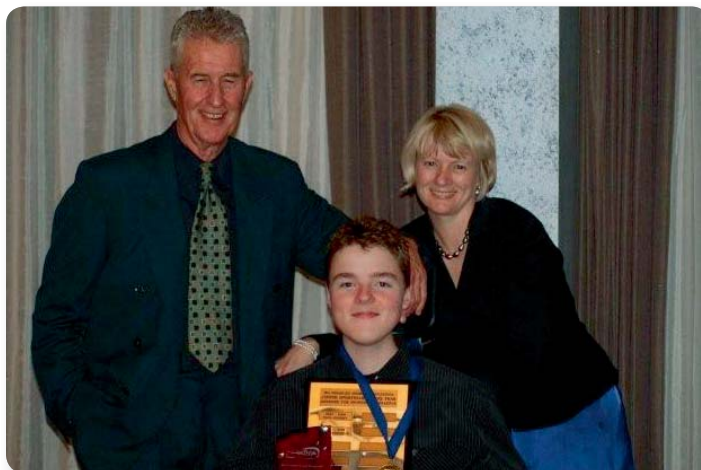


***Dylan Needham  
is our new WA  
Junior Disabled  
Sports Star  
of the Year.***



## DYLAN IS WA'S JUNIOR DISABLED SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR

Dylan received his award at a Gala Presentation dinner hosted by WADSA at the Sheraton Hotel on Saturday 8 August.

Jack O'Keeffe won the "Be Active" State Championships Awards.

Dylan was competing against some very tough competition, two of whom were Para-Olympians. The awards are given to celebrate the achievements of an amazing group of sports people with a range of disabilities. To be nominated, Dylan was required to both play and achieve recognition in his State team.

Dylan and Jack's nominations were due to a fantastic presentation by Conor Murphy, who did a brilliant job as Secretary of the Western Electric Wheelchair Sports Association.

Dylan said that he owed much of his success to the assistance of his teammates and the wonderful staff at Rocky Bay.

Being active in sport has enabled him to achieve his potential.

The fact that Rocky Bay has a fantastic gymnasium and volunteers who both referee, run the sidelines and assist the clients, means that they can run a regular, sporting competition.

It has also become a major social event for the parents who attend, with lots of cake and coffee. This social connection is very important for parents who assist each other with shared information and support.

If you would like more information on the electric wheelchair sports, please contact Terry Butler on 9207 3656 or email: [terence.butler@bigpond.com](mailto:terence.butler@bigpond.com)

You can be assured of a very gentle introduction into the sport with all the necessary safeguards in place.

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Welcome to the final Newsletter for 2009, which is full of information about Rocky Bay's client achievements and activities. As you read through this and our web pages, you will see we have included many stories and photos about people who use our services to give you a real feel for the work that we do. I would like to thank all those involved for sharing their experiences.

As an organisation, our team has always worked extremely hard to put our clients first and this will be a major focus for 2010 where we want to plan for, and demonstrate that we provide the best solutions possible, delivered to a consistently high quality standard.

As always, there is plenty going on within the organisation and I'm delighted to announce that we have some new board members, to help us continue with our exciting plans. Please visit our Board and Executive Team web page to find out more about those who are helping us drive our business forward, with quality of service always remaining at the top of our agenda.

If, at any time, you have any queries or suggestions about the services we offer, or recommendations for our website, we are always keen to hear from you, so please don't hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to respond promptly to your enquiry.

Lastly, as another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to the Board, executive, staff and volunteers for their support and hard work during the year. Rocky Bay is most fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional team committed to improving service provision within the organisation. In an arena where funding is limited and finite, it is always a difficult balance to ensure the best quality and equitable outcomes for our clients whilst maintaining a stimulating and challenging workplace to retain and develop employees.

As I may not get another opportunity, I hope you and your family and friends have a safe and happy Christmas and that 2010 is an enjoyable and healthy year for you all.

## ROCKY BAY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – 2009

Rocky Bay will be holding our first Carols by Candlelight at our McCabe Street site in Mosman Park on Wednesday 16 December.

The event will be open to the whole community, as a fund raiser to support people living with disabilities in Western Australia.

Rocky Bay is approaching local personalities inviting them to join us as special guests. The local Variety Youth Choir is coming along to 'set the tone' on the night.

Candle glow sticks and glow in the dark novelties will add to the ambience and a sausage sizzle and cool drinks will be available to purchase at the event.

The sausage sizzle will begin around 6.30pm with the carols commencing at approximately 7.00pm.

Entry to the event is by gold coin donation, so put on your Santa hat, bring a blanket and a bottle of wine, come and sing along with Rocky Bay!



# ROTTNEST WEEK-END ADVENTURE



Getabout hosted its first Adventure weekend for six clients in October.

With eager anticipation, much excitement and the assistance of ferry staff the party left Northport on the Rottnest Express.

The party was greeted at their accommodation by the island's famous furry inhabitants the quokkas, which roamed freely around the units. The accessible units were comfortable and cosy, and very satisfactory for the needs of the clients.

Their stay was very pleasant with an enjoyable dinner on their first night at

Aristos, where they had great conversation and many laughs.

During the week-end they were entertained with an extended tour of Rottnest Island.

All agreed that their stay on Rottnest Island was a memorable one, with many laughs and shared experiences that will not be easily forgotten.

Getabout plan to host between three and four similar weekends on Rottnest next year.



## JOE STARS IN SHOOTING COMPETITION

Rocky Bay's Joe Davey starred at the Australian Cup final of the ISCD event of the Sydney International Shooting Competition.

Joe was thrilled to be invited to attend this event and came fourth in the 10 meter shoot.

He is seeking sponsorship for travel to Sydney for two events next year.



# LITTLE AUSSIE 2009 A WINNER ALL ROUND

Rocky Bay hosted the Little Aussie Grand Finals in October, with proud sponsors Channel 9's Appealathon, Nutrimetics, Pixie Fotos and the Australian Scholarship Group.

Entry to the event is open to children under 5 years of age. Over 1,000 entrants were received with 450 proceeding to the grand finals after selling a book of raffle tickets to raise funds to support the clients of Rocky Bay.

While winners and runners up were selected, we know that all the children who participated and supported the event are winners, and we are proud of the parents and children who took part in the spirit of the competition – Fun!

The winners received a prize package valued at \$200 and runners up a prize package valued at \$50 each.

Little Aussie is a fundraising event for Rocky Bay that has been conducted over the past 20 years, raising in excess of \$1million.



*Pictured above: clockwise Jesse Lloyd, Estella Brown, Daniel Heal and Kateeka Josephs.*



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# ROCKY BAY MODEL OF THE FUTURE CHOSEN

The Rocky Bay 2009 Model of the Future was announced at a Gala Grand Final Event held at Centro Galleria on Sunday 2 August.

Prizes valued at over \$8,000 and the prestige of the competition attracted a huge response this year and 70 senior finalists and 50 junior finalists were judged by industry professionals on their potential, technique and coordination on the catwalk.

The event was attended by the major modelling agencies who snapped up the winners not already committed to modelling schools.

Tod Johnson was MC for the occasion.

Model of the Future is a fundraising event for Rocky Bay that has been conducted for the past 15 years.

Many of our winners have become very successful in their modelling careers both locally and overseas.



*Pictured: overall Model of the Future winner Kiani Trisna (centre), Nicole Harrison (13 – 15 winner, left) and Alicia Altieri (16 – 21 winner, right)*

## INAUGURAL FUND RAISER AT THE CUT GOLF DAY

Rocky Bay's inaugural charity golf day at the Cut Golf Course in Port Bouvard on Friday 16 October, was held in beautiful weather conditions and raised funds well above the expected total.



The event was a fund-raiser to expand the services provided by Rocky Bay for the growing number of children with disabilities in this area.

Thanks go to the major sponsors, Mandurah Suzuki and Centro Properties Mandurah, who agreed that, while being a fun day out this had the added benefit of a feel good purpose being a great opportunity to support children in need in the local community.

# ROCKY BAY CELEBRATES RE-OPENING

Rocky Bay celebrated the re-opening of its refurbished indoor pool, therapy room and outdoor garden area with a cocktail party attended by Hon Mr Colin Barnett, MLA, Member for Cottesloe and Premier of WA. The event was also attended by the Mayor of the Town of Mosman Park, Mr Ron Norris.

The refurbishment was made possible with funds donated by the corporate sector.

Rocky Bay CEO, Michael Tait said, "this would not have been possible without the support of Automotive Holdings Group and Royal Fremantle Golf Club through their annual charity golf days, and donations from the Claremont Nedlands Lions Club."

The function was held to thank and award a life membership to Mr Bronte Howson, AHG Managing Director (see right).

Mr Howson was instrumental in establishing the AHG Golf Day which has raised over \$715,000, in the six years it has been running.



Before



After



Premier congratulates Bronte Howson on his life membership

# ROCKY BAY ROCKS ON

Discos are set to become monthly events in 2010 after the initial success of Rocky Bay's community based discos for people with disabilities, hosted by Disco Dan.

If you like music and dancing, please join us at 60 McCabe St. Mosman Park – it's just \$8 (including a snack) and soft drinks are available for purchase. Carers may attend free of charge

The first two discos for 2010 are 19 February and 19 March. Go to [www.rockybay.org.au](http://www.rockybay.org.au) or call Kerry on 9383 5185 or email [kerryw@rockybay.org.au](mailto:kerryw@rockybay.org.au) for further details.



# WHITTINGTONS A MODEL EMPLOYER

Whittingtons Herbs, Spices and Oils has been a great supporter of Rocky Bay Employment Services for many years. During the last 13 years they have employed eight clients and still employ three to assist with filling and labelling canisters with Whittingtons products.

David, a former client of Rocky Bay, started work as an accounts clerk in 2002 and today is the Manager of Accounts and Administration.

Carolyn, one of the original employees, is now in her 13th year with the company. She is happy coming to work and loves the people she works with.

Vanessa has worked at Whittingtons for 8 years and like Steven, who joined the Whittington's crew in 2003, enjoys her work.



Stephen is grateful to Rocky Bay for creating this opportunity for him.

If you think you can offer one of our clients an opportunity or would like further information please call Linda Benbow on 9228 2511 / 0415 383 251.

## ADVERTISING ON ROCKY BAY VANS

Rocky Bay is offering advertising space on the back and side windows of the client transport vans.

The cost of this unique opportunity to enhance your corporate image and be associated with a high profile charity is as follows:

Cost per window of 140 x 60 cm, including artwork, set up and removal is \$1,350.00 for 10 weeks or \$4,950.00 pa.

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## ROCKY BAY RAFFLE!

For your chance to win **\$50,000 cash** or a **car of your choice** to the value of **\$65,000**, simply fill in your details below and post to Rocky Bay, PO Box 53 Mosman Park 6912.



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