



# The Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation changing the face of the future

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## Being a Good Neighbour

Dr Mark Moore, AO is a Craniofacial Surgeon and member of the Australian Craniofacial Unit team. In 2007 he was humbled to receive a Member of the Order of Australia award for work he says he inherited, providing East Timorese and Indonesians with humanitarian and specialist surgical skills. Much of his time is spent at overseas clinics where he assists in teaching services to local doctors to improve the standards available in both countries.

'It's about being a good neighbour. They are among the poorest nations in the world,' Dr Moore said. He has travelled to East Timor 30 times since 2000, and has overseen the completion of over 600 cleft lip cases. Up until November last year, there were only 2 surgeons for the whole of East Timor — with a population the same as Adelaide; but no craniofacial surgeons!

Through Dr Moore's dedication, conditions are changing as he starts to identify young people in that nation whom he can teach and train.

Dr Moore came from New Zealand in 1987 to join the Craniofacial Unit as a Fellow, then Senior Consultant, and has since progressed to being a fully qualified surgeon. He has a great burden to change the lives of the many thousands who have critical needs both in Australia and abroad.

In East Timor, the need is even greater, with patients up to the age of 25 or 30 with cleft lips who have never been treated. The alleviation of poverty in these young people comes about after treatment, as patients seek education and then go on to successful employment. Dr Moore sees the breaking of the poverty cycle through the development of professional clinics and personnel.

'We go in at the grass roots level and work from the bottom up. The end goal of the mission is to eventually make myself redundant,' he added. As he continues to be a 'healer' to our neighbours, there is every possibility he will succeed.



*Dr Mark Moore, AO, MB, ChB, FRACS*



*Craniofacial Ambassador Sharon Forrester-Jones  
with the Hon John Howard.*

## Breakfast with former PM The Hon. John Howard

On December 3rd at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide, nearly 250 people were present at a breakfast to hear former Prime Minister the Hon. John Howard AC, being interviewed by Channel 7 Political Reporter Mike Smithson.

Mr Howard graciously agreed to be our guest speaker at this early morning function. The positive feedback from the many guests present agreed that it was a wonderful event.

Mike Smithson did a magnificent job in his capacity of asking various questions of Mr Howard's long career in politics and since his retirement. His love of cricket had also brought him to Adelaide to enjoy the Test series, and Mike's vast knowledge of Australia's recent checkered political history allowed him to bowl some curly controversial balls aimed at Mr Howard's term of office and his decisions made at that time.

In retaliation, Mr Howard expertly fielded each question quickly and effectively to the satisfaction of the crowd.

The recent release of Mr Howard's book 'Lazarus Rising' allowed his publication to be available for sale (courtesy of Angus & Robertson) which he personally signed after the breakfast. Over 85 books were purchased on the day and others brought their own copies for autographing.

Our thanks to WESTPAC for major sponsorship at this event.



**Cups & Cakes**  
Adelaide Cup  
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Friday, 11th March 2011

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- 20 Aug Diamond Dinner Dance
- 25 Aug ISCFs Congress Zambia
- 16 Sep Indonesia Clinic Visit
- 1 NOV Melbourne Cup (Keith)



### Don't Miss Out!

For enquiries or bookings for any or all of these events, please contact our office:

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## From Scars to Stars Sally's Story



Haemangiomas are common birthmarks which are usually red or purple. They mostly occur on the head and neck areas and develop shortly after birth.

One in 10 babies will develop a haemangioma and it is more common in girls. They are caused by an over-growth of the cells that line blood vessels (arteries and veins). This over-growth of cells forms lesions or 'birthmarks'.

Sally Wright was born with a haemangioma on her top lip, nose and one side of her face which ate away the middle of her nose, leaving her with a swollen top lip.

Sally told her story: 'It took two operations to get my nose and lip to where they are today. In the first operation, the Surgeons rebuilt the middle of my nose using skin from my lip, and the second operation was spent in tidying it all up - using skin from my ear to help smooth out my appearance.

I was so lucky to have a really loving family and a lovely group of friends I went through school with, so the teasing I faced was very minimal.

I feel so fortunate that my case wasn't too severe and that I was able to be worked on by the gifted hands of Professor David, enabling me to live a normal life.'

Today, Sally has grown into a lovely young woman who was recently married, and looks to her future with confidence. She owes her appearance to the skills of the Surgeons who dedicate themselves to changing lives and faces for the future.

Thanks Sally, for your commitment in being one of our many precious volunteers.



## New Look

This, our first issue for 2011, begins the start of a new 'look'. We plan each Newsletter to be more readable, interesting and featuring life application stories of a positive nature.

From this edition, we are releasing each issue during the first week of February, April, August and October. We are also introducing a new reply paid envelope to make it simpler for our regular and newer supporters to indicate their preference in giving, so that these details can be released from the main Newsletter and allow for other features to be published. We welcome your comments.

# Anne-Marie's Story



South Australian Anne-Marie Makris was born with a cleft lip and palate, plus Goldenhar Syndrome. One side of her face was under-developed.

Over the years there have been 15 operations to lift her face and reconstruct her lip and palate. Cleft lip, with or without cleft palate, is a congenital malformation that affects about 1 in every 700 babies at birth.

Generally, facial clefting results when medial, lateral, and maxillary nasal processes on either left, right or both sides of the forming craniofacial complex do not fuse completely.

In Anne-Marie's case, early treatment was a life-saver and although she was too young to recall her initial surgery, photographic evidence shows the extent of her need for treatment.

Anne-Marie recalls:

'On the day that I was born, Professor David spent a day with my mum going through the journey I would need to take during the next 20 years.'

Since then, regular surgical and cosmetic operations has given Anne-Marie the confidence in becoming the determined young lady she is today - as part of a caring family and as a graduate from the University, with her place in society that may not have been possible outside of the Craniofacial Unit and their team of dedicated surgeons.

Anne-Marie concludes: 'It's very humbling to know that you can come from the way I was at birth to how I look today as a result of all those operations. Growing up was a difficult time dealing with taunts from cruel kids at school. But Professor David taught me survival techniques which helped enormously to live through those early years.

He's definitely a blessing. . . not only for me, but for a lot of other patients who have a craniofacial deformity. He's played a huge role in our lives.'

Anne-Marie is also a faithful volunteer who gives of her time at our events, and recently married Ronnie Scott on October 10th. We wish them every success in their future together.



## Regional Clinics for SA Country

An exciting development has seen the establishment of regional clinics throughout South Australia. This will enable many outlying patients to be seen locally at the clinics for regular follow-up, thus alleviating the significant costs of travel to and accommodation in Adelaide. These clinics will be conducted in the Riverland, Mt Gambier and Port Lincoln.

We are pleased to introduce Mr Walter Flapper, a recently qualified Craniofacial surgeon who joined the Australian Craniofacial Unit in September, bringing to five the total number of surgeons at the Unit. He visited Berri in December and will continue to conduct clinics in the Riverland, serving the 100 or so patients within the surrounding districts.

Born in Rotterdam, Holland but emigrating to New Zealand at a young age, Walter underwent his medical training at Auckland Medical School and was employed as a junior doctor in Hamilton, NZ and Hobart, Tasmania before returning to NZ to commence plastic surgical training. He was awarded a craniofacial fellowship in Adelaide in 2008 and completed his training in Oxford, UK.

Walter was thrilled at the opportunity to apply for a consultant position at the Australian Craniofacial Unit. As well as his commitments to the Adelaide Unit and outlying SA clinics, he will also travel regularly to Indonesia as part of the outreach team.

Walter has a real compassion for people of all ages and backgrounds. He says 'It's incredibly rewarding to be able to significantly improve people's quality of life through the work that we do . . . but the hardest part of the job is when you encounter untreatable cases. Fortunately these are rare'.

## Charity Green Home Sold



The ecologically efficient home constructed by the Master Builders Association was passed in at auction on October 29th, but further negotiation with an interest party clinched the sale, settlement of which was at the end of January.

We gratefully thank the MBA who, together with dozens of suppliers of donated material, enabled this home to be erected and sold, with proceeds going towards the ACMF Foundation which supports the work of the Craniofacial Unit.



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*A message from Professor David David AC*

*Your lasting gift is of profound importance.*

*I urge anyone who is able to assist in providing disadvantaged children and adults with a second chance at life, to do so.*

*Your gift will assist the work of the ACMF Foundation in their support of research and clinical programs in Australia, as well as aiding overseas medical teams in developing resources for those who are in need of urgent facial surgery reconstruction.*

*You have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many who, through genetic birth deformities or serious accidents, can gain control of their lives through the transforming surgical skills at our fingertips.*

### *In Memoriam*

It is with extreme sadness that we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Marta Edmonds-Friel**

A patient of  
Craniofacial Australia  
who passed away  
on 25th November 2010



*ACMF Foundation receives and gratefully acknowledges all In Memoriam donations*

## Christmas Joy

We would like to thank Pamela Brinsley of Myrtle Bank (SA) who kindly donated many quality plush toys and gifts to our young patients at the Women's and Children's Hospital at North Adelaide. These were given out on Christmas eve to those who were sadly hospitalised while others enjoy the festive season.

The toys were received with great appreciation and joy which made their lonely time in a hospital ward a little more comfortable. Many thanks Pamela for your lovely gifts which helped to make the Christmas spirit come alive through your wonderful gesture of selfless giving.

Your thoughtfulness may encourage others to remember our patients from abroad as well as within our own country who need loving all year round.

