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Dazzling 19th Dance for Daniel raises \$120,000



More than 500 guests gathered with Bruce and Denise for the 19th Dance for Daniel to raise valuable funds for child safety and to honour Daniel's legacy.

The special evening held at Brisbane City Hall on Saturday 23 March raised \$120,000 to help keep kids safe.

It was also an opportunity to highlight the important work, collaborations and friendships formed throughout almost 20 years of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

"Who can believe that last December it was 20 years since we lost Daniel?" Bruce asked the crowd during his speech.

"That has not been an easy time but thankfully, with so many helping us along the way, it has been a path with purpose."

Guests included representatives from Queensland Police Service, ACCCE and our partners in Keeping Kids Safe Act for Kids and Bravehearts.

The evening was hosted by Sunrise co-host Natalie Barr with entertainment from Band of Blue and plenty of money raised through live and silent auctions and raffles.

Guest speakers included Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Doctor Jeannette Young PSM, the Honourable Di Farmer MP, the Honourable Peter Dutton MP, Kay McGrath OAM and Jenny Steadman.

Professional photography from the event can be viewed at danielmorcombe.com.au/gallery.



Jenny Steadman
Guest Speaker



Band of Blue



Kay McGrath OAM
Daniel Morcombe
Foundation Patron



MC Natalie Barr, Bruce Morcombe OAM
and Denise Morcombe OAM



The Honourable Di Farmer MP, Professor Graeme Nimmo, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Denise Morcombe OAM, Bruce Morcombe OAM, Kirily Dutton and the Honourable Peter Dutton

Coming up...

- 24 April 2024
Bright Futures Webinar 1
- 6 May 2024
DMF's 19th Anniversary

- 12 June 2024
Bright Futures QLD Forum
- 3 September 2024
ABCSL

- 25 October 2024
Walk for Daniel
Day for Daniel



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Congratulations to our 2024 Morky Award Winners!

Karen Parsons

Total Property Group Business Manager Karen Parsons is a valued supporter of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. She organised the Gold Coast's Red Ball in 2023, with preparations already underway for 2024. "We love your energy and passion which has contributed greatly to the financial viability of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation." Denise said.

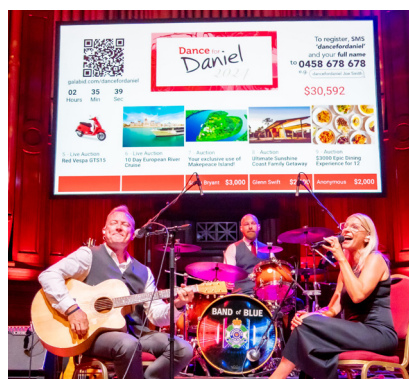
Chris Austin

Chris Austin has become an integral member of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's board in the three years since he has joined us. Mr Austin has helped improve our work structures, particularly with strategic planning and governance.

SixT4

SixT4's long-term support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation has contributed greatly to the day-to-day operations at Daniel House in Palmwoods. The team at SixT4 provides IT services and support, much of which has been at mate's rates.

Our Morky Award Winners: Karen Parsons from Total Property Group, DMF Board Member Chris Austin, and Simon Budden representing SixT4.



Going home with a win

From a European River Cruise to accommodation packages and vouchers up for auction to the \$10,000 cash and AFL grand final ticket raffle prizes - there was no shortage of special items up for grabs at Dance for Daniel.

For the first time Dance for Daniel's silent auction was conducted via electronic bidding platform Galabid, meaning guests could place bids from their table and be notified when they were out-bid.

Some of the most sought-after items were a Tangalooma Island Resort getaway, a Tin Can Bay houseboat and marina villa holiday, two NRL Grand Final tickets and a double pass to a Sunday session onboard the MV Catalina Noosa.

Ministerial meetings

Bruce, Denise and Daniel Morcombe Foundation General Manager Tracey McAsey had discussions with Queensland Education Minister the Honourable Di Farmer MP and Child Safety Minister the Honourable Charis Mullen MP.

"We did our best to explore DMF partnership opportunities and appealed for future funding considerations to keep Queensland kids safe," Bruce and Denise said.

Pictured: Bruce and Denise Morcombe and GM Tracey McAsey meeting with the Honourable Di Farmer MP and the Honourable Charis Mullen MP



Annual Review

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation's 2022-23 Annual Review has been released, detailing the Foundation's highlights from the year and its latest achievements.

As the Foundation moves towards its 20-year milestone, it continues to hold a strong reputation of making a difference in keeping kids safe.

In 2022-23 there were 1.5 million people involved in Day for Daniel and more than 300,000 students watched Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson live.

The annual review is available at DanielMorcombe.com.au/about/annual-reports/.

Looking back: 5 years at Daniel House

February marked five years since the opening of Daniel House at Palmwoods.

The Foundation's head office was officially opened in 2019 at a special ceremony with Bruce and Denise, the then Child Safety Minister Di Farmer and 150 guests. More than a dozen employees are based out of the head office where much of the Foundation's important work continues to be carried out. Palmwoods will always be the emotional heart of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, given it was Daniel's hometown and is his resting place. Minister Farmer said she could still remember the "amazing coincidence" that the beautiful red rose bush flowered on the day of the opening.



"It was really symbolic," she said.

"Since then, so much has been done to educate literally hundreds of thousands of school children right across Australia about how to be safe.

"I want to thank Bruce and Denise and the entire team at Daniel House for everything they're doing.

"Out of that terrible tragedy of Daniel's death, they have actually made a difference to so many people."

Keeping Kids Safe: School Visits

Child safety ambassadors Bruce and Denise hit the road to visit schools and spread the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's important messages. The Morcombes visited eight schools in 11 days across regional Queensland to teach students to Recognise, React, Report. They visited Tanderingie State School, Crawford State School, Machan Beach State School, Innisfail East State School, St Francis Xavier, Goondi State school, The Hall State School, and St Joseph's Bundaberg. Students, teachers, and school staff were often ablaze in red clothing, making the connection with Daniel's memory.

Bruce and Denise received a particularly big welcome at the Hall in Rockhampton with plenty of media, parents and supporters and the students wearing special handmade wristbands. Schools and early learning centres can **register now** for our 20th Day for Daniel at the Foundation's website or via this QR code.



Bright Futures ready for 2024

Bright Futures is a national education and training project addressing the issues of problematic and harmful sexual behaviours, technology assisted harmful sexual behaviours and child sexual exploitation.

It aims to equip front-line professionals with the skills to identify risk factors and potential signs of abuse as early as possible.

Bright Futures webinars, workshops and forums will return for 2024 with the first webinar on April 24 featuring University of New South Wales Professor Michael Salter. Workshops will begin from mid-June with Maree Crabbe and Dr Wenn Lawson to present first in Queensland where young people and the impacts of porn will be discussed.

Visit the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website to register for webinars, workshops and forums.



20th Anniversary Sub-Committee meets

A powerhouse group has been formed for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's 20th Anniversary sub-committee.

The sub-committee includes Karen Parsons, Tim Ryan, Justin and Jodi Veivers, Nicholas Barker, Caroline and John Hutchinson, Hans de Koning, Tracey McAsey, Susan Lyle, Kay McGrath, Kim Skubris and Bruce and Dean Morcombe.

It will help the Foundation make its 20th year its best yet with memorable events as well as a greater focus on fundraising and keeping kids safe.

Bright Futures
Save your spot
WEBINAR 1: THE PREVALENCE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF MEN IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY WHO SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Springfree donates to DMF

We were delighted to receive another generous donation from Springfree Trampoline. Springfree Vice President Leanne Fretwell visited the Foundation in January to donate \$8,000 from its Christmas installation proceeds. Thank you to Springfree for your continued support.



Thanks to Bidfood

The generous team at Bidfood Australia donated \$50,000 to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in March. Bidfood has supported the Foundation for several years and their enthusiastic participation in fundraising events is greatly appreciated. Workplaces and businesses are being encouraged



to **register now** to help us mark 20 years of Day for Daniel this October. Visit the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's website for more information.

Holiday Safety tips

The holiday period can bring up a range of emotions for our young people. It is important for them to learn how to express and manage their feelings in a healthy way.

Suggestions include:

1. Know they are having a feeling - being able to identify that a feeling is occurring can often assist them in help-seeking.
2. Name the feeling - knowing what the feeling is can provide a sense of relief and help them articulate what is going on.
3. Understand the cause of the feeling - understanding what is triggering feelings can assist in reducing anxiety and seeking help.

The best time to discuss these steps is when the young person is not experiencing a crisis moment.

Shout out to our Dance sponsors

A big thank you to all the businesses and individuals who contributed towards our event. We are fortunate to have such caring businesses and individuals in our community.

Murphy Builders, QFCC, Total Property Group, and Brisbane City Council lent their support. We acknowledge the ongoing generosity of many of our long-term supporters including Bidfood, The Lott, NW Group and Epicure. Thank you to David Hart, Crown Power, Captain Cook Cruises, Sunshine Mitre 10 and Dulux, Sunshine Motorcycles and Emerald Cruises for generous contributions towards our live auction prizes.

Such contributions make a positive difference and will be remembered for a long time to come. Once again, we thank everyone for their incredible support and for being an essential part of our fundraising efforts.



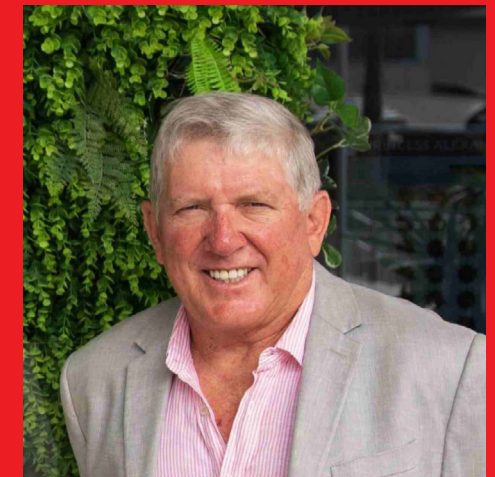
Murphy Builders



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Total Property Group



Congratulations to Tim Ryan

Daniel Morcombe Foundation board member of almost two decades Tim Ryan was recognised for his remarkable community work with an Order of Australia medal on Australia Day.

The award for community efforts was well deserved for Tim who has been a board member since the start of the Foundation.

Tim is also a Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club life member, Crime Stoppers Queensland board member, Wishlist's chairman and is a stalwart of Crime Stoppers Queensland.

We wish to thank Tim for his help and support over the years as a valued board member.



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