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## Diary Dates

Launch RIDE FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T  
July 22

TEAM Spencer Ball  
August 4

RIDE FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T  
September 15

Changing the Mindset Camp 2  
October 9 - 12

Annual Family Picnic at MyattsField  
October 21

'Row 38'  
November 18



*Muscular Dystrophy Western Australia  
is now proudly supported by Hockey WA*



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# From the CEO



The early 20th century American author James Branch Cabell wrote, "While it is well enough to leave footprints on the sands of time, it is even more important to make sure they point in a commendable direction." Cabell's words come to mind when I reflect on the impressive work of Prof Byron Kakulas and of the organisation, now known as Muscular Dystrophy Western Australia, which he created in 1967.

Byron built, nurtured and guided Muscular Dystrophy WA in a "commendable direction." Byron held the position of Medical Director from the organisation's inception until he stepped down from the role at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Association. Byron's legacy is profound and is one that will continue to benefit those with muscular dystrophy and allied conditions. He is truly deserving of our sincere thanks and gratitude.

I am delighted that Dr Peter W Rowe accepted nomination to the role of Medical Director; he was formally elected to that position at the Annual General Meeting. Peter is a Paediatric Neurologist with appointments at Princess Margaret Hospital and the State Child Development Centre. Peter's expertise and good counsel will ensure that Muscular Dystrophy WA continues to fulfil its vital mission.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the other Board Members elected at the recent AGM - Mr Rob Storey (President), Mr Dermot O'Keeffe (Vice President), Mr Geoff Woods (Treasurer), Mrs Susan Trahar and Mr Des McLean. Each of these fine people will continue to ensure that Muscular Dystrophy WA moves in a "commendable direction." I thank each of them for their support and guidance.

Mr Stan Perron has generously agreed to continue his role as Patron of Muscular Dystrophy WA. We are fortunate to have a Patron who takes an active and genuine interest in all that we do.

As we go to press, I can advise that we have just signed an important three-way Memorandum of Understanding between the Western Australian Hockey Association, Western Electric Sporting Association and Muscular Dystrophy WA. This important relationship will foster positive alignments with the WA not-for-profit, sporting, disability and health sectors and will clearly demonstrate our shared commitment to inclusion, health and quality of life. I pass on my sincere thanks to Mr Kevin Knapp, CEO of Hockey WA and Mr John Slinger, President of Western Electric Sporting Association for their efforts in ensuring that this relationship is forged.

Along with Hon John Day MLA, I recently had the pleasure of judging a 'scarecrow' competition organised by our great supporters, Rachael and Josh Davenport of MyattsField Vineyards.

Little did I know that I would, once again, be overwhelmed by the generosity of the Western Australian community. The winning entry was created by 10-year old Lily Hutchinson, a student at St Brigid's College, and her younger sister Cara. Their Dad, Craig, assisted with some of the heavier work. Following my presentation of the \$500 winner's cheque to Lily, she promptly announced that she, Cara and Craig were donating the prize to Muscular Dystrophy WA. Craig later told me that the family had previously talked about what it might mean to have muscular dystrophy and that Lily had promoted the idea of donating the prize money should their entry win.

Lily's, Cara's and Craig's understanding and incredible generosity is deeply moving. As is the case with each of our supporters, they have done something that should make a difference. It does.

John Gummer  
Chief Executive Officer

## Toyota WA Muscular Dystrophy Golf Classic 2012

Muscular Dystrophy WA is delighted to announce that the 2012 Toyota WA Muscular Dystrophy Golf Classic raised in excess of \$35,000 (net).



Twenty Teams took on the Ellenbrook Course with many playing in the tournament for the first time.

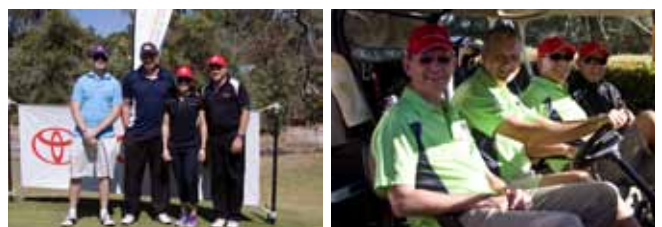
Heartfelt thanks to our Patron, Mr Stan Perron, for his continued support of the event. Thanks also to the Toyota WA Staff; Managing Director Mark Lauren and Executive Assistant Sue Fidock - without their valuable support, the day would not have been as successful.

To our sponsors Toyota WA, Toyota Financial Services and WA Hino - thank you.

Muscular Dystrophy WA acknowledges the generous support of our auction, prize and wine wall donors.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic help support the many services provided by Muscular Dystrophy WA.

*Front Cover (Top L) Toyota WA Team, (Top R) WA Hino Team.*



*(L) Toyota Financial Services Team, (R) Perron Group Team.*





# Are you ready to RIDE FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T?



Troy and James rode for Josh (2011)

More than \$85,000 (net) was raised in the 2011 RIDE FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T.

We need your help to assist us in making it an even bigger success in 2012!

Muscular Dystrophy WA challenges you to RIDE FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T at the Dwellingup 100 MTB Classic in September. You will enjoy the physical challenge of an exhilarating mountain bike ride and the challenge of raising much-needed funds to support Western Australians living with muscular dystrophy.

Be part of a dedicated Muscular Dystrophy Team who will personally ride 40 or 100km for someone living with muscular dystrophy. You have a unique opportunity to make a very real difference.

**Date:** Saturday 15 September 2012  
**Location:** Dwellingup Football Field, Dwellingup

For more information contact Brianna on 9382 2700 or email [brianna.odonnell@mdwa.org.au](mailto:brianna.odonnell@mdwa.org.au)



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## Dreamt of being a Vingeron? Always wanted your own label?

Muscular Dystrophy WA and MyattsField Vineyards are giving you the chance to 'own' a vineyard Row and all that it produces for one year!

The successful bidder will 'own' Row 38 of the Mourvedre block at MyattsField's Carmel Vineyard for 12 months. The row will bear the bidder (or bidder company's) name. The barrel of wine produced will be on display at cellar door and available for the bidder to sample throughout the year. The finished cases of wine will be presented to the successful bidder in time for Christmas. Each bottle will bear a special MyattsField Vineyards Muscular Dystrophy WA label.

**Sunday, 18 November 2012 - 5.00-7.00pm at Lamont's Wine Store, Cottesloe \$50 per person.**

To register your interest please contact Brianna at Muscular Dystrophy WA on 08 9382 2700 or [brianna.odonnell@mdwa.org.au](mailto:brianna.odonnell@mdwa.org.au)



## TREK FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T Changing the Mindset Camp

On March 16, eleven excited trekkers (pictured on cover) left Perth Airport bound for Kathmandu; each ready to TREK FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T.

Muscular Dystrophy WA is delighted with the outstanding dedication of the trekkers and their fundraising efforts.

In excess of \$20,000 was raised, which will be shared by Muscular Dystrophy WA and Muscular Dystrophy Nepal.

Muscular Dystrophy Nepal will use the funds raised to complete the building of a treatment centre. The facility will be the first of its kind in Nepal.

Many thanks to Lauren Brisco for organising this fundraising Trek.

In April, seven young people with muscular dystrophy attended a camp at Landsdale Farm School. Over three days, the campers were introduced to the new paralympic sport, Boccia (Pictured on cover).

In the evenings, they were entertained by the Murphy Brothers and Music Rocks Australia. We gratefully acknowledge Strike A Chord.

Trevor Paterson from Bizlink ran a workshop on goal setting and smart subject choices for a future career.

Thank you Rocky Bay and Commonwealth Care Link for funding support.



# Muscular Dystrophy WA thanks our major partners

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## Don't give all your money to the tax man

It's that time of the year again. Don't give all your hard earned dollars to the tax man. By sending your donation to Muscular Dystrophy WA before the end of tax year on 30 June 2012, you can receive your tax benefit. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. It's so easy... Use the donation slip below, phone 08 9382 2700 OR visit <https://donations.mdwa.org.au/>



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