

From Tokyo via the beach to Castlereagh Street Sydney to Yalari

So much has happened in the last 21 days. People talking over back fences around Byron Bay led to a chat between Phil Latham and myself, which led to \$25,000+ being donated in several hours to Yalari.

The 9th November was an extraordinary day. Armed with Yalari business cards and still bowing, I met, thanked and celebrated with Yalari's navigators and friends. In the morning at St Leonards I met with Stuart Gibb-Cumming from The Creative Zoo, our famous pro-bono designers. In him I discovered a heartfelt desire to put back into society.

In the evening 14 people orchestrated a \$25,000 donation to Yalari in honour of a friend who had died and the Caroline McDonald Scholarship Fund was born. Children not yet in school will send wide smiles and thanks to Katherine Brooks, Craig and Beth Haskins, Rebecca and Steve Graham, Richard Lee and Renato Mendoza, Merideth McCluskey and Richard Flintcroft, Clayton Noble and Andrew Purchas, Mike Zimmerman, Justin Nolan and Lisa Wright. Justine, Andrew and Rebecca gave moving anecdotes from time with Caroline. The room didn't move.

I met the people who formed Caroline's essence: her family, the McDonalds – Bill and Maggie; Lee, her sister, and Dennis and Georgina her brother and sister-in-law.

This moving event, with substantial canapés, happened on the 32nd floor in a room with a view. Thank you Stephen Price and again Richard Flincroft from Corrs Chambers Westgath for allowing this to happen at your place. This magnificent view became even more splendid as sustenance of a golden kind was handed around. Proceeds from sales of cases flowed from Fiona Saintry of Farm Thirteen. Rum case panels are built inside the walls of the New South Wales Legislative Council and wine sales are contributing to Indigenous children's education. Good causes.

During the evening, on behalf of Yalari I met and thanked Andrew Chewing from Headland Press, our professional pro bono printer. I hope you enjoy us as much as we enjoy you Andrew.

Thank you all for spending time with Yalari and promoting our goal: "to give a hand up not a hand out".



Anne Power
(Yalari's new Development Manager)

Orion Expedition Cruises

Most Australians are great travellers and we all love to plan our escapes to romantic villas in Tuscany, glamorous ski resorts in the US or simple beach huts on idyllic pacific islands. What about this great country of ours? There is so much adventure and beauty to be found in our own back yard. So, how about this for something fabulous and wonderful?

Orion Expedition Cruises have very generously donated the most fantastic prize for the Yalari dinner. Imagine cruising along the majestic Kimberley Coast on a very exclusive boutique expedition cruiser, accessing pristine and remote areas in Australia's far north-west. You can choose to join their zodiac fleet on personalised journeys of discovery or stay on board and luxuriate in nautical splendour.

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Fiona Latham
Event Director –
Yalari Fundraising Dinner



And many more thanks...

The list goes on, but that is the only way that Yalari keeps going, through the generosity of spirit, time and finances of a whole community. Some people's help is obvious, others you need to look closely to see, and others like to just 'slip under the radar' with their contributions. Wherever you fit in, Esaw (thanks).

Thank you to John Taberner and Jason Johnston from Freehills, Brett Delaney from PricewaterhouseCoopers, Julie Bishop MP and Susan Smith and Mark Snowden from DEST, Sharon Cooke, Paul Flanagan from Davidson Trahaire, Camille Gaveriaux and Sandrine Vinay, Annette Bain and Kerrie Nelson from Freehills Foundation, Paula Brennan, Pamela O'Loughlin and Murgon State School, Trish Hyde, Caroline McDonald, Lisa Cahill, Andrew and Leisa Callaghan, Trish and Kerry Pidcock, Carol and Bob Cuffe, John Bolton, Paul Sheahan and Richard Oliver from Melbourne Grammar School, Anne Power, Judy Gillies, Ken Duncan from Woorabinda State School, Jo Ross from Cherbourg State School, Darren Schmidt from Tarong Energy, Pip Warwick and Murray Guest and Ian Lloyd and Dennis Dempster from The Armidale School, and Michelle Flasks and Jeff McMullen from Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth.

And to all the wonderful people we have met in our travels this year, a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2007.



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There is no doubt that we will make this world a better place if children are given our first priority, all children. Their welfare is our responsibility.
Esaw (thanks)

Supporting Yalari

Yalari is keen to hear from organisations and individuals interested in supporting Yalari.

The form below enables you to make a direct donation to Yalari. Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible (through our auspicing organisation the Ian Thorpe Foundation). We are in the process of obtaining tax deductibility status in our own right from the Australian Taxation Office with the assistance of our pro bono lawyers Freehills.

To discuss your ideas about how you could help Yalari or to make a bequest contact us on 07 5532 0559. Everyone can make a difference to educating our future Indigenous leaders so please consider how you can be involved.

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Yalari

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Yalari is committed to the empowerment, motivation and support of Indigenous children from Indigenous communities throughout Australia. As a not-for-profit company, Yalari is dedicated to creating a national network of educational opportunities for Indigenous children.

Founded through a partnership between Indigenous educationalist, Waverley Stanley and investment banker Philip Latham, Yalari seeks funding from government, corporate and individual benefactors aiming to raise \$12 million to support 250 children over the next 10 years. Yalari aims to provide programs which break the cycle of poverty, abuse or other misfortune by giving Indigenous children the opportunity for a first class education through a full boarding scholarship at the highest achieving secondary schools in Australia. Yalari, from the Birra Gubba Indigenous Language group, means 'child'. It is the name Waverley Stanley, as the Founding Director of Yalari Limited, has been given permission to use by Grandfather 'Blokey' Wilson from Palm Island.

Below: Waverly Stanley, Top Row Left



Year One Report Card

As our first full year of the scholarship program draws to a close, we look back on an exciting year for Yalari in 2006 as we prepare for a big increase in the program in 2007. Thanks to wonderful support from the general public, government, corporates and family foundations, our first scholars started in January this year and Danny, Shonel and Latifah will complete their first year at boarding school shortly. This first year has been a good test for the children as well as a good test and learning ground for Yalari. The children have thrived in their new schools and grown in their confidence and academic achievements. At Yalari, we have learned from the children's experiences, from their parents, their communities and their teachers over the year, so that we can continue to grow the program, improve our selection, management, monitoring and support processes.

As the year has progressed, we have been astounded at the level of support we have received from all parts of society. Our Board has expanded, our management team has grown and we are now able to fund and support a greater number of scholarship recipients in our second year. At this stage, we have selected 11 scholarship recipients across all the eastern states to commence their studies in January 2007. It is a great credit to Waverley and Llew and their team that so many academically capable children and their parents and communities have learned about Yalari and the Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Scholarship Program. We believe that we have found some of the most gifted children in their communities and the whole board has been involved in assessing the short listed applications.

In 2007, as well as managing the program, our focus will turn to major fundraising activities and developing long term relationships with our supporters, the schools and the communities that are home to the current and future scholarship recipients. We hope to see many familiar faces and some new supporters at the Yalari Fundraising Dinner on the 22 March 2007.

Thank you to all who have supported us and worked with us during 2006!

Philip Latham
Founding Chairman



Above: Nellie

Their Dreams in our Hands

Once again I'd like to thank people from far and wide (globally) who support and contributed to Yalari in their own way. I'm constantly overwhelmed by people's generosity. I sincerely thank you.

If I could make special mention of the recipients of our scholarships for next year, 2007 and their families. These children and families place their trust in Yalari and what we are all aiming to achieve for the betterment of Indigenous people. I am sure these young children aren't fully aware of the impact partaking in one of these scholarships will have on their lives, the lives of their families and Indigenous people. Then again, their dreams are big enough, so maybe they already do understand the opportunity they a receiving to make those dreams come true. At the age of 11, 12 or 13 they have the courage to honestly write down on an application form what it is they really want for themselves. And that's the first step. Forensic scientist, film maker, nurse, dancer, primary school teacher, medical scientist for diseases, police officer, Australian hockey player, hairdresser, a physical education teacher, lawyer, and one child has written, 'I just want to get a job where I make lots of money'. I guess he means corporate business man?

I'm looking forward to the day in five or six years time when these bright, enthusiastic and gifted children graduate from their respective high schools and take the next steps towards their dreams. Until then, they are safe in the hands of the Yalari community.

Waverley Stanley
Founding Director

Toowoomba Grammar School

Toowoomba Grammar School in Queensland is an independent, non-denominational School for boys, both dayboys and boarding. It is a member of the Great Public Schools (GPS) Association of Queensland and also the Grammar Schools' Association. Toowoomba Grammar School, with nearly 300 boarders from throughout Queensland, Northern New South Wales and the Northern Territory, is one of the largest boys' boarding schools in Australia.

Toowoomba Grammar School is proud to be associated with Yalari for at least three primary reasons. The first is that Mr Waverley Stanley, the founder of the Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship Programme under the auspices of Yalari, is an Old Boy of this School. Waverley was the first indigenous student to successfully complete his Year 12 studies at this School and he is a highly respected Old Boy.

Through the School's association with Waverley and Yalari Limited, this year we enrolled a young indigenous boy, Danny Alberts, into Year 8. On almost a daily basis I see Danny around the school grounds or in the classroom, frequently with a broad smile on his face. The School community is delighted that Danny is residing and studying with us as a Boarder. As a School we are deriving much benefit from Danny's presence.

A third reason why Toowoomba Grammar School is committed to Yalari Ltd is because of our shared philosophy. Toowoomba Grammar School is proud to be working with Yalari in an attempt to help young indigenous boys receive a quality education.

P. B. Hauser
Headmaster



Below: Danny



Below: Danny's Family

The Best For Our Children

I am so proud of Danny for staying at TGS for this long and the year is almost finished now. He came to the school, into the unknown, and now has made so many friends on the way. I can't believe that he made it this far, after all he was the man of the house. Danny has had his ups and downs during the school year, only because he was homesick a lot, but I encouraged him to hang in there. Waverley and TGS have given Danny a great opportunity at this type of education (living at a boarding school), an experience that he will never forget.

As parents we all want the best for our children and giving them opportunities like this will broaden their horizons and goals of what they would like to become when they finish grade 12. There are a lot of opportunities out there and they just need to take advantage of them and succeed, not only for their loved ones and for the people who are supporting them 100%, BUT for themselves. Life isn't always straight, a bump is sometimes thrown into the works and we as a family and community need to work together and sort the bumps out. But together we can make a difference.

One year down, that is a huge hurdle, and four to go. But one day at a time is all we ask, to confront the negatives and positives that are ahead.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported Danny through this tough year and a big thank you to Waverley and TGS.

Trica Alberts (Danny's Mum)

Thanks to AVCAL again...

The AVCAL conference in Cairns in September attracted 800 delegates. As they did in 2005, AVCAL conducted a raffle and auction for Yalari, their chosen charity for the year.

A painting by Papunya Tula artist, Joseph Jurra Tjapaltjarri, was raffled and \$35,000 was raised. The winner was Peter Ludemann of AMP Capital Investors.

In addition a bark painting by Djambawa Marawili of Arnhem Land was auctioned. The successful bidder was Nikki Brown of MVision. Net proceeds from the auction were \$10,000.

Yalari is truly grateful of the support AVCAL and Andrew Green (CEO) have given us over the last couple of years. We wish Andrew all the very best in his new endeavours.

The launch of the Yalari 'Caroline McDonald Scholarship'

On Thursday November 9th the launch of the Caroline McDonald Scholarship was held in Sydney at the law offices of Corrs Chambers Westgarth. The launch was attended by over 80 people and raised in excess of \$25,000 on the night and another \$12,000 in pledges through sponsorship of some of Caroline's friends running in the recent 2006 NY marathon. This money will go directly towards Yalari's Indigenous education program. The idea for setting up the scholarship came not quite a year ago from a group of 14 of Caroline's friends* who were brought together under very different circumstances. One year ago while out for a run, Caroline unexpectedly suffered cardiac arrest and died a few days later on November 22, 2005 aged only 38 years. Caroline was an exuberant personality who lived life to the fullest and won the admiration, respect and love of all those she met. Caroline had grown up in Canberra, received her law degree from ANU then practiced law in Sydney with Corrs Chambers Westgarth. At the time of her death, she had spent the past several years living in New York which she had adopted as her second home, working in advertising for Lowe Worldwide and had recently run the NY marathon twice. Out of the sorrow and tragedy surrounding her sudden death came a desire to find a way to help Caroline live on not only in the lives of her friends and family but to put her strong spirit to work in helping others.

The Caroline McDonald scholarship will be awarded each year to an Indigenous child already in the Yalari program, who has shown outstanding achievement both academically and 'by shown to be 'having a go' in all areas of boarding school life. Through the establishment of this scholarship it is hoped that the opportunities Caroline had and the many that she created will be extended to these indigenous children.

*The scholarship has been established by Katherine Brooks; Rebecca and Steve Graham; Beth and Craig Haskins; Richard Lee and Renato Mendoza, Merideth McCluskey and Richard Fliteroft; Clayton Noble and Andrew Purchas; Justine Nolan and Mike Zimmerman; and Lisa Wright.

2007 Students

The team at Yalari have searched communities and towns far and wide to find next years recipients of the Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarships. At the time of print, these are the outstanding children who have been offered the opportunity to board at one of the high achieving secondary schools which partner with Yalari.

Tyson Holloway-Clarke will attend The Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston. Tyneal Johnson, Courtney Barker, Mickayla Allen and Janara Roberts will all attend PLC Armidale. Emma Pope and Carla Fisher will attend The Glennie School in Toowoomba. Lincoln Childs and David Harrison will attend Toowoomba Grammar School. Janus Walford will attend The Scots College in Sydney. Brenton Cressbrook will attend The Rockhampton Grammar School and Bevan Walker will attend The Armidale School.

And continuing on with their scholarships and entering their second year of secondary school, are Latifah Simpson, Nellie Bond and Danny Alberts.



Below: Latifah



Below: Adam Spencer

Yalari Fundraising Dinner Thursday, March 22nd 2007

Preparations are underway for the 2nd annual Yalari (Fun)draising Dinner. We are booked into the Paddington Town Hall in Sydney for 'Another Very Special Night' of great music, stories, wine and food. And all for a very important and worthy cause. Adam Spencer will again be our MC. Welcome and thank you to Petaluma wines who have so generously offered to provide the wines for the dinner. Petaluma wines will be serving their finest, there will be an array of prizes and goodies to tempt you and there will be a special guest speaker.

This year we are introducing corporate tables. These will be limited to ten tables of ten who will be offered premium seating and logo and company acknowledgement. The cost for a corporate table is \$3,500. First in best dressed. Regular tables are priced at \$1,950 or tickets can be purchased individually at \$195 each.

To receive an invitation, please send your details to Fiona Latham at fslatham@bigpond.net.au For enquiries please phone our Sydney office on 02 9968 3999.

Invites will be sent out in late January. We look forward to your continued support and interest in this occasion.

Below Left: Peter Garrett, Jimmy Little & Bryan Brown
Below Right: The Last Fundraising Dinner

