

Kell & Rigby

James Kell, Managing Director of Kell & Rigby, has worked tirelessly over the past few months to secure materials for construction of the Sargood Centre. In his teens, James broke his neck in a surfing accident. He survived a "hangman's fracture" which could have left him paralysed below the neck. Fortunately, James made a full recovery but the impact of that experience remained with him. After becoming one of our monthly donors, James also agreed to use his considerable skills and experience to obtain Gift-In-Kind materials from the construction industry. The level of commitment from our supporters continues to amaze and humble all of us here at SCI Australia.

Thank you, James!



Bequests

A Bequest can be a powerful tool for change while still providing for your loved ones. SCI Australia is pleased to announce that we have developed our very first Wills and Bequests Kit. When considering how your assets will be passed on, you may think that a simple Will is your only solution. However, a more sophisticated estate plan may provide a more tax effective and secure result.

Our Kit is designed to help you better understand these options so you can decide what works best for you. Please call us to have a Kit sent to you or download it from our website.

www.scia.org.au/bequest



Please come and join us at the next Friends of Sargood community meeting in Collaroy. For more information call June at 9982-6225. www.sargoodcentre.org.au



The Brays

Our Major Projects Come to Life

As this year draws to a close, several of our key projects are at last becoming reality. A generous grant from the NSW Motor Accident Authority (MAA) means Stage One of the Sargood Centre at Collaroy will begin early next year. Additionally, our Wills and Bequests kit is now available online and both the Teamsafe and Wheelies Challenge programs are gaining momentum.

After five years of campaigning, SCI Australia - in partnership with a dedicated Collaroy community group - has purchased the Sargood Centre site and raised almost \$4 million for construction. This effort, together with the MAA grant, is sufficient to commence building Stage One. The Centre will be a state of the art transitional accommodation and respite facility - providing a desperately needed link for those leaving spinal units and returning to the community. Many people have worked extremely hard to reach this point and we are very excited to see the vision coming to fruition.

Substantial funds are still needed to complete the Sargood Centre, which is where our Bequest program can play an important role. We officially launched the program using the story of Cathy Bray.

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By generously donating to the Sargood Centre appeal in memory of her step-mother, Cathy believes she is perpetuating the commitment to community shown by her family. Information on the options available to include a bequest in your will can now be accessed on our website, or by contacting our head office. A bequest is a simple yet powerful concept.

The Teamsafe program has grown by an additional eight ambassadors, all now ready to relate their personal story and campaign against complacency in the workplace. Success of the program has been guaranteed with the recent endorsement of the program by QANTAS. Add to all this a growing number of schools signing up for Wheelies Challenge, and there is more than enough to keep all of us busy well into the New Year.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish you a happy and safe festive season.

Greg Bergan
Chief Executive Officer

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TeamSafe



The number of workers benefiting from the Teamsafe program has risen dramatically following the general rollout to the QANTAS workforce and the involvement of the funeral industry.

After the conclusion of a long and detailed negotiation, QANTAS has embraced Teamsafe as a means of battling complacency in its workforce throughout the country.

In mid-October two Teamsafe ambassadors, Blair Taylor and Robyn Ryan, delivered a compelling address to senior management of the InvoCare funeral group during their annual safety week conference. The various state managers responded enthusiastically to the presentation and now plan to extend the program into their own workplaces around Australia.

Would you like to share the story of your injury?

Please go to our webpage:

www.scia.org.au/news/ambassadors_wanted

Wheelies Challenge

Fund raising on the internet is taking off with the Wheelies



Challenge website created to raise funds and awareness of disability issues. Mouth artist Kelly McCann's work was featured in an online art auction and Sally Toll of Newcastle organised a trivia quiz among fellow workers. Sally took advantage of the website's offer to provide all the necessary trivia quiz resources online. After downloading everything from rules and venue advice to questions and answer sheets, Sally challenged all other website visitors to do the same.

"We turned our regular end of month staff get-together into a games night raising money for a great cause, and I'm sure many others will now do the same." Sally said.

The in-school program is also gaining momentum. Developed to allow easy presentation by teachers, the Wheelies Challenge helps young people to

build resiliency, manage adversity and develop personal responsibility for safety.

www.wheelieschallenge.org.au

A Challenge Partner's Creative Giving

Often we find ourselves so busy in everyday life that we fall into 'easy' patterns without thinking too much about it. Planning an event in the typical way seems to save time and effort, yet it can also cause us to over-look simple ideas which would really make a difference. One of our monthly donors did take that extra step as she planned for her own birthday celebrations:

"When I was 10 years old, my dad suffered a workplace spinal cord injury which left him a paraplegic. The impact on my parents, and on my sister and me, was profound. Having my own children has really brought it home.

When I was planning my 40th birthday dinner party earlier this year, I knew that my guests would bring gifts - it's only natural. But I have enough material goods, so I decided to ask them to make a donation to SCI Australia instead.

I was quite nervous about asking, but no one batted an eyelid. SCI Australia did a great job by emailing me a credit card donation form which I included with each invitation. My dinner party successfully raised money for the Peer Support program, something which my family would have benefited from 30 years ago."

Rosemary



We are so grateful to Rosemary for her support. We applaud all donors whose creativity not only brings in additional donations but also helps to build awareness in their community. We are happy to assist in your event preparation. So, get creative and give us a call!

Yes, I'd like to help Spinal Cord Injuries Australia make an impact in our community.

Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and can be made using this coupon or calling (02) 9661 8855 or 1800 819 775. Thank you!

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