Craniofacial Australia



A Train, A Plane, What Next ?????

Jordan "Biggie" Steffens generosity knows no bounds.

This wonderful individual recently took up the challenge thrown at him by David Koche from Sunrise to pull a Qantas plane. This came about as Jordan had rcently completed a steam enginge pull for the Steam Ranger Heritage Railway

Thanks to the cooperation of Qantas and the Adelaide Airport and some very fast wheeling and dealing Jordan got his chance to show us all what the strong man is made of!

With only 9 days to pull this together Jordan and our Events Manager showed anything can be achieved and nothing can stand in your way!

..... more details on Jordan's amazing achievement page 6

Who is Professor Timothy

South Australian Professor Timothy Cox & his wife Liza are making huge inroad into research for genetic links to Craniofacial condition Cleft Palate.

A Cleft Lip and Palate is the most commonly diagnosed congenital Craniofacial abnormality. Cleft Lip describes a gap in the upper lip, extending up into the nose. A Cleft

Palate is where there is a gap in the roof of the most resulting in an abnormal connection between the mouth and the nasal cavity. Cleft lip and Cleft Palate can occur together or separately. They can either affect only one side, in which case they are called a unilateral cleft, or both sides, or bilateral.

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Jordan "Biggie" Steffens After completing the Jet Pull

A huge shout out to Rex Symons who has not been the best of late. For those who don't know Rex, he has been the face of collections here in SA for nearly 14 years, tirelessly treading the paths of the state collecting donations for the foundation.

To date he has raised over \$195,000 for the Craniofacial Foundation. Rex we wanted you to know that the Board of ACMFF, Professor David, Management and Staff at the Foundation are all thinking of you and wish you all the best with your recovery



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Retirement?

Well retirement usually means one would go play golf and do all the things they had planned to do for years. However, this is not the case for Professor David. Even though he has stepped down from clinical practice he is still very much in demand. Public speaking engagements, teachng and podcasts have filled most of his first few months since then.





You can also access the latest discussion on Conversation with Cornsey at: https://www.acast.com/cornesy/conversationswithcornesy-professordaviddavid

CONVERSATIONS WITH CORNESY - PROFESSOR DAVID DAVID



TODAY TONITE FEATURE

Wednesday 25th July, Today Tonite featured the remarkable career of Professor David. This report by Patrick Major, Fifty years of rebuilding children's lives, the incredible career of an Adelaide surgeon, is one to watch View the report here:

https://www.todaytonightadelaide.com.au/stories/professor-david-david



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CEO Bob Snewin

I would like to commence this column with a sincere thank you to all those Craniofacial supporters who gave so generously in the month of June. Those funds were gratefully received and I can assure you will go to assist the children who have to go through a fairly long journey.

We finished the financial year in reasonably good shape with a significant amount of donations coming via the June Newsletter and other general donations during the "tax time" period.

In July we conducted our annual Craniofacial Race Day Luncheon attracting the usual strong group of race goers who support us every year with this popular event. We were delighted at the funds raised on the day through raffles and auctions, thanks to the great group of regulars who attended on the day. We were delighted this year that the South Australian Cricket Association brought two tables.

The Craniofacial Foundation is very grateful to our Ambassador Andrea Ogier for her regulars speaking engagements to various organizations undertaken on behalf of this Foundation, great work and our thanks Andrea.

I have also been doing some speaking engagements to groups/organisations as well which have been extremely rewarding. There are so many wonderful people supporting groups like Probus, Community Service Clubs who I have enjoyed speaking to and meeting.

You will be aware that there has been some press regarding the Australian Craniofacial Unit (ACFU) at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Whilst this Foundation supports ACFU in some ways as well as patients and other projects I must re-iterate Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation (ACMFF) and ACFU are completely separate stand alone entities.

I am pleased to advise we are currently updating the Craniofacial bequest booklet.

Thanks again for all your support.

Bob Snewin Chief Executive Officer

CEO Race Day

Our annual CEO Race Day provided an opportunity for some industry heavyweights to come and join our CEO at this invite only event to raise funds for Craniofacial Australia

We are delighted this year with the support form the South Australian Cricket Association who purchased tow tables at this event. A big thanks for the Auction items provided by Pam Podwysocki, Ozzie Oyster Farm Accomodation Package String of Pearls by Stirling Jewellers, Roof Climb from AOSMA & Dining Package from SAJC.

With profits from this event going to towards on-going patient support progam



Chairmans Room SAJC



Jordan "Biggie" Steffens Achieves his Goal

The challenge was thrown out by "Kochie" live on surnise, once news broke that Jordan Steffens had pulled a steam engine. K"Kochie" being "Kochie" then said why not pull a Qantas plane. This was no easy challenge. Our event Manger, Sharon, watching this live set the wheels in motion. Contacting Jordan directly, they set to work on getting the job done. First there were the hurdles in time frame allowed, 9 days!!!!. Not detered, they secured the approvals, cleared all security issues and gathered together the fantastic team from Adelaide Airport and Qantas to get the Plane and venue ready.

All they then needed were some big hearted sponsors and Jordan to achieve. This he did... Jordan "biggie" steffens achieved his dream of pulling a 737-800. What a privellege it was to witness this awesome feat.

Not even a torrential downpour, gale force wind and rain hitting us all on a 45 degree angle could stop this man mountain from achieving what he set out to do. Preparations began around 3 am and the pull itself was televised by Sunrise during live weather crosses from 5am. Adelaide Airport became the nations focus as Jordan pulled the Qantas 737 - 800 nearly 15 meters.

First to congratulate Jordan, was Professor David himself, standing our on the tarmac with the rest of us watching this unfold. When Jordan was asked how it felt to achieve his goal, he replied "Man it was wet and windy! The kilt is going full Marilyn Monroe style LOL you could feel EVERY bit of that 80 tonne and wind." We think special surprise guest Hanns agreed.

Jordan you are a true inspiration in believing in yourself, your dreams and how to overcome any obstacle. For those of you who missed this epic event, pop over to our Facebook page and take a look at all the coverage courtesy of links provided by Sunrise.

Thank you for allowing us all to be part of your dream and to the Sponsors who helped out Jordan to raise around \$12k for Craniofacial Australia.

Thank you to: Sunrise - Sam Mac, Producer Sean & Team Qantas - Jessica for allowing us to hold this in Adelaide The Magnificent team at Adelaide Airport

Sponsors: RAA | Adelaide Independent Taxis The general public for their donations.

Jordan's Sponsors:

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Final word from Jordan "Without Sharon what I have done would have been impossible"









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SA Born & Bred - Professor Timothy Cox

We are so proud to promote the fantastic work of our own SA Born talent and Professor Timothy Cox is such an individual. Timothy's family recently updated us on his break through research with his Cranio Facial research in Seattle Childrens Hospital.

The article picked up by the Sydney Morning Herald, which have granted us permission to use extracts from can be found at: https://www.smh.com.au/healthcare/elusive-genes-could-reassureparents-of-cleft-lip-and-palate-babies-20180607-p4zk5r.html Timothy was not only born in Adelaide, he studied at Adelaide Uni and was mentored by our SA of the Year 2018, Professor David David. Moving to Seattle he has quickly established his career and credentials with a team of Australian and international scientists have discovered four genes linked to a significant proportion of cleft lip and cleft palates.

Professor Cox said "the research opened the door for further research that could lead to new treatments."

"The genetic pathway that emerged from these data gathered through collaboration with clinical teams from around the world is arguably one of the most significant advances in cleft lip and palate genetics in the last 15 years," said Professor Cox, also chair of Paediatric Craniofacial Medicine at the Seattle Children's Research Institute.

Congratulations Professor Cox, we are proud to let the rest of the Australia and the World know that you are South Australian and making a difference like he team here in Adelaide in: Changing Faces | Changing Lives



Professor Tim Cox

Adelaide Craniofacial Centre's Walter Flapper provided further information:

At the Australian Craniofacial Unit, children with cleft lip and palate are managed by a dedicated multidisciplinary team. This starts from the time of diagnosis and continues for as long as treatment is required, sometimes extending well into adulthood. There are often multiple surgical procedures required, the timing of which is carefully staged to ensure the best possible outcome.

Members of the team that are usually involved in cleft lip and palate are:





Craniofacial Surgeons | Speech Pathologists | ENT Surgeons Anaethetists | Dentists |Orthodontist | Audiologist |Social Workers | Paediatricians.

Left: Parker & Arlo Kenchington Both boys were born with unilateral incomplete cleft lip

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SALA 2018 - Art Journey Through Time

Setting the scene for our SALA - Art Journey through time was not difficult when you utilise the historic Tunnels situated under the Adina Apartment Hotel Treasury Building in the city. Friday 3rd, August, saw close to 200 people travel through time during the evening. Showcasing the night were local exhibitors Emma Hack, Rising Sun Pictures, Denis Smith, Entice Photography, Omega Picture Framers, A Small Art Factory, Deb Jones, Indigenu & Danae Thyssen. The haunting sounds of the digeridoo was played by David Thorpe

Capped off with our fundraising Auction, were many pieces were sold on the night help raise funds for the ongoing patient support for Craniofacial Australia.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their contribution to the event: Sponsors MGA Insurance, Adina Apartment Hotel Treasury, Novatech Creative Technology, Atlas Event Hire, Washed Up Australia, De Young Salvage, Gelista, Golden North &

Any event would not be possible without the fabulous volunteers, thank you to Dagmar, Lin, Darren, & Holly and for offering your time, to help on the night, it is greatly appreciated.

To the staff at Adina: Charlotte, Hayden & Marcus thank you for making everything easy.





We look forward to seeing you all again in 2019

Incredible Talent Emma Hack creation inspired by Verushka with the help of Becstar blends into the existing Tunnel bay window So realistic that several guest screamed in shock when she moved away from her position during the evening.



Enjoying their evening Emma Hack & Cheryl Wilsdon

Left: This magnificent light painting by Denis Smith was custom made for our event



Out & About





Jordan "Biggie" Steffens trusted team manager Matt Leslie

Jordan "Biggie" Steffens & Professor David



Jordan commences the "Pull"



The ground crew who made this possible For security we are not allowed to name these wonderful individuals



Jordan's Mum Margie on hand to lend support



SALA Highlights





Suzannah Toop, Guest & Cheryl Wilsdon



Dianne & Alby Kenny enjoy SALA with Megan & Luke Christodoulou, Sandy & Richard Bevan at Adina Apartment Hotel Adelaide Treasury.

Indigenu themeing by Washed Up Australia



Rising Sun Pictures Thor: Ragnarok Audiovisual by Novatech Creative Technology



Artwork by Cheryl Wilsdon



Unique framing artwork by Luke Christodoulou, from Omega Picture Frames



The "Tunnels"



Fi & her auction purchase A Small Art Factory piece "Dragonfly"





Visit from "Little Lions"



What a great way to start the day... A visit from Indiana, Addison and Andrew from the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc who brought us some hand made pillows for the patients at Kate Hill Ward. Thank you so much for the generous gifts they will certainly be welcomed by the patients and their families.

Indiana, Addison and Andrew from the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc

Speaking Engagements

Bob Snewin, our CEO was invited to speak at the Probus Club of Port Victor Combine. Bob updated the group on all the wonderful things happening at Craniofacial Australia. The group also generously presented Bob with funds raised for the Foundation after his talk. Thank you for being part of heping us by Changing Faces | Changing Lives



President Ruth & Bob Snewin

Farewell Lizzy & Chris

It is with sadness that we farewelled long term employee Elizabeth Dalwood.

Affectionately known to many as LIZZY we will miss her fabulous sense of humour, dedication and kindness. Lizzy has chosen to spend more time with her family.

We also farewell Chris Evans who has worked at the Foundation for over 13 years, thank you for your dedication and committment.

On behalf of the Board of ACMFF, Professor David, Management and staff we wish you all the best for the future.





What's on in 2018



We sold out early last year so don't leave it too late. Join Lauren from Adelady at this years Melbourne Cup Bookings open at Oztix www.oztix.com.au





Register your family for the Craniofacial Christmas Picnic Saturday 10 November 2018 Botanic Park Commencing at 11.30 am - 3:30 pm email info@acmff.org.au Free for all patients and their immediate family

\$25 per family non patients (up to 5 people) Rides, BBQ, Santa, Face Painting and more





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Your family Zoo pass is on the way and we hope you and your family enjoy the outing





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