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A Transformation for Cecilia



They say that every picture tells a story, and for Cecilia, this pictorial account shows the wonderful transformation of a deformed baby into a beautiful young lady.

With 1 in 700 children born world wide with a cleft lip and palate, mid term ultrasounds revealed the news that any expecting parents would find heartbreaking. The second term of pregnancy gave her parents time to better understand the condition, treatment options, early care needs and prepare for her birth.

Cecilia entered the world with a cleft lip and palate which soon faded into a beautiful, unique smile well before her first operation. As a baby with no understanding of her condition, support from the Craniofacial Unit never faulted in her learning to feed, speak, interact with others and recover from her early operations.

This 'can do' approach continues on today as a young lady, never pausing for a moment to consider she started out looking different than her peers. For Cecilia, life is too precious and too much fun to be bothered by such things. Taking it all in her stride, she exudes a beautiful spirit reaching for every opportunity which comes her way.



Raising our Banners

In keeping a positive image of Craniofacial Australia before the public, two new banners have been commissioned featuring both Cecilia and Lachlan (who was featured in our last newsletter), that dramatically show the transformations which take place through the 'miracle-workers' at the Craniofacial Unit. The deformity of cleft lip and palate is just one of numerous deformities which occur at birth, but one which is extremely common world-wide.

A cleft lip may require one or two surgeries depending on the extent of the repair needed. The initial surgery is usually performed by the time a baby is 3 months old.

Children with this condition are at increased risk of ear infections since they are more prone to fluid buildup in the middle ear. If left untreated, ear infections can cause hearing loss.

Patients may also need a bone graft when they are about 8 years old to fill in the upper gum line so that it can support permanent teeth and stabilise the upper jaw. About 20% of children with a cleft palate require further surgeries to help improve their speech.



We have been overwhelmed by the amount of good quality dolls, toys and games which have flooded into our office in response to our June edition. These were much needed for our Craniofacial Unit's reception area where dozens of children each day need to be entertained while awaiting their appointments for treatment.

Though it is impossible to name every person or group, we are indebted to Diana Dahms and family of Christies Beach, Patricia Fraser from Mt Gambier with some delightful hand-made dresses, St Vincent de Paul who sent down a stack of stock from Port Lincoln. Loads of toys, some new, were also received from Clare APEX and the Lions Club at Kapunda.

Also to Pamela Brinsley who has continued to donate some exquisite dolls, books and toys . . . so to you all - and others - we thank you most sincerely!

Olive's Legacy is Instrumental



Lynette Barowcliff is given an insight into the world of Craniofacial Surgical procedures by Professor David David

In our last Newsletter, we told the story of Olive Johnson from Quorn (SA) who graciously left us finance to help the ongoing work of the Craniofacial Unit. Her niece, Lynette Barowcliff, called into the Craniofacial Foundation office in mid-July to finalise the bequest, to meet with Prof David David and also to view the German made surgical instruments which were purchased.

Lynette was the executor to Olive's will, and through her Aunt's commitment of supporting the Craniofacial Unit, had come to realise the marvellous work our

surgical teams are doing, not only in Australia but at several overseas clinics as well.

Lynette stated that through her Aunt's wishes to leave a gift to the Unit, she had come to an appreciation of how important this bequest was to the organisation, and was absolutely delighted that the money had gone to something as monumental as this.

As she was shown the intricacies in several of the instruments by Professor David, she was intrigued at the range of surgical requirements needed, with each design performing a specific task in reforming the skull and surrounding tissue to virtually create a new face, and hopefully a new life.

In using these highly precision implements, patients in need of craniofacial operations will experience a shorter time in theatre and quicker recovery in convalescence.

The Foundation is grateful to people such as Olive who planned ahead for an investment such as this, and we would encourage others to take that step also. Please contact us for further details on Wills and Bequests.



Our fundamental purpose is to ensure that patients can ultimately assume a place in society with renewed hope and restored dignity.

Professor David is one of the most renowned and respected craniofacial surgeons in the world. He regularly operates at clinics throughout Indonesia, and more recently in China. His work has earned him the ANZAC Peace Award, Companion of the Order of Australia and was South Australian of the Decade in recent years.

Your support through our bequest program will assure the continuance of this great humanitarian work for decades to come. This lasting gift will help to change the outcome of those who, through no fault of their own, were either born with a craniofacial disorder or through disease or accident need the support of those who are able to give generously towards the road to total recovery of our patients.

They Gave us a Run for our Money!



Towards the end of May this year, Sydney's Kelly Evans was given the opportunity to have her daughter Neve assessed by Professor David from the Craniofacial Unit.

She wrote: "Like any parent I was praying to hear of a medical miracle that would give my Neve a normal appearance for her introduction into the school yard and endless other social environments; however it was all to the contrary.

We were gently told that she will continue to grow asymmetrically until she stops growing later in life, but meanwhile the treatment will all be in the parenting. So, since having picked myself up from yet again another dark and scary time, I find myself encouraged. Neve has given our lives a new perspective, and thankfully this journey has reminded me of all the beautiful people around that will help us to do the best parenting we can!"



Out of gratitude to the Craniofacial Unit's treatment of Neve's condition, Kelly and her husband Matt were instrumental in raising awareness of the wonderful work our surgeons are undertaking, and decided to gather financial support in the August City to Surf Run. Kelly's team of runners did a magnificent job in raising over \$14,000 on the day! After the run, Kelly added to her website story: "I am honoured to have raised this much awareness for a cause that is "about face" and for Craniofacial Australia who treat children like Neve every day and deal with the sorrow that is now the long term reality for many families.

I walked proudly with my nearest and dearest close by, with Neve's name displayed on our hats. I am proud and so much stronger because of everyone's support, love and kindness. As her Mum, that's the best gift of all. I am grateful to everyone for showing me the acceptance which will surround Neve as she continues to grow into a lovely young lady."



On Sunday 14th August, 85,000 people participated in Sydney's annual Sun Herald City2Surf Run which raised more than \$3.4 million for charity! A group of 21 Dentistry students from the University of Sydney, thought that this was a great opportunity to have some fun, get into shape and raise some money for Craniofacial Australia.

whole track, aiming to complete the race within a certain time. Other students teamed up together to walk the track.

These students dressed up in formation as *teeth* supported by orthodontic braces. Amazingly they stayed in this arrangement for the entire duration!

This report is from Team Organiser Rebecca Duke:

Leading up to the Great Race, we received donations from other students, staff, friends and family. We also hosted a very successful bake sale on campus, which went towards a combined student contribution.

The halfway point of the race saw the team battle through the infamous 3km slope, affectionately known as Heartbreak Hill. This part of the route is renowned for being the most difficult and is always a challenge for the most experienced runners.

In the weeks leading up to the race, the thought of the 14km track was a bit daunting, but the excitement began to build when we all met up before the start.

In total, we raised \$1530 for Craniofacial Australia, which greatly exceeded our initial goals. Most importantly we helped raise awareness about craniofacial conditions in our society by promoting the amazing work the surgeons at the Craniofacial Unit are committed to - in Changing the Face of the Future!

Some students with a competitive streak preferred to run the

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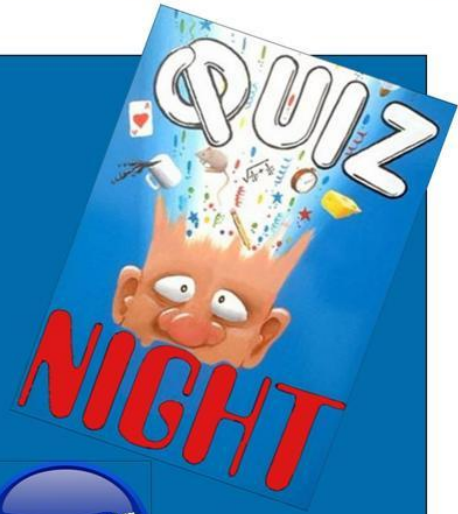
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When it comes to insurance - you want to be assured that everything is taken care of should you need to use it, but hope you never have to.

From covering surgical equipment, ensuring our surgical teams are covered whilst volunteering overseas to protecting our business operations, we are delighted to again have our insurance needs taken care of by Insurance Broker Peter Coombe from MGA Insurance Brokers.

In addition to providing us with competitive quotes, they also give us invaluable sponsorship, and we thank them for their ongoing support.

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Friday, 14th October 2011 @ 7pm
at the
Thomas Edmonds Opera Studio
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Wayville Showgrounds

*A Great FUN NIGHT
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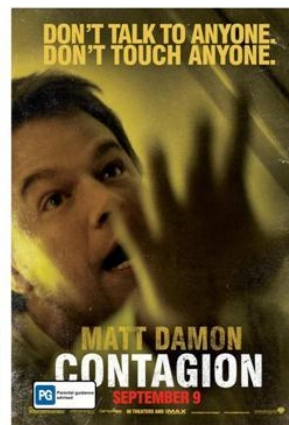
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Another Great
Double-Movie Night

Sunday, October 23rd at 6pm
at the **CHELSEA THEATRE**
275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park

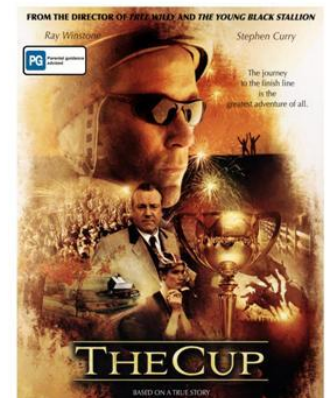


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A thriller film centred on the threat posed by a deadly disease and an international team of doctors contracted by the CDC to deal with the outbreak.

The film is directed by Steven Soderbergh, and stars Marion Cotillard, Matt Damon, Laurence Fishburne, Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Kate Winslet.



The Melbourne Cup is called The Race That Stops a Nation, but never in the history of Australia's 150-year-old Thoroughbred Classic has there been so dramatic a contest as the 2002 running. The Cup follows the world's finest horsemen as they plot their paths across the globe - from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia - and into the Winners Circle of the richest and most prestigious two-mile handicap.

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