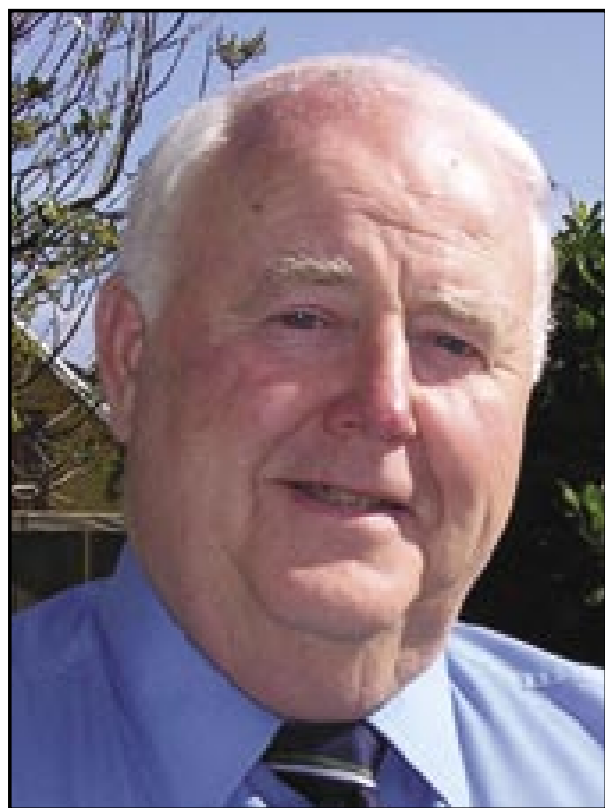


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Official Newsletter of the Rehabilim Trust (Inc.)

Chairman's chat



Thirdly, we are now close to finalising the Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship details and have already called for nominations for the 2012 year.

Under the terms of the late Colin McLennan's will, we are to support entrepreneurial disabled young persons.

We have appointed a Scholarship coordinator who will vet the applications and make recommendations to the board of the Colin McLennan Trust.

I guess the year 2011 will be known by the term Anus Horribilis which was the expression use by HM

Hi everyone, its been a long time since you have heard from us and for this I must apologise, but I assure you our small band of workers have been busy behind the scenes.

Firstly you will see that we have a new Logo, very kindly designed for us by Ms Lou Wallace of Wellington. We had many to choose from but we think our choice is instantly recognisable as being allied to disability.

Secondly we are not far away from launching our web site. Much of the work has already been done, and we are now arranging the content to put on the web site.

This should be able to viewed by an international audience and hopefully create more awareness of the plight of the children whose lives we are trying to improve in Indonesia.

the Queen some time ago (1992 in fact). Disaster has followed disaster somewhere in the world. Floods in the USA and Australia, famine in Somalia, earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan, and off course our own earthquake and subsequent aftershocks in Christchurch.

Fortunately life does not stop, so it must carry on. Our children's centre in Yogyakarta has had its share of disasters too, but it too has bounced back and continues to carry on the rehabilitation work that it is well known for.

May I commend this worthy cause to you for your ongoing support.

Bill Russell
Chairman

Yakkum Bali moving

The Annika Linden story

An opportunity has presented itself and the time has come for Yakkum Bali to change location.

Since its inception and with the help of the Balinese Government, Yakkum Bali has been housed in a disused school in Abiansemal, a village some



Annika Linden.



Yakkum Bali Manager Latra points to the Denpasar Bali site purchased by the Annika Linden Foundation on which Yakkum Bali will have premises.

one and half hours drive from the popular tourist spots of Bali.

The school has served its purpose for many years but the opportunity presented by the Annika Linden Flundation had to be taken.

Annika was a victim of the 2000 Bali bombing when visiting Bali with friends.

Her partner Mark Weingard arrived from Thailand after the terrorist attack. Unable to locate her he returned to his hotel deeply saddened. Read his words.

"In my room that night I felt that she was around. Her image filled my

mind.

"At one point my hotel door opened. I went outside to see who it was even though I wasn't completely dressed. Then the door closed on me. I laughed, feeling that even in this moment Annika was smiling at me half naked in the hallway of the hotel.

"That night her words came to me and I wrote down the following lines:

"I have faith, yet I have no religion,
"I have knowledge, yet I don't understand,

"I have vision, yet I cannot see reason,

"I walk free, free of hatred, I touch

you, touch with compassion,

"I have life, life in your heart.

"That night I made a decision that I would take the anger and resentment and turn the negative energy into a positive one.

I decided to set up a foundation in Annika's name, to help her spirit live on and to make sure that even out of this evil some good was created.

"I returned to Bangkok and, within days, they had found Annika's body

but they never found her spirit because that remains in the magical island of Bali and is alive and well."

Mark Weingard, August 2007.

Mark has committed the Annika Linden Foundation to new premises in Denpasar Bali that will be available to Yakkum Bali and other yayasans (charities) and so provide economy of scale.

Plans have been drawn up and building will soon start.

Rehabilim never sleeps

By JON NEILSON

Two years ago I met up with two young people - Ni Nenga Widiasih and her brother Gede (pronounced Gi'day) - who

I was so impressed with their attitude despite having to overcome severe physical disabilities and thought they were, and are still, wonderful examples of what Rehabilim is all about.



Gede, right, shares a happy moment with Yakkum Bali Manager Latra.

Just to recap - Nenga was born with her lower body being so malformed that she was unable to walk and only crawl. Now she moves about on crutches or wheelchair. Gede has one leg six inches shorter than the other and now walks with a special prosthesis that fits onto his foot to enable him to walk unaided.

Last month my wife Carol and I were back in Bali - eighth time - how can you not

had overcome extreme adversity in their lives. You may remember Nenga is an international gold medalist weightlifter, all 40 kg of her, and Gede likewise was competing internationally in the same sport.

warm to the people and of course the climate - especially this year with the winter we have been experiencing, and I wanted to see how these

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two were getting along.

I was told that Nenga was away in Central Java at a six month training camp for the Paralympics. We will keep you posted as to whether she makes the 2012 Paralympics in London.

I was told she is now in Grade 11 at school and wants to go on to university to study psychology and help people with disabilities.

I met up with Gede with his beaming Bali smile, looking very fit. He is currently doing a one year Diploma course in accounting at the Tourism College in Nusa Dua. His fees are provided by a sponsor from Hol-

land. However, he wants to continue with his accountancy studies at university to do the three year degree course. In the meantime his weightlifting has been put on hold until he completes his studies.

The cost of a year's tertiary study is 6-7 million Rupiah – around \$NZ1,000. Rehabilim Trust Inc. and the Colin McLennan Trust has established a scholarship fund to cover these type of costs and will shortly be seeking nominations for 2012.



Gede with John Neilson at Yakkum Bali.

Yogya Centre gets facelift

Thanks to Laurie Wesley and the NZ Indonesia Assn in Auckland, the centre in Yogya just recently received a facelift. The Trust received a cheque from NZIA (Auckland Branch) which unfortunately went into recess recently. The conditions for receiving this cheque were that it was to be used for maintenance. Discussions with the Director of the centre, Dr Maria Widagdo, settled on a repaint of the front exterior of the centre which probably had not been painted since it was built. The Trust is indebted to Laurie and former members of the NZIA in Auckland for this generous gesture. The picture tells the story.



Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship. Coordinator appointed

Ms Lenny Setiwati Hadiprabowo is the Scholarship Coordinator for the Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship.

Part of her duties will be to recommend to the board of the scholarship committee suitable candidates to receive funding. All applications for scholarship funding must be channeled through Ms Hadiprabowo in the first instance.

She is well qualified for the role having had experience both in NZ and in Indonesia. Following graduation from ASMI in Jakarta with a Bachelor of Arts, she gained a Post Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management at Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Her involvement with New Zealand did not stop at that. A three year contract with NZ Aid as development officer from 1990 to 1993 oversaw the start of what was known as the Lom-



bok Pottery Project, one of the most successful projects that NZ has been involved in with Indonesia. For several years Ms Hadiprabowo managed this NZ Government project.

Other projects that she has been involved in have been the UN refugee settlements of Cambodian refugees, woman's empowerment programs and women's health programs with Aust Aid.

For many years Ms Hadiprabowo has worked with disadvantaged person, who are either suffering poverty or disablement.

A change of direction in 2006 saw Ms Hadiprabowo enter the finance world, still working in areas that help the underprivileged, and women's health issues.

Ms Hadiprabowo is currently area sales manager with PT Commonwealth Life, and in this role still maintains a focus on social issues.

Rehabilim Trust has new logo



The Trust has selected this logo to create awareness of what it is about. Designed by a young Wellington designer Ms Lou Wallace, it has been created to give instant awareness of the what the Trust stands for. Feed back so far has been favourable. We hope you like it too.

The TRUST FOR THE REHABILITATION OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN INDONESIA the REHABILIM TRUST, was established to support the YAKKUM REHABILITATION CENTRE in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Founded by a New Zealander, the late Colin McLennan MBE, the Centre provides assistance to disabled children and young adults to help them become self reliant in daily life and to become independent by learning and using income-generating skills.

The Centre is part of "Yayasan Kristen untuk Kesehatan Umum" (YAKKUM) which means the "Christian Foundation for Public Health", helps all children regardless of religion. The Trust Board usually refers to the Centre by its Indonesian name Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, or PRY.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc depends on service organisations and individual donors for support.

Rehabilim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically handicapped Indonesians and those affected by the Mt Merapi eruption. Enclosed is my cheque, made out to "The Rehabilim Trust", for: \$.....

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