



FROM THE COAST

Inspirational Visitors

This week Esperance will receive a visit from an inspiring fundraiser known as the 'mowerman'. 70 year old Claude Harvey is well known around the country for his fundraising adventures and incredible achievements in helping to protect Aussie kids from sexual assault. He is attempting to raise \$1 million in funds for child protection organisation Bravehearts, and is well on his way having already raised \$830,000.

This will be the first time Claude has brought his message to WA. The disturbing statistic is that one in five Aussie kids will be sexually harmed before their 18th birthday. Claude's ambitious goal is to change this by making Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.

The Esperance community will no doubt get behind Claude and make him feel welcome as he passes through, and it's certainly not the first time we've had the pleasure of greeting such an inspirational visitor.

In 2014 Actor Samuel Johnson rode around Australia on a unicycle, raising money for research and awareness of breast cancer, breaking a Guinness World Record along the way. His stop in Esperance was a highlight for the community with the well-known actor giving his time generously, attending community events and conducting media interviews. His campaign Love Your Sister, has raised more than double his initial goal of a million dollars.

Jacob French was another notable visitor. In 2011 he set off on a trek across Australia, from Perth to Sydney, in a Stormtrooper outfit to raise money for the Starlight Foundation. Jacob averaged more than 40km a day for 5 days a week, crossing 4 states in a modified Stormtrooper armoured suit and pushing a buggy with supplies, all to help the lives of seriously ill children. He arrived in Esperance in 2012 and spent time here sharing stories and taking the time to get some rest before embarking on another harrowing leg of his journey.

In 2011 we had a special visit from Dean "Carrot" Wheeler and his yellow kelpie, Coffee who were riding a pushbike across the country to Sydney to raise money for the MS Society and the Cancer Council. Carrot raised the money for the Cancer Council in honour of his father who he lost to cancer.

In the long trek across the country, Esperance is more than the perfect place for some rest and relaxation for those undertaking such adventures of endurance. It is also a place with a generous and supportive community. Saturday will give us another opportunity to show our support by welcoming Claude "mowerman" Harvey, who is inspiring us all to be better people. If you're in Esperance on Saturday, keep an eye out for the mowerman and let him know how much we appreciate his efforts. You can keep up to date with his journey on his facebook page

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