

Stillbirth Foundation Australia eNewsletter November 2009

Latest News:



Call for Book Reviewers of 'Pregnancy Loss: Surviving Miscarriage and Stillbirth'

When a pregnancy fails, grieving parents often wonder why no one mentioned it could happen. Yet one in every four women will experience miscarriage or stillbirth.

Mother of two and journalist Zoe Taylor has survived repeated pregnancy losses. In her book *Pregnancy Loss: Surviving Miscarriage and Stillbirth*, she shines a light on every aspect of this topic:

- The experience of pregnancy loss and the desire for answers
- What experts know about causes and risk factors, and new areas of research
- Strategies for facing a world that poorly understands pregnancy loss
- Trying again; pregnancy after a loss
- Deciding to stop trying
- Tips on how to support people going through pregnancy loss

Pregnancy Loss: Surviving Miscarriage and Stillbirth is a book of courage, hope and survival. It will help all people touched by loss, including parents, partners, friends, family, researchers, doctors and carers.

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia is honoured to endorse this wonderful book and is currently looking for 10 people to review the book, prior to public release in February 2010. Reviewers would be expected to read and evaluate the book, offering a written review of 300 words in total. Please note that you may also be asked to speak publicly, or be interviewed about the book and your personal experiences. Please register your interest by emailing [Melinda Hickin](mailto:Melinda.Hickin@stillbirth.org.au) prior to Friday 20th November, 2009.

Record of Families for the *Remembrance, Consolation and Hope* Service

Deborah de Wilde and Peter Barr are currently formalising their record of families and photographic details for those interested in the annual service of *Remembrance, Consolation and Hope* (details for the 2009 event are below). If you wish to have a photograph of your baby displayed at the event, irrespective of whether you have supplied a photograph in past years, could you please email [Deborah de Wilde](mailto:Deborah.deWilde@stillbirth.org.au) with the photograph, your child's full name and date of birth, both parent's names and postal and email addresses.



Upcoming Events:

Remembrance, Consolation & Hope 2009

The service is open to those who have experienced the loss of a child or grandchild following miscarriage, stillbirth, death in the newborn period or the death of an older child.

We will come together to acknowledge the uniqueness and wonder of each life, to share the sadness at our loss and to offer compassion and encouragement to others who grieve.

Families will be invited to record their children's names in a book of remembrance, which will be kept in the Mater Hospital chapel. Refreshments will be provided following the service.

Music is by The Café at the Gate of Salvation

Children are welcome but should remain seated with their parents throughout the service.

9.45am - Friday, 4th December, 2009

9.30am - 7.30pm

9.30am - St Mary's Catholic Church, Miller & Ridge St, North Sydney (parking is available adjacent to the church)

9.45.15pm - By December 1st, 2009 to Debbie and Jimmy on 9900 7075

During the service photographs of the children or other associated images will be projected onto screens within the church. If you would like to provide a digital image of your child please email it to Deb de Wilde at deborah@stillbirth.org.au by December 1st, 2009

Annual Service of *Remembrance, Consolation and Hope*

Date: 4th December 2009 **Venue:** St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney

We encourage those of you in Sydney to attend the annual service of *Remembrance, Consolation and Hope* to be held on Friday 4th December in North Sydney. This service is held to remember the uniqueness and wonder of each life, to share sadness and offer compassion and encouragement to others who grieve.

During the service photographs are projected onto screens within the church. If you

would like your baby's photo to be shown (even if you cannot attend) please email a digital image of your baby to [Deb de Wilde](#) before 1st December, 2009. [More information...](#)



Joint ISA and ISPID Conference – Sydney, NSW

Date: 8-10 October 2010 **Venue:** Sydney, Australia

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia is thrilled to be supporting the International Stillbirth Alliance (ISA) and the International Society for the Study and Prevention of Perinatal and Infant Death (ISPID) in their announcement that their joint conference will be held 8-10 October 2010 in Sydney, Australia. The Organising Committee welcomes you to complete the online expression of interest form to join the mailing list and be kept up to date with Conference announcements. [More information...](#)

Get involved:



Be a Hero!

Did you know that anytime you take part in a Fun Run, bike ride, or another other physical event, you can raise funds for the Stillbirth Foundation Australia? It's so easy – all you need to do is create your own [Everyday Hero](#) page online and away you go!



In Celebration - Donating to Charity in Lieu of a Gift

If you are planning to hold a party to mark a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding or anniversary, please consider a Celebration Donation and ask your guests to donate to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia in lieu of a gift. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible in Australia and a tax receipt will be issued.

Thank you to:

Jackson Lalic Lawyers

who have kindly offered to provide the Stillbirth Foundation Australia with legal advice and assistance when required.

Sally Heppleston

who on her daughter Hope's first birthday anniversary organised for friends and family to donate over \$700 and a total of 15 Stella bears to the hospital where Hope was born.

Evan and Barbara Burrell

who recently raised over \$1,000 in donations and sold 15 Stella Bears at the St Ives Rotaract 40th celebration dinner. Thank you also to the St Ives Rotaract club for your wonderful support.

Nathan Lewis and Simon Twiss

who raised over \$7,000, in loving memory of Nathan's daughter Isabella Rose Lewis, by participating in the 210km 'Around the Bay in a Day' bike ride.

Justine O'Meara

who held a Halloween-themed Monster Auction Bash at the Rock Inn Hotel in Boulder on 31st October. Justine raised over \$11,000 in loving memory of her son James, by holding raffles, auctions and donating 20% of bar takings to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia. We would also like to thank all of the local businesses and friends and family that donated their time and auction items for Justine's event.

Emma Hyde

who added to her friend Justine O'Meara's fundraising efforts by raising more than \$6,000 – by shaving all of her hair off!!

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