise Kids and Hopewell Hospice

President's Greetings for a Blessed Christmas  
Deirdre Hanna, Founding President



*"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."* - St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Hopewell and Paradise Kids

As I write this Christmas newsletter to you, I am listening to the sound of the lawn mower next door in the adjacent park. The sweet smell of freshly cut grass reminds me of childhood and long summer holidays. The Jacaranda trees are dressed in their annual fronds of lavender lace and outside my window the Hospice's lush tropical healing garden is vibrant with hibiscus, nasturtiums, waterlilies and the splash of the fountain. The haunting cry of the rainbird reminds us that summer storms are nigh.

For some children, the summer holidays will have a measure of heartache in them. One hundred children from seventy-two families started fourth term with us at Paradise Kids and are facing many life-storms. Some have seen their dad die. One young mum is presently dying of cancer and her children are being helped through this painful time in the support group.

In the eleven groups running this term, the children have the opportunity to tell their stories of the losses they are living through. They have experienced house fires, floods, drowning, suicides and the painful ongoing grief of separation and divorce, with all the upheaval this implies in their little lives. Paradise Kids

provides immediate help in this crisis time and, as importantly, inner life skills for support along their life journeys which are so full of change.

From the first of the seven weekly sessions to the last, when they go out into the next steps of their lives, we stress that each child is unique and precious to the world. They now have the ability to change themselves by their more aware response to loss, so that they can survive and thrive. They are better able to empathise with one another, to nurture themselves and to recognise and allow the many feelings that go with grief. They learn that anger is a normal part of the bereavement process and can be managed and handled in safe ways, through exercise, journaling, music, art and working with clay. Most importantly they learn the health benefits of sharing their story.

We are grateful to our wonderful group of **106** trained



*The vibrant colours of a child's summer*

buddies' who give so generously of their time and skills to make all the grief support groups possible. We have a very small team of paid permanent staff, who work tirelessly to provide this unique service. But it is only possible to see four hundred children annually (and their families) because of our dedicated buddies who give over 1200 volunteer hours each month, adding up to an amazing 8,820 hours per annum.

Again we want to thank Sue Harrison for the amazing way she cares for everyone who comes through the door or phones in for help. Often the calls are from people in real crisis and Sue puts them at ease letting them know we can offer almost immediate help through our Initial Support Interviews which run twice a week. Sue manages to make every child, carer and buddy welcome each Term as she places them in the appropriate groups.

We are also extremely grateful to our Admin. Support Volunteer, Annika Dillenbeck, who one day a week cheerfully helps us with whatever needs doing. And there is a lot of everything!



*PK Team and Erikson Family*

Since Paradise Kids Holiday House was opened, we have welcomed thirty-one families with children living with life-limiting illnesses. They learn to heal emotionally through their illness and gain extra inner life resources to sustain them when they go back to their often painful physical lives. Of our little guests, fourteen have died, their ages ranging from 6 months through to 16 years. Every life, even short, is full of meaning and purpose. Although the loss of a child is



*Thomas at PK Holiday House who died in 2011, aged 11*

surely one of the most grievous pains a parent can bear, they write testimonies of great love and gratefulness for all they received from Paradise Kids' small but magnificent Illness Support Team: Theresa, Mireille, Heidi, Penny, Skye, Iva and Grace. The siblings receive support as well, as often their grief goes unnoticed because of the intense needs of the terminally ill child.

**Our Boys Group** run by Patrick Lynch, Manager of Counselling Services, continues to bring a lot of joy for boys who have no positive male role model in their lives. Men from all walks of life come for four weeks each term to help boys learn trust and responsibility. This year the Gold Coast Suns AFL Team supported the Boys Group with an entertaining day of skills building activities. The boys were also excited that the Australian Stunt Academy provided an afternoon each term of supervised activities such as trapeze, 'sword fighting', stunt falls and flying fox fun.



Queensland has had more than its fair share of storms this year. In July the **Paradise Kids Mobile Response Team** was formed, and we took a team of volunteer 'buddies' and staff to the previously flooded Lockyer Valley. Our PK program is transportable, adaptable and available in times of crisis as our gift of service to the world. All buddies generously paid for their own transport, meals and accommodation as a gift to the flood stricken communities. A big-hearted sponsor paid for all staff accommodation, the program costs itself and the Suicide Intervention Skills Training that was offered to the same community.



*The PK Outreach Team in Gatton*

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Paradise Kids receives no Government Funding. We get many referrals from the Government itself and we fill a huge gap of need in the health system. We are fortunate that the Hospice is granted some funding and, like a nurturing mother also helps Paradise Kids survive. **Hopewell Hospice**, one of only three community hospices in Queensland, provides palliative care in a lovely home-style setting to 8 residents and an essential part of palliative care is the outreach bereavement service offered by Paradise Kids.



*The Holiday House supports the entire family*

### Hopewell Hospice

Our entire Hopewell Hospice team, led by dedicated and compassionate Kerrie Cage, epitomises the essence of Love. Every resident, and their family members, are given excellent physical, emotional, social and spiritual support above and beyond the call of duty. This year we have had seventy-four residents call Hopewell 'home' for the final stage of their life journey, and our occupancy rate is up to 81%. The mother of our Board Member Betty Beverley, lived out the last few weeks of her life in the hospice and Betty was greatly moved by the loving care she received. Her last days were filled with light and this photo taken at her funeral in the garden chapel seems to illustrate the light of creation that is not dimmed by death.



Our **Simply Divine Café** overlooks a beautiful park and under the excellent management of Catering Manager Julie Howe has provided a welcoming place for hospice residents and families to visit and has catered for many functions, bringing in some welcome income for Paradise Kids. Please come and enjoy the delicious food and hospitality.

### Clare College of Transformative Education

Hopewell has always placed an emphasis on education, and again we touched the lives of hundreds of members of our community in the Grief Counselling Courses and Palliative Care Courses.

The Sandplay Therapy Courses, the Tree of Life Courses, the Child Parent Relationship Therapy Training and the Suicide Intervention Programs contribute to the knowledge, parenting skills and wellbeing of our community. Thirty students from different universities are doing their internship with us so that, like ripples in a well, Hopewell is changing many lives.

**Paradise Kids Brisbane** is thriving under the leadership of Jane D'Arcy, and her team. Jane, Michelle, Caroline and 45 buddies are building up an excellent name for children's groups. They have built relationships with The University of Queensland, Griffith University and the Australian College of Applied Psychology and before they knew it had a student unit of approximately 15. They provide valuable training in Narrative Therapy training for ACAP students. Volunteers were trained to run a seven week Tree of Life program for 6 – 12 year olds and a seven week social networking program for teenagers. Both of these groups were designed to be relevant to their age group and build community in ways that have participants walk away feeling strong and connected. Jane is planning a trip to India in January to share skills and counselling expertise with local teachers in Varanasi and this venue will also be training for future buddies at PK Brisbane.

### PK4Africa Sierra Leone

Father Themi continues to change the world with his work in Sierra Leone by providing prosthetics for amputees whose limbs were severed in the civil war, teaching women in gaol to sew and providing them with sewing machines so they can find gainful employment. He and his team are busy building schools, teachers colleges, hospitals and a library of 120,000 books.

It is awe inspiring to hear these stories of success from our different Divisions that have evolved over



*Betty Vaggelas, Deirdre, Fr Themi & Ian in Simply Divine Café*

the years and to hear how many lives have been touched in ways that may not always be understood in this life.



I love every part of my journey with Hopewell and Paradise Kids and unexpected blessings are part of our daily life. Thanks to Jan Bradnam and Terry McCann for their overwhelming gift of the beautiful new Buddha, seen here arriving (by crane) to sit in the hospice garden.



It is eighteen years since the dream of a hospice in the Gold Coast community began, and I am privileged to have been part of its growth into the community and the wider world every step of the way. Sometimes the path has been uneven and rough, and we couldn't see around corners. Yet the Essence of Love that calls us to love one another, to care for the poor, the sick, the dying and the children is working through us all. Thank you to those who have answered this call and together you, our loyal sponsors, donors, friends, family, staff, board and volunteers, have created a world-wide community of inspired service. You really show through your actions that by sharing the darkness of so many, you light up the world.



With many blessings and much love to you all during this Christmas Season.

*"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that have received -- only what you have given."* St Francis of Assisi

*Deirdre*

## Executive Director's Report

Rev. Dr Ian Mavor OAM



*Deirdre and Ian, co-founders, 1993*

With each passing year. I have a deepened sense of gratitude for the many activities that have been possible through Hopewell Hospice Services Inc.

These include Hopewell Hospice, Paradise Kids (Gold Coast and Brisbane), Clare College of Transformative Education, the Hopewell Living Well Centre, Simply Divine Café, Paradise Kids 4 Africa and Paradise Kids for Asia. Even the most visionary strategic planning could never have

imagined the many ways in which the original awareness of the need for a Hospice would blossom into this present organisation. We have a sense of being led by the Spirit and being supported by the compassionate good-will of so many people that has made it possible.

In an ever-changing world, however, we are challenged to keep growing and adapting to changing circumstances. Natural disasters, combined with global financial crises have made it more difficult for charities to raise the funds that are essential for providing services to clients, yet again we have survived and thrived throughout our Divisions.



*The (Angelic) Hopewell Board*

While some organisations require the limited tenure of Board members, Hopewell Hospice Services Inc has had the benefit of continuity of Board membership (as well as continuity of staff) over the past 15 years. We warmly thank them for their commitment to the charity and their support for our activities.

During 2010-11, the Board members have been:

- Deirdre Hanna, President
- Dr Peter Lewis, Vice-President
- Jan Bradnam, Treasurer
- Rev. Dr Ian Mavor OAM, Secretary
- Betty Beverley, Samantha Kennedy, Lata Milner, Ann Robilotta and Peter Watkins.

### Some changes

Keeping up with the requirements of Q Health, Health Quality Complaints Commission and the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards has been greatly assisted by the arrival of Vikki Strickland as Hospice Administrator. She is valuable addition to the Hospice Team, even on a part-time basis.

We were sad to see Leah Taylor move back to Sydney but we welcomed Brodie Sheiles in her place. Brodie has been working hard in her first year to ensure our funds keep coming in for the vital service we provide of caring for over 400 children each year.

### Personal Activities

While I have worked in the field of Palliative Care for many years, I have been confronted in a very personal way with end-of-life issues over the past year. In November 2010, I spent time with my

daughter, Louisa, in England after her diagnosis with Ovarian Cancer and consequent surgery. In 2011, she was well enough to visit Australia but later in the year her illness returned and, as I write this report, she is dealing with the journey of palliative care.

The insights gained through working at Hopewell have been helpful to both of us but nothing can fully prepare me for the death of a loved family member, especially in the middle years of life. So, as 2011 comes to an end, I am returning to England to be with Louisa as she lives each day as fully as possible, including her planned marriage to her partner, Nathan Lucas, on 4 December, her 44<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Ian*



## Hopewell Hospice Report

Kerrie Cage, Clinical Nurse Coordinator and Nursing Team Leader

Another year has seen me as Team Leader to a very dedicated group of nursing and volunteer staff.

We said goodbye to Leah Taylor and welcomed Vikki Strickland to the management team. Leah returned to her life in Sydney and is sadly missed for her organisational skills. Vikki has provided a fresh set of eyes and is determined to make my working life easier, for which I am extremely grateful. Vikki is providing a new focus for the reporting and accreditation processes.

I cannot thank Marian York and her band of volunteers enough for their amazing support to our residents, their families and the nursing staff. Their contribution to the Hopewell way of life makes working here a very special experience, and provides to our residents the safe haven that makes their end of life journey such a special time for all.

We have also welcomed Grace Merrick and Robert Weyer to the counselling/ pastoral support team each have their own special experiences in life that add another dimension to the support we can offer our residents and their families.

Julie Howe started as our Catering Manager and has a wonderful volunteer support team that provides delicious home cooked meals for the residents.

She also leads the team in the Simply Divine Café providing nutritious meals for staff, families and the public.

The nursing staff have basically remained the same, with a few previous nurses coming back to work at the Hospice. It should be recognised that all the nursing staff do volunteer work of some sort to support the Hopewell way of life including extra nursing time for the residents, arranging functions, assisting in the educational requirements, meetings, gardening, cleaning, and singing at functions and to the residents in their final hours. The nursing staff go above and beyond in the care provided and the time they commit to the Hospice, and I very grateful and appreciative of their loyalty to the Hospice.

Also a special thank you to the management team that meets on a weekly basis, Ian, Vikki, Susie, Natasha and Julie, whose efforts continue the seemingly relaxed life at Hopewell of which we are all so proud.

There were also many celebrations at the hospice this year: Australia Day, Valentine's Day, Leah's Farewell, St Patrick's day, Easter Thursday Hat Parade, Easter Sunday, Anzac Day, Memorial Service, Rehearsal Wake for Joy (who wanted to experience the celebration of her life), State of Origin rugby league game, Prince William & Kate Middleton's wedding, Melbourne Cup Lunch, Installation of stone memorial for Noel, a BBQ lunch, first Monday of each month, plus numerous birthday celebrations and Buddha's arrival.



*Joy and Hospice Staff rehearse for her Wake, wearing scarves and caps knitted by Joy. Joy died 21/11/2011*

*Kerrie*

## Hopewell Hospice Volunteers

Marian York, Family Support and Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers continue to play a major role in the Hospice and we have had a steady flow of recruitments over the past twelve months. Numbers continue to fluctuate for various reasons - permanent jobs, changes in people's lives and family commitments - result in people moving on. Hence the need to fill positions is continual.



Currently, there are approximately 100 volunteers within the Hospice.

Due to personal circumstances, the Acting Volunteer Coordinator, Jill Henderson, has taken leave. Her work is being looked after by Renee Morgan and Helen Meerleveld. Renee and Helen are excited about the opportunity to continue Jill's great work. They are both computer competent and look forward to maintaining the databases and working with all volunteers.

We would love it if you could spare some time to volunteer in the hospice.

Induction Evenings are held approximately every 6-8 weeks, where volunteers are given an overview of the areas of volunteering and basic information to allow them to commence in the various positions. Volunteers are asked to complete Food Handling, Fire Safety, Occupational Health & Safety and Palliative Care training.

Carolyn Jackson has also volunteered her time in the Hospice to conduct numerous social events for the residents, their families and staff.

A Funeral Team has been established, and volunteers are available at short notice to assist with the setting up for the funerals and serving during the wake. We have had very positive feedback from families who hold their funerals at the Hospice, which is testimony to the great work that the volunteers do.

*Marian*



*Joy entertains the Hopewell volunteers*

## Paradise Kids Programs

Mireille Allan, Counsellor and Program Support Coordinator

Paradise Kids has once more had a very busy year with the need for our services on the rise. The economic climate has proven troublesome for charities and donations have unfortunately declined. Paradise Kids has supported 400 children and their families this year, through our once more fully booked, Grief and Loss programs, play/therapy group, boys group, individual counselling and parent education programs. I feel our credibility in the community, professional field and government services is second to none.

The well deserved respect and confidence we enjoy is largely due to our volunteers. We would not be able to operate if not for all those wonderful, dedicated



people who work alongside us, continuing to do so, term after term, year after year. There are too many to mention individually, as over 100 people have given of their time to work with the children and their parents this year as

buddies, parent facilitators and team leaders. Let's not forget the volunteers in admin support, fundraising, coffee shop and gardening crew. Words will never be able to convey my heartfelt thanks to you all. You are each and every one, Angels sent from heaven.

My passion this year has been educating parents in "Child-Parent Relationship Training." this course helps parents to make changes in their parenting,



resulting in their children increasing their self-esteem, feeling empowered and capable, taking responsibility for their choices, learn how to self-regulate and bring self under control. This parenting tool also improves the quality of relationship between child and parent, and puts an end to power struggles.



The personal and professional development of our volunteers, interns and students has always played a large role in my work at Paradise Kids. In so doing, we increase the capacity and diversity of our service to the community. This year my workshops included Sandplay Therapy Experience, Workshops 1 and 2 and Tree of Life Art Experience, Workshops. I also provided 14 hour training courses in Child Centred Play Therapy and facilitated an All Female Retreat at the holiday House with Ann Mitchell. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Mireille*

# Illness Support Holiday Program

Theresa McEwan, Coordinator

By the end of this year, the Illness Support Holiday Program will have supported another 10 families, which makes 31 families in all since the beautiful Holiday House opened in 2008. All these families are living with a child who has a life limiting or terminal illnesses. The families are supported the Paradise Kids Way with the Illness Support team implementing programs and counselling for the parents, extended family members and children to help with their grief.

The program has the added benefit of encouraging the family to have some much needed quality time together. The families we have supported in the past are always so grateful. We had a visit from the parents of Sebastian, who died aged 4 just after his holiday with us. Their sorrow was our sorrow but joy came with them too, as they brought with them their new baby boy, Ptolemy.



We have many special people in our community who have helped us to support these worthy families. I would like to especially thank the Good Guys at Helensvale who have supported us for so many years and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal grants. Also my heartfelt gratefulness to the sponsors who choose a family to support but ask for no recognition in return.

We have 8 families on our waiting list for next year. If you would like to give a special gift this Christmas by supporting a family with a child living with a life-limiting illness, please call Theresa McEwan Illness Support Coordinator on (07) 5574 6853 or email me on [tmcewan@paradisekids.org.au](mailto:tmcewan@paradisekids.org.au)

It costs between \$1,500.00 and \$3,000.00 to provide the full-service week's holiday for a family with a seriously ill child, depending on if there are air fares. The following testimonial is from one of our special families about their experience with Paradise Kids.

*Theresa*

## Testimonial - The Fredricks Family

*Firstly, I'd like to thank Theresa, Iva, Grace, Mireille and Penny from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful care and support you gave my family whilst we stayed at Paradise Kids holiday house. What wonderful memories and special friends we have made this week that will last a lifetime. The children had an absolute ball at Dreamworld and going on the dodgems with daddy was definitely a highlight for the girls. It's been a long time since we've had a holiday and having quality time together was really lovely.*

*The holiday house was beautiful, complete with all the toys the girls could possibly want. We were thoroughly spoilt and loved all of the dinner outings and lunches. The counselling we all received was a very special part of our stay. We all benefited greatly from this experience. The counsellors were so compassionate and just talking about what we were going through was important. After such a difficult and trying year with our six-year-old daughter being diagnosed with liver cancer this holiday has really recharged our batteries and given us the strength we needed to get through the next phase of Chalice's treatment. Jason and I were blown away by the kindness and generosity we were shown on our holiday. Thank you to all the people who contribute to such a fantastic charity. Also, a big thank to all the staff at Paradise Kids who were so compassionate and thoughtful. We couldn't have asked for better care.*

*Thank you again for looking after us so well*

*Natalie & Jason Fredricks*



*Theresa with Chalice and Tahlia Fredricks*



*PK Team and Fredricks Family*

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## Counselling Services

Patrick Lynch, Manager

Once again it has been a very full year at Paradise Kids with a few highlights. The number of students from various Universities and Colleges continues to grow with over 30 students undertaking formal placements with us, while more than twice that number seek informal work experience with us. This is a real testament to the professionalism and expertise of all the staff at Paradise Kids.



This year the Boys Program has benefited through partnerships with the Gold Coast SUNS AFL team as well as the Australian Stunt Academy. We are one of the 10 official charities affiliated with the Gold Coast SUNS AFL team. Twice a year a number of senior players come to Paradise Kids taking the children through various 'drills' and fun activities as well as giving away signed merchandise and free match tickets.



Colin Handley, Principal of the Australian Stunt Academy, is very supportive of the values underpinning the Boys Program. For each Boy's Program, he provides an afternoon of supervised activities - trapeze, 'sword fighting', stunt falls, obstacle course, flying fox, etc. He has a great facility and is happy to donate his services to Paradise Kids.



Another highlight was the educational/information workshops on both Hopewell Hospice and Paradise Kids that Dee, Grace and I conducted in Hawaii in May of this year. The "Living Well, Dying Well" training went very well with excellent feedback from the 9 professional staff who attended. There were representatives from each of the 4 Hospice services in Hawaii. On Sunday 15 May, I ran a half-day workshop on "Working with the Shadow" which was very well received and had 14 participants.

It was refreshing to be able to share ideas and experiences with others in the field and to be able to have reflected back the exceptional work that is being done at Paradise Kids and Hopewell Hospice. I am proud and honoured to be a part of an organisation that is so dynamic, professional and caring.

*Patrick*



## Paradise Kids – Program Dates 2012

Buddy Signup Form: Please fill in the buddy sign on form on the website [www.paradisekids.org.au](http://www.paradisekids.org.au) and send to

Paradise Kids, PO Box 1290 Runaway Bay 4216

Keep the top portion as a reminder of the dates and times.

All programs for 2012 are listed on the website.

- Child Parent Relationship Training 2012
- Children's Group Utilizing Play Therapy
- Buddy Training 2012

## Simply Divine Café- Volunteers Wanted



We have our wonderful Catering Manager Julie Howe, trying to organise her time between cooking for 8 residents and managing the Café. She is aided and abetted by Margaret Roots our fabulous

Volunteer Coordinator and they are desperately needing more volunteers. Please let us know if you have any regular hours you can give us. All proceeds go to Paradise Kids. Two shifts are available, from 9.00-1.00 pm and from 12.30-4.00 pm. We would be so grateful for your help!

## Events News

### Paradise Kids Fundraising Golf Day



*Ken Morris with the PK Team*

The annual Paradise Kids Fundraising Golf Day was held on Friday 23 September 2011 at Lakelands Golf Club, Carrara. The event was once again a great success thanks to major sponsors, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre and Jupiters Hotel and Casino and our wonderful business supporters and players who are only too happy to participate in the day. Paradise Kids would like to thank long time coordinator and friend Ken Morris and his team of volunteers for assisting in the staging of the

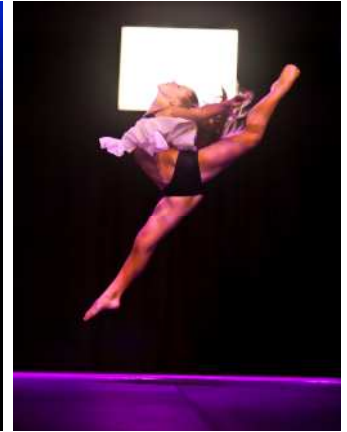


eleventh golf day. Thank you to everyone involved for making this event so worthwhile for Paradise Kids each year and we look forward to seeing you on the tee in 2012.

### CTJ Jewellery's Cocktails & Couture

On Friday 14 October 2011, fashionistas and supporters of Paradise Kids flocked to the Gold Coast Arts Centre for the CTJ Jewellery's Cocktails & Couture Party. With fashion, fun and entertainment, the event saw over 230 attendees enjoying a great night for a great cause. A very big thank you to our major sponsor CTJ Diamonds and Jewellery for making the event possible and of

course Reeder Model Management for again arranging a stunning parade of the latest fashions from local Gold Coast boutiques. Thank you also to our beautiful MC, Suki Mead, incredibly talented performers, Ellie Roberts, Lucy McIntosh and Gavin Hill and volunteers Heidi Bennetts and Deb Wall. A fantastic event that will no doubt be even bigger next year!



*Performers, Lucy McIntosh and Ellie Roberts*



*Cathy Hallum and Jodie Bradnam enjoying the Best Boutique Show*

## Upcoming Event

### Paradise Kids Angel Appeal

Join Paradise Kids in raising awareness and much needed funds through the Paradise Kids Angel Appeal

- WHEN:** Friday 2 December 2011
- WHERE:** Southport Broadwater Parklands
- TIME:** 4:00pm - 6:00pm Angel Walk  
6:00pm Celebration in the park with family fun entertainment
- REGISTER:** Paradise Kids (07) 5574 6853



*Your help means everything. So we say thank you to our valued event supporters from July - November*

**Gold Coast City Marina & the inaugural 2011 Gold Coast Marine Expo**

**The 2011 Hi-Lite Pro-Am Event**

**Rotary Club of Coomera Valley & the Treasure Hunt on Wheels**

**Association of Old Bastards**

**Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat**

**CCS Insurance Solutions**

**Caltex Labrador North**

**Gold Coast Turf Club and the Gold Coast City Cup Family Raceday**

**Redneck Scroungers Custom Car & Bike Show**

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**Salon Indulge**

**Aria Hair & Beauty**

**Women at Work International**

**Eyesberg Enterprises and the 2011 J. Reuben Silverbird Tour**

## How You Can Make a Difference!

### Event Beneficiary or Sponsorship

Paradise Kids has an extensive event calendar and you could be the naming rights sponsor or supporter of an event in 2011. Or you may wish to create your own fundraising event and select Paradise Kids as the beneficiary. For more details contact Brodie Sheiles on (07) 5574 6853

### Program Partnership

Paradise Kids delivers 9 Grief and Loss Support Groups conducted over 7 weeks each school term, to children aged 2 to 11 years. An average of 10 children will attend each group, and each child receives individual support from a trained volunteer "Buddy". There is also a special Boys' Group.

Businesses that wish to sponsor Paradise Kids programs, to help us make a difference in the

of Gold Coast children and their families, can enter into Program Partnerships. For more information on the benefits of partnering with Paradise Kids or to make a difference please contact: Brodie Sheiles, Community Development Manager, on (07) 5574 6853 or email [bsheiles@paradisekids.org.au](mailto:bsheiles@paradisekids.org.au)

### Paradise Kids on Facebook



If you have a Facebook account, link up and keep in touch with Paradise Kids news and events.

[www.facebook.com/pages/ParadiseKids/143030629074940](http://www.facebook.com/pages/ParadiseKids/143030629074940)

### Workplace Giving

#### EziDebit

It's never been easier to make a donation to Paradise Kids and help us heal the heartache. Through EziDebit, businesses and individuals can make a secure on line donation, either on a regular basis or as a one off donation.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and are a simple way of helping our charity. If your workplace is looking to support a worthy cause check out the Paradise Kids website and the "MAKE A DONATION TODAY" box on our home page.

[www.paradisekids.org.au](http://www.paradisekids.org.au)

### Celebrations of Life

People often ask us how we have become such a large organisation with so many divisions and what was the secret behind our strategic planning. So many miracles happened over the years that we could never have planned for!

Ten years ago Carolyn Groves came to volunteer at the hospice on Hope Island and became our caterer at funerals and wakes, and our provider of hospitality and meals to hundreds of patients and their families. She encouraged her 16 year old daughter Haylee to do our Grief Counselling Course six years ago while Haylee was still in Year 11 at school. I had also encouraged my son Justin to do the course as a means to personal growth. He was 21.



They were buddies together for 6 years at Paradise Kids helping to heal the heartache of dozens of children. This year they announced their engagement and we are so thrilled that the gifts of the Spirit of Love, that often dances, laughs and thumbs His nose at strategic planning, has joined this beautiful couple together.



New shade sail for the Café



Clare College Class



Yin Yang promoting Angel Day



PK Team - Pamela, Sue, Mireille, Theresa and Deirdre



PK Mobile Response Team in Gatton



Dr Peter Lewis getting ready for the Angel Appeal



PK at the Gold Coast Marine Expo



Volunteer Heidi and Caidyn



Pets and Angels in Paradise with Ann Robilotta and Lata Milner



Skye Kennedy, volunteer and buddy



# Merry Christmas

and thank you from everyone at Hopewell Hospice and Paradise Kids

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## angel appeal

**HELP US...**

Sponsor a child in the Angel Walk for a tax deductible donation of \$100  
Your donation will help Paradise Kids assist another 400 children in 2012.

### CONTACT US

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