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Welcome Holly!

Bruce and Denise welcomed Ms Holly Brennan OAM as CEO of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in June.

Holly brings with her 25 years experience in child abuse prevention and respectful relationships education.

"I am deeply honoured to be taking on the role of CEO at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Foundation is committed to helping all children and young people to be safe from abuse and harm. I really couldn't imagine wanting to work anywhere else", said Holly Brennan.

Holly received her Medal of the Order of Australia in 2012 for service to the community through organisations promoting the welfare and rights of children. She has also received numerous other child safety and protection awards.



Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Holly Brennan OAM, Denise Morcombe OAM and Bruce Morcombe OAM

Bruce and Denise are very excited to hand over the reins to such an experienced and knowledgeable child safety expert and are hoping Holly can continue to grow the Foundation and expand on current programs and services.

Bruce and Denise will continue serving on the Daniel Morcombe Foundation Committee and as Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors. So don't worry you have not seen or heard the last from them.



Drive for Daniel

144 golfers gathered at Carbrook golf course for 18 holes.

On May 26, the annual "Drive for Daniel" event hosted by the Queensland Travel Industry took place. The Foundation's Tracey and Kayla joined Ben from Contiki and Laura from STA Travel for a swing. Not one being a golfer they returned to the Clubhouse with a score of 144 managing to take home the prize for last place!



The winning team of Queensland Crickets Club, with 48.75 took home the Morky Trophy. Some wonderful Auction Items were won including return airfares to Europe with Korean Airlines, return airfares to New Zealand, NZ Motorhome holidays, push bikes, holidays, mini breaks and much more. Thank you to the Queensland Travel Industry and Sharon Hando for your massive efforts.



Corporate Prospectus Launch

We launched our digital Corporate Prospectus with the help of Brisbane West Chamber of Commerce with a breakfast at the Indooroopilly Golf Club on Wednesday May 3rd.

Our Patron Kay McGrath was MC and Bruce, Denise and Andrew Ashby delivered informative and heartfelt messages highlighting the achievements of the Foundation.



Thank you to those who attended, including representatives from Ray White, Westpac, McGirvan Media, Copperface Jacks, Scifleet Toyota and Prime Time Marketing.

Thank you Ian Reynolds, President of the Chamber for organising the event. A great big thanks also to Garry Gibson for all his efforts promoting the Foundation.

Raising funds is a vital for the survival of our Foundation. We do not receive ongoing Funding of any kind. We depend on donations to meet our objectives. If you can help contact Tracey email: tracey@danielmorcombe.com.au



DMF finding a HOME

After more than a decade of struggling to find suitable office facilities, we are proud to announce that the DMF has acquired a block of land for our proposed new Home HQ and Counselling facility.

Our new site is located in Palmwoods, the emotional heart of the DMF and only 500m from Daniel's final resting place. Our annual *Walk for Daniel* on the Sunny Coast goes directly past what will be our front door.

Now we reach the next critical stage - funding the build. We are working and meeting hard with all relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers in Queensland. Always the optimists, we look forward to turning our concept plans into bricks and mortar. Wish us luck!



International Missing Children's Day

25th May is a very special day on the DMF calendar.

Canberra had a chill in the air but that could not diminish anyone's resolve and determination to find each and every missing child.

Each year the Australian Federal Police's Missing Persons Coordination Centre acknowledges International Missing Children's Day through the publicising of unsolved cases.

Bruce and Denise talked with brave family members who struggle each day for answers. They know only too well how each feels in their journey to find their missing loved ones.

Wellness Dinner in Tasmania

Sandy Bay Yacht Club Tasmania was the glamorous setting for a very special night raising funds for the West Moonah Community Centre.

On May 8th, Bruce and Denise attended as special guests and took to the stage talking about their unique journey. On a personal level, it never really gets any easier for them to share their difficult story but giving the message of hope, resilience and determination still remains their mission. The 200 guests were incredibly warm and supportive. A room filled with 'red' is always memorable because it shouts: **We have not forgotten Daniel!**



Police Support

Bundaberg and District Police Officers recently met with Bruce and Denise to plan what promises to be an enormous 'Day for Daniel' in the Wide Bay Region.

Hundreds of school students will participate in safety lessons and a community walk. Of course Red will be the dominant colour of the day. Thank you to the Boys and Girls who normally wear Blue for sending our message of **Wear Red, Educate and Donate**. We thank Senior Constable Tim Clark and Inspector Pat Swindells.



School Visits

The serious subject of promoting child safety in schools has continued throughout Term 2. Bruce and Denise have commenced a Queensland tour that saw them visit schools from Warwick to Mackay.

Term 3 will see them in the Far North and then cutting back through the Central Queensland towns of Moranbah and Emerald before heading to Hobart.

A teacher at one school quietly approached Bruce to share a personal thank you as an adult survivor of child sexual abuse. "This is what makes it so real, a story like that cuts you to the bone", Bruce said. The students, teachers and parents are as always the highlight in this valuable and rewarding work.



QLD Homicide Victims Support Group Day

Brisbane played host to the annual Homicide Awareness Day on May 4th.

The Queensland Homicide Victim Support Group do amazing work and fill a space that is very difficult to appreciate unless you are one of the unfortunate people affected by a homicide.

A number of guest speakers took to the stage including the Attorney General Yvette D'ath and Shadow Child Safety Minister Ros Bates. Congratulations to all the volunteers and organisers for your energy and support.

Daniel's Law

Senator Derryn Hinch is on a mission. He is advocating for a publicly accessible Sex Offenders Website in Australia.

It will be based on Megan's Law from the United States. It will be named Daniel's Law here, after Daniel Morcombe, Bruce and Denise's son.

The parents, and now grandparents, believe that this is a common sense approach to aid child safety measures and help keep kids safe. Denise and Bruce urge you to vote to support #DanielsLaw. Find the link on our website.



Tour de Tassie

The Australian Federal Police's Child Exploitation Unit will again join with the Foundation in a child safety campaign in Tasmania.

The Tour will commence in Child Protection Week on 4th September. Visiting school students by day and promoting the Think U Know to parents and carers by evening it promises to be a fantastic 2 weeks on the Tassie roads.



#TeamDMF updates

Thank you Bidfood's Frank Renda who walked 200km of the El Camino de Santiago Track in Spain, raising funds for the Foundation. He has raised nearly \$3,000. Fantastic!

To join #TeamDMF go to www.danielmorcombe.com.au/team-dmf

Sean Follows and three Police colleagues have chosen Southwest Mudfest in WA to do their part as Team DMF. Help them reach their fundraising goal of \$5,000. Mudfest is on July 1st. Go #TeamDMF!



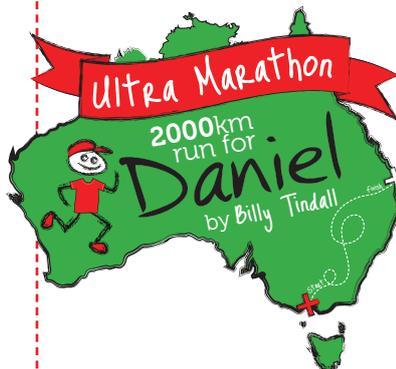
Ultra Marathon for Daniel

Billy Tindall is running from Melbourne to the Sunshine Coast for us. He aims to raise awareness of the Day for Daniel, Daniel's Law and hopes to raise \$100,000.

Setting off on Monday 25th September from the Lionel Rose Statue in Warragul he will run through Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and finish the run at our Walk for Daniel on Friday October 27th on the Sunshine Coast.

Billy is running for 33 days and over 2000km. Make sure you give him a wave and donate if you see him in your neck of the woods.

Go Billy! To make a donation visit our website and find Billy's page under Support Fundraisers.



Help us beat our record on **Day for Daniel**

Friday 27 October 2017

Is your school, business, community group registered for Day for Daniel 2017?

We want over 3,000 schools across Australia to register this year. We anticipate over 1 million people will be starting a conversation about child safety on the day.

Wear Red, Educate and Donate is the theme of the day as we strive to encourage educators, parents, carers and businesses to take action in their community to help in **Keeping Kids Safe**.

Put the date in your diary. Talk to your school, business, community group.



Keeping Kids Safe Resources

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation has developed a range of child safety resources to use on Day for Daniel. The videos, activities and apps are available free of charge on our website:

- Respectful Relationships, prep to year 12
- Keeping Kids Safe, preschool to year 10
- Cyber safety for parents and carers
- Resources for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Resources for Mild to moderate special needs
- Orbit Rescue, app suitable for 8-10 year olds
- Help Me, app for all ages
- Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum, available to all teachers in Australia, links on our website.

Download our new poster >>



Join Australia's largest child safety awareness day, register online!

DayForDaniel.com.au

Coming up in **2017**

2 August

Exclusive fundraising Dinner

Raising funds for the Ultra Marathon for Daniel at Beachmere Tavern. Ticket info on our website.

20 August

Sunshine Coast Marathon

#TeamDMF will run and fundraise, support the team on our website.

27 August

Bridge to Brisbane

#TeamDMF will run and fundraise, support the team on our website.

3 - 9 September

Child Protection Week

4 - 15 September

Tour de Tassie

Visiting school students by day and promoting the *Think U Know* to parents and carers by evening.

25 September - 27 October

Ultra Marathon for Daniel

Billy is running 2000km over 33 days to raise \$100,000 for child safety. Support his fundraiser on our website.

7 October

Dance for Daniel Townsville

5th Dance for Daniel with 3 course meal with beer and wine. Great entertainment. Auctions. Raffles. Tickets purchased from our website.

27 October

Day for Daniel

Wear Red, Educate & Donate!

27 October

Walk for Daniel

Suncoast Christian College 6.30am. More information on our website.