

TREVOR TACKLES TRACK

Local resident, Trevor Ah Hang, will walk the Kokoda Track in October to raise money for Autism Victoria's 1000 Book Campaign. Trevor explains.....

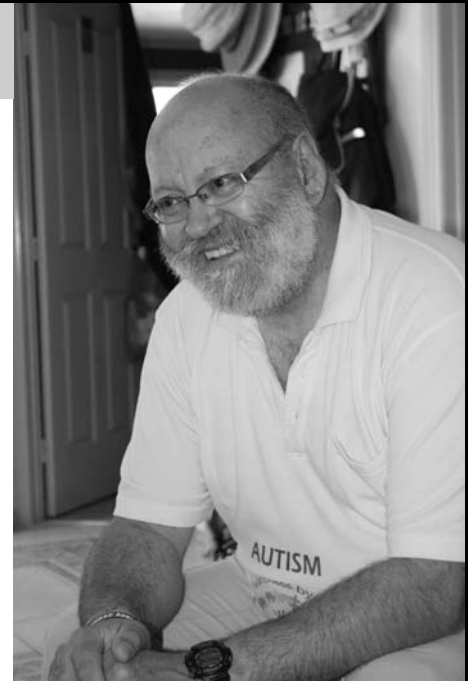
"People with ASD can need a lot of assistance to interact with other people and to understand what they are required to do. An Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong disability impacting on individuals throughout their lifetime. More males than females are currently diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The ratio is 4:1. The reasons for this are currently unknown.

In October 2011 a group of mothers, fathers, friends, families and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder will be taking on the challenge of a lifetime, all in the name of raising awareness of, and raising money for education on, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This dedicated group of fitness fanatics will be walking the famous Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea, battling challenging terrain and weather conditions over a ten day they trek 96 kilometres overland. My father and I could never see "eye to eye", the closer we we tried to become the harder it was, like two magnets being forced together. My father died several years ago and not long, four years or so, I was diagnosed with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) Asperger's Syndrome. I have been on a disability support pension since early 2005. My father was posted to fight in Papua

New Guinea during World War 2, to deny access to the track by Japanese invaders. One reason I am doing the walk is to gain some understanding of what he had to endure as he experienced lif (and death) on the Kokoda Track, and, though my experience will come nowhere near what he had to go through , I feel that it might in some way bring me closer to him. I also want to succeed in doing the walk for my own sak ein having achieved such a challenging goal. Finally, the added benefit if it is to raise awareness of Autism to the wider community, as I have to live each challenging day with it. All money raised by the team embarking on this adventure will be donated to Autism Victoria's 1000 Book Campaign, which aims to add 12000 resources to the Autism Victoria's Library so that individuals, families and professional can access valuable information and resources in a central location. Autism Voctoria aims to have the kargest Autism-specific library in the Southern Hemisphere, and the money raised by the Kokoda Trekkers will help the organization reach this goal."

Now folks, here's a great chance for our community to support our local Trevor in achieving his own personal goal and help Autism Victoria.

Online donations with a tax receipt can be made at:-



http://www.everydayhero.com.au/trevor_ahhang

Corporate sponsorships are most welcome. Call 03 9657 1600.

Portarlington Pharmacy is collecting donations for Trevor, as is **The Bellarine Animal Hospital** at Drysdale.

Please see what we can do as a community. Have a chat with Trevor when you see him down the street. I'm sure he'll provide even more details about his challenge.

Ed.



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