

MARATHON EFFORT

Having cerebral palsy didn't stop Mudgeeraba resident Simone Donoghue from competing in the recent Gold Coast Marathon for the first time.

Just as it had not stopped her from representing Queensland in swimming, horse riding and wheelchair track and road racing from the age of 12. Simone, 20, has used a wheelchair since she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at 10 months old.

"My cerebral palsy affects all four limbs, the bottom two worse than the top two," she said.

"It doesn't affect my intellect or speech. It is a type of brain damage acquired at or directly after birth. The body part affected, depends on the part of the brain that is damaged."

The League's Gold Coast and Hinterland regional manager Sally Edwards said Simone was one of about 25 adults and 164 children who utilised its services daily.

The 1997 Gold Coast Citizen of the Year said she found it helpful to talk about her condition and had a very supportive family.

Making the most of her talkative nature, she entered the 2001 Miss Queensland Awards to raise funds for the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland.

State Finals week for the Awards is fast approaching, with the Gala Presentation scheduled for Friday, 23 November at the Carlton Crest Hotel. If you would be interested in attending the Gala or in receiving more information on becoming a participant, phone Natalie Mason on 1800 819 086.

And, Simone's time for the race – 1 hour, 24 minutes.

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SIMONE DONOGHUE

FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO ...

"There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction."

JOHN F. KENNEDY.

The League has commenced a program of action and changes which will position the organisation to ensure it can continue to fulfil its mission long into the future. The past few months have been very busy and we congratulate the wider League community, clients, friends, parents and staff members for their support, dedication and cooperation.

The League is a great organisation, built on the foundations of service delivery and a mission of care and support to people with cerebral palsy and related disabilities. Ours is now a challenge to ensure the values and principles that the organisation has been built upon are improved so that we remain clearly focussed on our clients.

As the League moves into the 21st century we must respond to the needs and pressures of the broader environment in which the organisation operates today. The changing face of fundraising, of more diverse client requirements, of different government approaches and differing client demands. The need therefore is for the League to be more responsive and more businesslike.

The Board, and CEO Bruce Milligan, believes it is possible for a charity to adopt this approach and to prosper in its mandate. We believe it is an issue of balance and of the need to understand that we are in the business of providing services to our clients.

The three key issues for our future are:

- That we are known as a service provider of choice – clients want to utilise the League services because we are good at what we do.
- That the League is able to respond to the changing needs and nature of the environment in which it operates, able to meet fiscal challenges, client needs, legislative changes and be in a position to seek out and maximise opportunities.
- That we are known as an employer of choice – our staff members want to work for the League because it is a good place to work and because we are the best at what we do.

As part of the current progress and action we are working hard to ensure Head Office acts as the key support centre for services delivered on the ground in the regions. Head Office therefore becomes the centre for policy coordination, direction and leadership, resource allocation and infrastructure support. We at Head Office also have the role of expanding the League's profile to key stakeholders while maintaining the role of service provision to our internal clients, the regions and services.

While we focus on this at Head Office, in the Regions the role is to manage service delivery, increase the League's profile at a regional and local level and to provide vital input into policy development, strategic direction and resource allocation.

We again want to thank you, our partners, for your contribution to this exercise that will position the League to meet the challenges of our clients for the next 53 years and beyond.



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CAPITALISING ON OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE – OUR PEOPLE

The League needs to be well placed to face the challenges of the future and has been undergoing changes to its management structure, intended to better serve the roles of Head Office and the Regions. A revised Management Team forum has been established which consists of the Regional Managers, a Senior Professional and the Executive Management Team. This will improve communications between the Regions and Head Office and complement the Post Board meeting feedback sessions held by Bruce Milligan CEO.

Bruce Milligan says “I expect our managers to hold meetings with their own teams following Executive Management Team, League Management Team and Post Board meetings. There is a lot happening in the organisation. I want every employee to be kept informed of what is discussed in these meetings and to be able to feedback to their supervisors and managers. That way, communication can flow freely and be reflected in the discussions we have at these meetings.

A number of Human Resources initiatives are being launched, including a League Staff Opinion Survey and a Mentor Scheme. The survey provides every employee with the opportunity to give senior management feedback about a wide range of issues including: training and development, communications and consultation, management style, equal opportunities, Health and Safety and general morale issues.

The survey results will be communicated to all employees once the information has been collated and the findings of the survey will feed into future action plans. The aim is to make improvements in areas identified as being of concern to the workforce.

The introduction of a Mentor scheme comes hot on the heels of 9 middle managers being supported by the League to undertake a Diploma in Frontline Management.

Stuart Pilton, HR Manager says “We are supporting Supervisors and Managers to improve their management skills and broaden their horizons.

In the future we need to place greater emphasis on succession planning and exploiting opportunities for internal promotions. We have some excellent employees within the League and an effective mentor scheme will provide more opportunities for employees at all levels to be supported in self development”.

The issue of communication is high on the HR agenda and one forum for ensuring the views and opinions of employees can be voiced is through the Union Consultative Committee. At a recent meeting, the various Union representatives agreed with management that wider membership of the UCC would benefit the League. Agenda items can now be suggested by non-union employees for discussion by the group.

Minutes of meetings, which are now scheduled monthly, will be made widely available to all employees.

CHANGES TO OUR MARKETING APPROACH

The past 12 months have seen the revitalisation of the League’s Marketing & Fundraising function. These two key elements have been amalgamated – together with the public relations function – for the organisation’s future success and growth.

By September last year, an almost entirely new staff was in place in the Marketing & Fundraising Department and team members began evaluating each and every program, event and activity. It became obvious that many programs had outlived their viability and new initiatives or refocussing was required. This process continues to take place and has resulted in some very positive Marketing & Fundraising outcomes.

In the near future, the League will be adopting the successful “I AM” marketing and corporate branding campaign, which will give a fresh and contemporary face to clients, the community, and sponsors alike.

The Friendship Bank has been reformed and relaunched in order to more

effectively raise funds, as well as communicate the value of bequests, so that we can plan for the future.

Another major achievement has been the completion of the League History Book, “In a League of Our Own”, which was launched on 6 July by His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Major General Peter Arnison AC.

The League has been offered the unique and exciting opportunity of being the sole charity partner in the inaugural Brisbane International Motorshow Charity Gala, set for 16 February 2002. More details will be made available towards the end of this year.

The next 12 months looks set to be a promising time for the League in terms of Marketing & Fundraising, with a number of new events and initiatives being launched.

A NEW POSITION TO DRIVE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT INTO THE FUTURE

The creation of the position of Manager, Service Development and Policy earlier this year has seen the League move towards a service delivery model, which aims to meet the needs of clients into the future.

In July this year, Geoff Rowe was appointed to the newly created position. Geoff has worked for the League for four years as Regional Manager in both the Brisbane South and Brisbane North regions. Prior to the League, Geoff spent many years working in senior positions in the State Government.

The primary focus since commencing in the position has been on establishing an effective working relationship with New Farm staff, Regional Managers, clients and funding bodies, as well as undertaking the needs assessment process.

The review of the former Disability Programs through the Needs Assessment process has sought to identify a number of changes to reduce costs and improve efficiency within the Department. This has resulted in the abolition and redesignation of a number of positions.

A new position of Policy & Research Officer has been created to replace the Senior Police Advisor positions, with Ms Glenda Grimley being transferred into the new position.

The position of Client and Equipment Records Officer has transferred to Computing, with the position of Safety Adviser transferring to the Human Resources Department.

The Senior Professional Team will continue unchanged, with a stronger focus on professional development and support.

The positions of Client Information Officer and Librarian also remain unchanged. At this time the position of Volunteer Co-ordinator will continue as a part-time twelve-month arrangement.



GEOFF ROWE, MANAGER SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY.

EXCELLENT SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL CLIENT CONVENTION

On Saturday 8th September the State Client Consultative Committee hosted the 5th Annual Client Convention at the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland's recreational hall, New Farm, Brisbane.

This yearly event is organized and run by League clients and supported by the League's Board of Directors.

Byron Albury, Chairperson of the State CCC shares his perspective of the day.

"This was absolutely the best Convention ever. Our team of committee members worked very hard to make this a great day for delegates. Over 120 League clients, parents, family members, staff, volunteers and Board Directors attended.

It was very exciting to watch how our ideas for this year's theme came together. People shared their stories in such unique ways. Keynote speaker Dr Rex Newsome was able to speak to everyone through his interesting stories, down to earth manner, and wonderful humor.

The panel of guest speakers worked extremely well and included presenters Mary Poulton, Terry Brunner, Veronica Dunn, Des Orr, Mathew Burr, Bruce Burr and Francis Vicary. Again there was an impressive mix of unique stories, challenges overcome, positive gains, and amazing attitudes to life that were inspirational to say the least.

Terry Brunner electrified the audience with a video of his tandem sky dive, one of a number of personal goals Terry has achieved for himself. Francis Vicary delighted and shocked the audience with her own practical and personalised design in jean wear. Veronica Dunn, who came from Warrick, shared her story of caring for her 10 year old son, who has defied the odds and the so-called "experts". Mathew Burr, with support from his Dad Bruce, told his story of overcoming major health issues to forge a life as an adult and an artist in his own right. Des Orr shared stories of his early life in Chinchilla and obstacles surpassed while Mary Poulton spoke with passion and belief in the ability of people with disabilities to make a life they can call their own.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER, DR REX NEWSOME.



THE PANEL OF GUEST SPEAKERS.



TERRY BRUNNER, FRANCIS VICARY AND MARY POULTON.



MATTHEW AND BRUCE BURR.

The afternoon session was most interesting and included brief presentations from Bruce Milligan, CEO; Geoff Rowe, Manager of Service Development, and Policy; and Gavin Milich, Chairman of the Board. Board Members and Senior Management answered a wide range of thoughtful questions from delegates. This is always a wonderful opportunity for Board members to hear from League clients. As Gavin Milich stated, "The Board is here for you."

The atmosphere enjoyed by the delegates was tremendously welcoming, relaxed, informal and "laid back". People mingled, seeing old faces and greeting new ones. Thanks must go to everyone who joined us for the day including John McIlwan who made the extra effort to fly down from Mackay.

Thanks must also go to all the writers and poets who entered our short story competition. Dr Rex Newsome kindly took the job of judging the entries and announced the following prizewinners at the Convention.

First Prize – John Rynn

Second Prize – Peter Beatty

Third Prize – Karen Swift

Certificates of Commendation were awarded to Nigel Webb and Robert Gallager. The State CCC hopes to publish the stories shortly along with the contributions made by the speakers at the Convention.

There are so many people to thank and I commend everyone who gave their time and support in working to make such a wonderful day. Special mention must be made of David Gray who volunteered his time to ensure that everyone was well catered for.

I believe this event is unique in our state. There are few other forums of this nature where adults with cerebral palsy and related disabilities – often with high support needs – parents of children who use League services, family members, staff, volunteers, and Board Directors come together to share experiences, exchange ideas and network. Many people found this year's Convention inspirational. It has been a great privilege to be part of this experience. See you all again next year."

BYRON ALBURY, CHAIRPERSON STATE CCC



A GREAT OUTCOME ON THE DOWNS

A gala charity auction was held in loving memory of Rayna MacMillan for the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland's South Queensland Country region on 8th September.

The event was a wonderful success and was a credit to the organisers who were family and friends of Sam Maker, Liam Broderick, and Rayna MacMillan.

The \$40,000 raised from the event will be spent locally on desperately needed equipment to be used for children and adults with cerebral palsy in the region.

In light of the League's recently announced funding shortfall and subsequent Needs Assessment, local businesses pledged support.

The main sponsors included the Federal Hotel, Home Ice-Cream, 4GR and CFM, Toowoomba Tile Warehouse, Carpet Affair, K & R Plumbing, Simons Hardware, Furniture One, Maison D'Art, Oasis Health and Beauty, Kendal Perkins Brakell, Westridge Meats, and the Art Shop. One hundred other local businesses and individuals were overwhelmingly supportive with donations to ensure all the raffles and the auction were a success.

Items up for auction included a framed, autographed Brisbane Broncos jersey, valued at over \$700; an autographed, Queensland Bulls bat; and an autographed, State of Origin jersey. Other items included paintings, toys, books, jewellery and electrical appliances.

The evening included a two-course dinner and entertainment from ex-Wickett star, Greg Doolan, with Peter Rookas and Graham Healy hosting the event. A credit to these three, who ensured a great night was had by all.

Di Maker, a member of the group of family and friends of the League who organised the event, said that the amount of money raised was beyond their expectations.

"We were hoping to raise as much money as possible to help children with cerebral palsy in the area to grow up with a quality of life that ensures they are able to reach their full potential as a part of the community."

Local staff who attended the auction were totally amazed by the strong community support and could honestly say it was the most successful event in the Toowoomba region in the last 20 years.

A BIG CHANCE FOR TWO LEAGUE STARS

Years of practice and concentration looks like paying off for Stephen McKenna from the League's Adult Accommodation Service on the Northside.

Stephen has been selected as part of the training squad for wheelchair bocce for the Athens Para-Olympics and is off to New Zealand in early October to challenge the New Zealand side.

After the game with New Zealand Stephen will play in Portugal, before final selections for the games.

Stephen has been a long time member of the Cerebral Palsy Bocce Association and travels to New Zealand with the support and well wishes of the League.

Meantime 9-year-old Rebecca Thomas-Walker from Logan has just been selected as a member of the Australian Youth Choir.

Rebecca, who attends the Waterford West Primary School, joins the choir after dedicating her natural abilities to achieving such an honour. Rebecca takes our well wishes and congratulations into the Choir with her.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Up the stairs / Newsome, Rex – Toowong : Thomas Rowland Publishers, 2000.

920 NEW

Rex Newsome lectured at the University of Qld for some years on the psychology of disability. He has set down an account of his early life to illuminate some of the attitudes that existed in the past, and perhaps still exist, towards people with a disability, and to show what may be achieved with a little bit of persistence.

John and his determination to become independent : a biography / Rogers, Nan – Underwood, Qld : Kingswood Press, 2000.

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Both of these items are available to borrow or purchase from the Cerebral Palsy League of Qld Library. Please contact Deb Cronan, the Library Information Officer on (07) 3358 8036.

POLLIES LETTERS

From Minister for State Development, Tom Barton

I am very aware of the demands that are placed upon an organisation by a wide ranging client base within individual needs. These demands place very high claims upon limited resources and this in turn requires the constant assessing of priorities so that resources may be appropriately managed to ensure the servicing of client needs.

From Minister for Health, Wendy Edmond

I would like to acknowledge the valuable work the Cerebral Palsy League does for people with Cerebral Palsy and their families in Queensland. I am aware of the increasing problems being faced by non-profit community based groups in raising funds to support their ongoing commitment to the community. The pressure to meet demand is an issue across all health services, from Health Service Districts to non-government organisations to volunteer agencies.

From Minister for Disability Services, Judy Spence

Disability Services Queensland will continue to support the League and provide assistance wherever possible throughout the change process.

FOCUS ON REGIONAL QLD AS CHARITY MAKES HEADWAY

The Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland is undertaking a review of its regional operations following the completion of the first stage of its Needs Assessment program at the organization's Head Office in Brisbane.

The Charity says it will depend heavily on the goodwill of both the community and the government, but hopes that within the next two years it can get back to fiscal stability. The challenge however, remains to meet spiraling costs.

CEO of the organization, Bruce Milligan, says while significant savings of the next twelve months have been gleaned from the Head Office operations there is still a long way to go.

"For the past fifteen years we have been forced to spend more than we have been able to generate. This was necessary to ensure that vital services for people with cerebral palsy were put into place. However now we must begin to find cost reductions and generate more income to ensure a sustainable future."

"With the changes we have made in Head Office I believe we have put into place a structure that will ensure better support of service delivery at the regional level."

Mr Milligan says the focus of the Needs Assessment will now move onto regional areas, with a strong emphasis on making services provided more efficient and relevant to the League's client base. "Our objective at a regional level is to maximize service delivery within available resources."

"However this does not mean the job at Head Office is complete. We are for example considering a new site for our head office. Currently the League's head office is in New Farm and, since we have regionalized services, has more space than we need for an administration base. More efficient accommodation for Head Office now needs to be considered."

"Added to this is the maintenance of our re-vitalised fundraising approach and the level of community support we're now seeing, coupled with assistance from the Minister for Disability Services Judy Spence we hope the League will be able to turn the corner in the next twelve months. However, the on going support of the community will be vital to us."

"We currently spend over \$22 million a year across the State. We want to make sure that funds are channeled directly into service delivery in the regions and that has meant a re-vamp of the role of the New Farm based, Head Office."

Mr Milligan says the League will continue to work on the development of a regional based model of service delivery because the League believes this is the best way of providing services where they are most needed.

"I remain optimistic that we will be able to drive the organization back to a surplus situation within the next two years. In the meantime, we will continue to depend heavily on corporate and community support to ensure a future for the 2,600 adults and children to whom we provide services."

Mr Milligan says any support that is given will be poured directly into the maintenance of services on the ground in the area.

A GREAT START TO NEW SURROUNDINGS

More than 120 guests and dignitaries attended the recent opening of the Cerebral Palsy League's new premises at Mayfield Road Moorooka, which will provide services for 62 adults between the ages of 19 and 63.

State Minister for Disability Services, Judy Spence, officially opened the new premises. The facility came to reality only with the invaluable assistance of the Theodosiou family who worked tirelessly to ensure the building was adapted to suit the specific needs of the clients and staff.

The service replaces the League's former premises at Villa St Annerley and provides for people with high support needs from all areas of the Southside.

A Community Access, Centre Based Day Program and an Independent Living Program are all run from the Centre in the heart of Moorooka.

The Centre operates five days a week and also includes access for clients to modified computer equipment, which enables clients to access a range of TAFE and other education courses.

CEO Bruce Milligan says the tireless efforts of the Theodosiou family, and their donations in kind and facilities, clearly show the future for the League.

"Organisations such as ours will depend more and more on the support from community minded business people such as this. When you see the work that they have done and the outcomes the Centre is now achieving you cannot help but be impressed."



MINISTER, JUDY SPENCE, WITH MEMBERS OF THE THEODOSIOU FAMILY AND LEAGUE CLIENTS, CHRISTINE CAMERON AND EMILY BORG.



SILVIO GRECO FROM MINDERS BAR, RESTAURANT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE; DECLAN TAYLOR; AND HEINO MARTSCINKE FROM RIVERSIDE RECEPTIONS

POLLIES TEE OFF TO HELP THE LEAGUE

It was a day when the Politicians really did meet the people – and it became a battle – all in the name of raising funds for the Cerebral Palsy League.

It was the 4th annual Parliament House Charity Golf day, which proved a big winner for the League. Played in a new time slot on Friday 24th August at the Wynnum Golf Club, over 114 players teamed up to play an Ambrose competition.

The winners, the Lambert family from Queensland Paint Supplies, won with nett 51.75. The Cerebral Palsy team of Greg Johnson, John Gilchrist, Anne Mackay and Margie Moore were runners up and 'Gnome Cup' winners with nett 53.

The day was possible through the patronage of the Queensland Parliament Speaker, Right Honourable Mr Ray Hollis, and major sponsorship from Garrard's Pty Ltd, Wynnum Golf Club, BAX Global, Stamford Plaza Brisbane, Mount Tamborine Wines, ANZ Bank, Bryan Byrt Ford, Business Qld., Merrill Lynch, Wynnum GC Pro Shop, Mullumbimby Travel, Honeywell and TrendWest.

Mike London from Channel 9 as MC and Russell Siwicki as auctioneer made sure the 110 players and their guests who stayed for dinner had a most enjoyable evening. Over \$13,000 nett was raised for the League.

Youngest member in the field, six year old Declan Taylor, was no slouch with a club when he teamed up with Silvio Greco and Heino Martscinke. Declan, a Greg Norman Junior Golf Foundation Member, plays off a handicap of 22 with the Foundation.

Planning is already under-way for a bigger and better Parliament House Golf day at Wynnum Golf Club on Friday 23rd August 2002. Its expected young star Declan and other supporters will tee off again in support of the on-going work of the League.

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COMPUTER GIFTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

International IT Company IBM has generously donated five almost-new computers to the Cerebral Palsy League.

The League approached IBM to see if it could obtain a number of the computers used at the Olympic Games in Sydney last year.

IBM generously made available five computers and these have since been shared around the League throughout Queensland.

These computers would normally be beyond the League's stretched budget so we would like to give a special thanks to IBM for their generous contribution free of charge and freight.

A certificate of appreciation was given to the State Manager of IBM, Mike James, at an afternoon tea function at New Farm on August 28. The League is hopeful that IBM will continue to support the organisation into the future.



STATE MANAGER OF IBM, MR MIKE JAMES, ACCEPTS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM LEAGUE CEO, BRUCE MILLIGAN.



HOW DO WE REACT

Somewhere, at sometime, perhaps even today, a family has been told that their child has a disability. How do they react?...With sadness, anger, guilt, self-pity, fear? What questions do they ask?...Why me, what will we do, who will we turn to?

Can you imagine if you could meet someone who has gone through many similar challenges that you are now facing alone? Someone who is only a phone call away who could listen and really understand what it's like and have helpful suggestions?

Well the opportunity to talk to that 'someone' is here at the Child and Family Support Service-South Region's Parent to Parent Links program.

The aim of the Links Program is quite simply for parents to support other parents who are experiencing all the challenges that come with having a child with special needs.

Any parent or carer that has a child or young person with special needs can talk to parents who are part of the Links program. That means you! I would particularly encourage new families who have recently obtained a diagnosis and /or families who are entering a new phase of life (eg. starting primary or high school, getting an Ankle Foot Orthosis for the first time, dealing with professionals) to access the Links program.

Early outcomes of the program have included:

- New parents feeling less isolated with the opportunity to develop long-term supports;
- A 'normalisation' of their experience;
- Obtaining relevant and timely information; and
- Gaining emotional support and an ability to cope better with day to day challenges.

The Links program is made up of a wide range of understanding parents who have the ability to draw on their own experiences, challenges and expertise to help families like you. Support can mean anything from a one-off phone call to a face-to-face meeting.

If that's not enough, many of the parents have recently completed a gruelling 'Basic Helping and Support Skills' course held at the League. The course was such a huge success that the parents who participated have now formed a parent group that not only provides emotional support to all but has quickly taken the opportunity to voice their own experiences, concerns and opinions to valued service providers within the League.

Future goals of the program include:

- Increasing the process of matching 'experienced' parents with 'new' families who are just beginning to meet the challenges of having a disability within the family
- Developing closer ties with the Disability Services 'Parent to Parent' Association
- Continuing to provide valuable opportunities for parents involved in the Links program to increase their skills and training, in order to more effectively support families, and to contribute to the development of their community.

To inquire about getting in contact with another parent who is part of the Links program or/and to volunteer some of your time to support others, just call one of six friendly Social Workers – including Michael, Deone, Michelle, Alison G, Alison B and Frances – at the League on 3347 7200.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

MICHAEL ANDERTON

i laugh.
therefore i am.

A CHANCE TO SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Westfield shopping centres at Strathpine, Toombul, Chermside and Carindale will host a special, ticket-only, Friday night shopping spree on November 16 which can have some huge benefits for the Cerebral Palsy League.

All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to the charity that sells them – and we have them to sell!!

Similar events have been held in the USA in the past four years and were also very successful in New Zealand last year.

On the evening, the centres will provide celebrities and top class entertainment while retailers offer goods at heavily reduced prices.

This will be an excellent opportunity for shoppers to purchase Christmas presents at bargain prices as well as have an entertaining night out.

The cost is \$5 per person (children under 15 will be admitted free of charge) and all proceeds from tickets sold through the League will benefit clients.

The Cerebral Palsy League is registered at each shopping centre so get together with friends and family to buy tickets in support of the League.

Tickets are available from Gary Hewitt (3358 8098) at the Fundraising and Marketing Department, New Farm, now.

The Cerebral Palsy League will only benefit from tickets sold by the League, NOT the shopping centres.

WILLING TO TOUCH THE FUTURE

If you had the chance to influence the way people would remember you after you have gone, what would you want them to remember most? The amount of money in your bank account? ... the kind of house you lived in and the car you drove? ... the positions you held and your achievements? ... or your values?

Making a bequest to the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland will leave a lasting impression on those you leave behind. For those who shared your life, it will be a treasured reminder that you were a person of conviction – someone who cared deeply about others. For people with Cerebral Palsy it will be a legacy that honours your memory and perpetuates your kindness by providing a better quality of life for future generations.

When you include the League in your will, you plant the seed of the tree that will grow to provide shade to people you will never know.

A bequest is the ultimate expression of selfless generosity.

If you would like to help with a donation and cannot afford a cash at this time, then you should seriously consider a bequest to the League.

Your bequest can be:

- a specified sum of cash
- a percentage of the overall value of your estate
- an investment (stocks, bonds, shares)
- a residual gift (balance of your estate after other provisions have been met).

For a confidential discussion about bequests, phone Ron Cazaly on 1800 819 086 or contact your solicitor.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Write down the following dates for key League activities in the coming weeks:

6 NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup Day-Miss Queensland Participants holding various functions across the State

16 NOVEMBER

Westfield Shopping Night

20-23 NOVEMBER

Miss Queensland Awards-State Finals Week

23 NOVEMBER

Miss Queensland Awards-Gala Presentation

16 FEBRUARY

Brisbane International Motor Show Charity Gala.

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League Picnic In The Park

In Celebration of International Year of Volunteers



QUEENSLAND

The Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland hosted a “Picnic in the Park” for its many valued volunteers on Saturday October 20 at New Farm Park.

This year’s picnic celebrated the International Year of Volunteers and in particular, the League’s many volunteers from the Services, Administration, and Marketing & Fundraising divisions.

All staff, volunteers, clients, children, family, friends and associates were welcome to join in the fun, with picnickers bringing their own baskets and joining in “Dave’s Famous Sausage Sizzle”.

The day’s entertainment included children’s activities and a concert by popular band Seventh House.

The day’s activities were funded by the Commonwealth Government International Year of the Volunteer 2001 Small Grants Program.

For more information on becoming a League Volunteer, please contact Jessica Panter at the Cerebral Palsy League on 3358 8008.

CANOE CHALLENGE SUCCESS

The Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland made a profit of \$10,000 recently when over 200 canoeing enthusiasts took part in the Brisbane Valley 100 Canoe Race.

Now in it’s Silver Anniversary Year, the 2-day event hosted by Queensland Canoeing and the League, has become one of the major sports tourism events for the Brisbane Valley region.

In the past 25 years the event has raised more than half a million dollars for children and adults with cerebral palsy.

This year’s event continued that trend, raising further much-needed funds, which will be utilised to provide mobility and communication equipment for the League’s 2600 clients throughout Queensland.

Over 60 canoes and kayaks entered the race, which trails along the upper reaches of the Brisbane River – from Wivenhoe Dam down to Kholo.

League Board Member, Kevin Rodgers, participated in the mens TK2 relay category, coming first, with a time of 11hr 15min 43sec.

Event Coordinator Natalie Mason said that one of the major strengths of the event is that it appeals to both professionals and amateurs, attracting old and young participants from all walks of life.

“We had a wide range of people competing, from 10-year-old school kids to our oldest competitor who was 80,” Ms Mason said.

The League is grateful for the continued support of all sponsors and supporters who have been most generous with donations of time, expertise, goods-in-kind, and money over the years.

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