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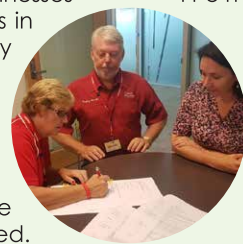
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Daniel Morcombe Foundation is getting a home

Bruce and Denise along with the Hon. Di Farmer, Minister for Child Safety, turned the first sod at a Ground Breaking Ceremony in Palmwoods on 9 May 2018, with over 50 invited guests. The building when complete will be named Daniel House. It will be the Foundation's administrative hub and will include the Walk Tall program which provides free counselling and support for young survivors of crime.

"Supporting young victims of crime through the Walk Tall counselling service is a cornerstone of work undertaken at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Daniel House will support this important program in a modern, child friendly facility" says Denise. The Queensland State Government provided \$900,000 in capital works funding to help complete the build. Murphy Builders have been engaged as the contractor to oversee the project. Local businesses from the Sunshine Coast have also been very generous in contributing, making this very much a community project. Bruce said "The generous donations from local businesses, in addition to the government grant, are quite unexpected and very moving for us personally. Thank you one and all!"



Site works are due to start in July and everyone connected with the Foundation is very excited.

We hope to be moving in to our new home on 7 December 2018 as a mark of respect to Daniel and the Morcombe Family to commemorate the day Daniel went missing 15 years ago. Daniel House is a decade long dream in the making and this facility will ensure Daniel's legacy lives on. From huge tragedy grows a movement to prevent all child abuse in Australia.

Thank you Australian Garage Supermarket, Austral Insulation & Solar, BRD Group Architectural Design, Coastal Landscape Supplies, Crown Power Air Conditioning, Element Design Landscaping Architecture, Empire Engineering Structural and Civil, GWA Bathroom & Kitchens, Hyne Timber, Hy-tec, Gyprock Trade, Mitre 10 Kunda Park, Murray and Associates Surveyors & Town Planners, Murphy Builders, PDD Plumbing Design & Drafting, Rapid Equipment Hire, Samios Plumbing Supplies, Suncoast Fencing & Whale Bins - Resource Recovery for donating supplies and services to make Daniel House become a reality.

Can you help?

Do you have materials? Kitchen equipment? Landscaping goods?

Please contact our Project Manager
- Tim Ryan on 0417 618 993





My Arkaba Trek

12 - 16 April

Thank you to everyone who helped me raise \$46,200 to assist the Walk Tall counselling service and assist child victims of abuse or crime. Over 3 days in April I was lucky enough to walk 52km in the Flinders Rangers with 9 other ladies who were fund raising for Act for Kids, to provide therapy and support services for families and children who have experienced or are at risk of child abuse.

We walked 72,000 steps over boulders, rocks, pebbles, creek beds and hills. The country side was spectacular with beautiful red hills, brown, khaki and dull green, low lying vegetation through the basin of Wilpena Pound descending to Blacks Gap, through the Elder Rangers and finally crossing the Arkaba creek to arrive at the Arkaba Homestead.

I was so thankful to Bruce who encouraged me to go those extra kilometres each week during training as it made my trek that much easier. It was a great experience and one that I will never forget. It was challenging but it was well worth it knowing that many children will be assisted.
Thank you / Denise X

Qld Child Safety Ambassadors

Denise and Bruce have extended their roles with Queensland Department of Education for two more years as joint Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors.

First starting in 2011, this is welcome news as it means there will be ongoing school presentations to students until June 2020. Teaching students about being safe in the world and online is central to the school visits. It is always fun, educational and charged with so much positive energy.



School Visits

Term 2 school presentations continued throughout Queensland with Bruce and Denise covering many kilometres.

They are pleased to report that Daniel's legacy is just as powerful as ever from the small remote schools in Oakwood, Blackwater and Gracemere to the larger regional towns of Maryborough, Townsville and Mackay. With thanks to the Queensland State Government the Morcombes are in a position to talk with hundreds of students. They welcome conversations with local parents and carers, police, teachers as well as students of all ages. As a not for profit organisation in the child protection sector staying in touch with what is happening in this ever changing world is essential. It is encouraging to see communities being united in their efforts to keep kids safe.



The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum is a focus for school principals as part of their Health and Physical Education program commitments. Great to see it is as relevant as the day it was written. Feedback always demonstrates strong support.

Many schools took the opportunity to hold an early Day for Daniel to coincide with Denise and Bruce's visit. Red can be seen from wall to wall, filling all corners of the school halls. Beautiful!

Day for Daniel Friday 26 October

Day for Daniel provides parents, carers and educators with the perfect opportunity to reinforce personal safety messages with their children and students.

This means talking about feelings, understanding bodies (including the anatomical names for private parts), knowing the rules for touch and importantly identifying safe adults that can help if a child feels or has felt unsafe.

Children and young people are more likely to be harmed by an adult or child that is known to them than a stranger. Personal safety education plays an important role in preventing abuse. Access our free online resources for the classroom or home to help you play your part in keeping kids safe on Day for Daniel.

Visit DanielMorcombe.com.au to start planning now.

Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Safety
School

A lesson for early childhood

Friday 26 October 2018

Join Bruce and Denise at our online broadcast and make history by being part of Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson!

Personal safety strategies for children 3 to 8 years will be taught using a fun and interactive approach. A preview and a lesson guide will be available on our website.

The lesson will be broadcast 9.30-10am in QLD (AEST) 10.30-11am in NSW, VIC, ACT, TAS (AEDT). NT, SA, WA visit our website to check the broadcast time in your location or watch the lesson later in the day.



Day for Daniel



Are you ready? Go online to see our Day for Daniel merchandise packs and to order your red t-shirt.

All purchases help to promote the importance of child safety education and support our work at DanielMorcombe.com.au



Drive for Daniel 2018

Carbrook Golf Course was looking its best as over 140 golfers from the Queensland Travel Industry took to the course on a glorious winter day to help support and assist Young Victims of Crime at the annual Drive for Daniel.

Bruce and Denise thanked the golfers, the Drive for Daniel organising committee and Carbrook Golf Club for their continued support of the Foundation.



They noted that this was the sixth Drive for Daniel that the Queensland Travel Industry had held for the Foundation and were very grateful and appreciative for their ongoing commitment.



Handing out Moshi Monsters showbags from the Good Guys



Walk against Domestic and Family Violence on the Sunshine Coast



Bruce, Holly & Denise at the Act for Kids fundraising gala ball

The team,
out & about



The team at Sunshine Coast Lightning netball game



Holly speaking at the Lightning netball event at SC University



Holly meeting with Australia's National Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell



Marty Hunt MP, Holly Brennan & Ted O'Brien MP at book launch of Nambour Region

Homicide Awareness Day

3 May

Supporting Queensland Homicide Victims' Support Awareness Day is always a sad but reflective day to raise awareness of the impact of homicide and to showcase the many agencies that provide critical support for friends and families who are left to deal with the loss.



Denise, the Hon. Di Farmer & Bruce

Positive Schools Conferences

Holly Brennan, our CEO has been travelling around the countryside this last month talking to thousands of teachers about keeping kids safe and the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

The Positive Schools Conference kicked off in Brisbane then flew to Fremantle in Western Australia before hopping back to Melbourne and ending in Sydney.

Along the way Holly met some pretty amazing speakers from America, Finland, Canada, England and of course Australia. All talking about schools being inclusive, equitable, safe and positive for all students. She had some pretty big fan moments getting to speak alongside presenters like Tracey Spicer, Dr Michael Carr Gregg, Sabina Read, Professor's Pasi Sahlberg and Dr Helen Street to just name drop a few.



Events

Friday 26 October

Day for Daniel

Australia's biggest child safety awareness event. Wear red, educate & donate.

Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Tune in to watch Safety School on our website

Fun-Run

Fundraise for a good cause, learn about safety and get your own great prizes.

Walk for Daniel

Annual walk on the Sunshine Coast.