



# Summary Annual Report 2008/09

## motivation australia

**Motivation Australia is a not for profit disability and development organisation that works in partnership with local organisations to enhance the quality of life of people with mobility disabilities in the Asia Pacific region, including rural and remote Australia.**

### Introduction

I am delighted to introduce Motivation Australia's second annual report. We are proud of our achievements this year, coordinated and managed by our small team including our part time Asia Pacific Programme Director, new part time administrator and a small number of consultants who leave their regular jobs for short periods to invest their expertise in our programmes.

Our work has expanded to include new partners in three countries, and we have become increasingly recognised as a resource for information on strategies to improve access for wheelchair users to effective wheelchair services.

The response to our invitation to attend the first Wheelchair Consensus Symposium in this region, from a range of stakeholders, demonstrated the growing awareness of the need for more appropriate solutions to effective wheelchair provision. There is increasing

recognition of the need to move away from a charity / medical model and embrace an approach which fundamentally recognises an individual's right to mobility, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability (articles 4, 20 and 26).

I hope that you enjoy reading the highlights of our year, and would like to thank all of those who have contributed to the activities and programmes. For more information on any of our programmes, please visit [www.motivation.org.au](http://www.motivation.org.au)

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of key staff within each of our partner organisations; the support and voluntary input of our growing membership; the guidance of each member of Motivation Australia's board; and of course the funds provided by our donors.

**James Davidson,**  
Chairperson  
Motivation Australia  
Development Organisation

### Vision

Our vision is of a world that promotes everyone's right to mobility and inclusion.

We believe mobility is an essential human right that enables people to achieve inclusion in all aspects of life.

Our work is about ensuring that local people have the skills to build and provide appropriate mobility equipment and services for people with disabilities in their communities.

### Achievements

#### Partnerships

Motivation Australia works in close partnership with local people and organisations and highly values the knowledge, perspective and expertise our partners bring. We also recognise that often the success of our joint programmes depends on the hard work and dedication of key individuals within our partner organisations.

This year we have continued to build strong partnerships with local organisations ASSERT in East Timor, the Community Based Rehabilitation Unit in the Solomon Islands, the National Orthotics and Prosthetics Service in Papua New Guinea, the Sirindhorn National Medical Rehabilitation Service in Thailand, the Tungaru

Rehabilitation Service and Te Toa Matoa in Kiribati; and the Aboriginal Disability Network in Australia.

#### Wheelchair Consensus Symposium

In September 2008 Motivation Australia co-ordinated and co-hosted with the National Committee on Rehabilitation Engineering and the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre (Adelaide) a Wheelchair Consensus Symposium. The Symposium, funded by AusAID through the International Seminar Support Scheme, brought together stakeholders in disability and development in less resourced settings in Australia and the Asia Pacific Region.



The two day Symposium introduced the World Health Organisation (WHO) Guidelines on the Provision of Manual Wheelchairs in Less Resourced Settings. These guidelines, launched in August 2008 are a major mile-stone in disability and development, providing for

the first time minimum guidelines for all stakeholders addressing the three key areas of wheelchair provision: products, services and training.

The Symposium offered a unique opportunity for stakeholders from nine countries in the region including Australia to share challenges and solutions to meeting the huge need for appropriate wheelchair provision.

A number of the organisations which met for the first time during the Symposium are continuing to network and pool their skills to improve the quality of their work in meeting the needs of wheelchair users.

### **Mobility: products, services and training**

*Training in the Pacific:* In February 2009 Motivation Australia ran training in wheelchair provision and Worldmade wheelchair assembly in Honiara, Solomon Islands.



The training was hosted by the Community Based Rehabilitation Unit (Department of Rehabilitation, Solomon Islands Ministry of Health) and funded by the Planet Wheeler Foundation, Australian Volunteers International and Adelaide South Rotary Club. The course was attended by six staff of the CBR Unit; three staff from the Tungaru Rehabilitation Service in

Kiribati and supported by eight wheelchair user volunteers.

*East Timor:* In July 2009 we worked with our partners ASSERT in East Timor to run a three day workshop for their wheelchair provision staff. The workshop focused on prescribing and fitting modifications to wheelchairs to meet the needs of wheelchair users who need extra postural support.

Five wheelchair users, including three children, participated in the workshop – providing participants with an opportunity to practise their skills.



*Thailand:* In the latter half of the year, Motivation Australia began planning a new programme in Thailand, working in partnership with the Sirindhorn National Medical Rehabilitation Centre (SNMRC).

SNMRC is a centre of excellence in Thailand, and is developing a team to provide assistive technology including wheelchairs. In September 2009 Motivation Australia will begin a comprehensive training programme with SNMRC staff, building their capacity to both deliver effective wheelchair services and disseminate training throughout Thailand.

*Australia:* We were honoured to participate in the first National Leadership Workshop for Aboriginal People with a Disability. The

workshop gave us an opportunity to hear first-hand the challenges Australian aboriginals with a disability face – particularly those living in remote locations.

We are continuing to discuss with the Aboriginal Disability Network and other organisations what role Motivation Australia may play in helping to improve the access aboriginal wheelchair users have to quality wheelchair services.

*Wheelchairs:* Motivation Australia assisted in the coordination of a donation of more than 700 Worldmade wheelchairs to our partners in Papua New Guinea through the Latter Day Saints and Rotary Clubs in PNG; and 350 wheelchairs to our partners in East Timor through the Wheelchair Foundation. We secured funding for 60 Worldmade wheelchairs to be sent to our partners in Kiribati and 40 Worldmade wheelchairs were shipped to the Solomon Islands to initiate wheelchair services there.

### **Collaborations**

Motivation is a member of the Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC); an associate member of the Pacific Disability Forum and Australian Pacific Islands Disability Support.

Our application to be a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a Signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct is pending.

### **Raising awareness**

Motivation Australia participated in and presented at a number of international conferences including ARATA (Australian rehabilitation Assistive Technology Association) in Adelaide; the ADDC National

Conference in Canberra; the Pacific Disability Forum in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Motivation Australia provided a briefing to the AusAID disability task force on the World Health Organisation Guidelines on the Provision of Manual Wheelchairs in Less Resourced Settings.

We also had the opportunity to introduce our work and the importance of appropriate wheelchair service provision for aboriginals living in rural and remote communities in Australia to Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services Bill Shorten.

## **Atateke Neeri, Kiribati**

Atateke is a physiotherapist based at the Tungaru Rehabilitation Service (TRS) in Kiribati. Atateke trained as a physiotherapist in Fiji, and works within TRS seeing both in-patients and out-patients. A great deal of her work involves working with people who have long term disabilities, including wheelchair users.



Atateke participated in the two week training course held in Honiara in February 2009. The course aimed to provide participants with the skills needed to safely and effectively provide a manual wheelchair for wheelchair users who are able to sit without support (and therefore do not require



‘supportive seating’ or wheelchair modifications).

Atateke says of the course:

*“I am grateful and privileged to be one of the trainees in the course on wheelchair prescription run by Motivation Australia in the Solomon Islands.*

*The course was fantastic because I gained skills and knowledge. The course will be beneficial to my clients because they will receive their own comfortable, well fitted and suitable wheelchair. My special thanks to our trainers who worked hard to share their skills and knowledge with us”*

With the support of an Australian Volunteers International volunteer occupational therapist, the staff at TRS in Kiribati will soon be initiating a wheelchair service. Motivation Australia will be following and supporting their progress closely.

## Charlie Gray

Charlie Gray lives in Malaita Province in the Solomon Islands. He is married with two beautiful children, and is self employed selling plastic bags at the local market.



Following training in wheelchair provision provided by Motivation Australia, the Honiara Community Based Rehabilitation Unit provided

Charlie with a Worldmade Rough Terrain wheelchair. This wheelchair enables Charlie to travel the 6km journey to and from the market where he works without assistance for the first time.

## The Board

Motivation Australia thanks the members of our Board of Governors for their continued support and expert advice:



**James Davidson**  
BEc FCPA FTIA  
Chairperson

James is currently the principal of a bespoke Adelaide accountancy firm providing audit, accounting and taxation services. James has worked for national and international accountancy firms in Australia and Europe. He has also lectured and tutored in Economics at the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.



**David Constantine**  
MDes RCA, FRGS, FRSA

David is Co-Founder and Executive Officer of Motivation UK. When travelling in Australia in 1982 at the age of 21, David broke his neck, which left him quadriplegic. David co-founded Motivation in 1991.



**Dr Ruth Marshall**  
MBBS (Sydney), DPRM,  
FAFRM (RACP).

Ruth is a Rehabilitation Physician and has been the Medical Director of the South Australian Spinal Cord Injury Service since 1986 and Medical Director of the Orthopaedic, Amputee and Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Service at the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre and Royal Adelaide Hospital since 1988.



**Kylie Mines**  
BApp. Sc. OT

Kylie is Secretary, and Asia Pacific Programme Director. She has had a strong interest in wheelchair provision and supportive seating since qualifying as an Occupational Therapist in Adelaide in 1989. Kylie has worked for Motivation UK since 1993.



**Deb Hartley**  
BApp. Sc, MPH

Deb Hartley is an independent consultant working in the field of international public health, aid & development. Since 2005 Deb has also co-ordinated the Master of Health and International Development Masters Programme at Flinders University.



**Eric Russell MBE**

Eric is a paralympic athlete and sporting coach. Winning numerous gold medals and setting multiple world records he continues to be an active member of the international paralympic movement, coaching teams in developing countries in the region. Eric suffered a spinal cord injury in a motor vehicle accident in 1971 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.



**Dr Lloyd Walker**  
BE (Hons) Mechanical; PhD  
(Bioengineering); CPEng  
(Biomed) ATP

Lloyd is Managing Director of Tech4Life, a consulting firm focused on enabling people through technology. His current focus is on knowledge translation to assist consumers, policy makers and providers achieve the most out of assistive technology. Lloyd was previously the Director of NovitaTech, Australia's largest specialist Rehabilitation Engineering and assistive technology centre in Australia.

# Financial Report

**Spend per \$1:** 61c out of every \$1 was spent on overseas projects; 30c out of every \$1 was spent on community education (including wheelchair consensus symposium); 9c out of every \$1 was spent on fundraising & administration

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$10,896.36</b>		
<b>Revenue (AU\$)</b>	<b>Expenses (AU\$)</b>		
Donations - general	1,865.00	Overseas projects	41,533.78
Kiribati Wheelchair Appeal	1,294.69	Wheelchair Consensus Symposium	16,601.42
Membership	5,199.54	Community education	3,628.24
Grants	80,701.11	Fundraising costs	1,152.82
Other income	9,687.27	Administration	5,308.19
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$98,747.61</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$68,224.45</b>
<b>Balance (excess over revenue)</b>	<b>\$30,523.16</b>		

## Table of cash movements (AU\$)

	Cash available at beginning of financial year	Cash raised during financial year	Cash disbursed during financial year	Cash available at end of financial year
East Timor Programme	2,313.32	-	3,300.11	(986.79)
Indonesia Feasibility Study	137.95	5,755.00	6,042.03	(149.08)
Wheelchair Consensus Symposium	-	16,658.72	16,601.42	57.30
Solomon Islands and Kiribati programmes	-	48,804.27	26,475.49	22,328.78
Thailand feasibility and planning	-	5,911.61	5,716.15	195.46
Kiribati Wheelchair Appeal	-	1,294.69	-	1,294.69
Motivation Australia establishment	7,254.35	7,695.31	7,000.95	7,948.71
Pacific Disability Forum Conference	-	1,135.41	1,621.27	(485.86)
Other	1,190.74	11,492.60	1,467.03	11,216.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,896.36</b>	<b>98,747.61</b>	<b>68,224.45</b>	<b>41,419.52</b>

## Statement of the Board of Governors

In the opinion of the committee this statement of receipts and payments presents fairly the statement of receipts and payments of Motivation Australia Development Organisation Incorporated as at 30 June 2009 and its performance for the year ended on that date. Signed on behalf of the Board of Governors,



**James Davidson, Chairperson,**  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2009



**Ruth Marshall**  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2009

## Summary of Independent Auditor's statement

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Motivation Australia Development Organisation Inc (the association) which comprises a statement of bank balances as at 30 June 2009, receipts and payments statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee. In our opinion the financial report of Motivation Australia Development Organisation Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Motivation Australia Development Organisation Inc as of 30 June 2009 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.



**Michael Van Dyk,**  
**Van Dyk Newbold and Co.,**  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2009

A full copy of the financial report and auditor's statement is available on request.