

Newsletter on DEC 11th 2008

Hello and welcome to the web site and first newsletter of Kokoda Angels. As chairman and on behalf of the committee I would like to welcome you to this vision of supporting an ambulance service to the remote people of Papua New Guinea. I would like to thank Lauren for inspiration for this association her enthusiasm and with her vision to 'making a difference' lets hope in a big way cheers! Thanks also Brian Lee from the Christies Sailing Club for building this web site.... great job.

The situation at the moment is that there is no ambulance vehicle running in the area from Kokoda to Popengetta a distance of approx 90 kms. plus from the 'main' General hospital at Popengetta. There is a big need for an ambulance in the whole area. There are no vehicles at all in the remoter areas throughout this province and people are stranded most of the time when something goes wrong. There are a few first aid posts scattered throughout but have little or no help to severe cases of the dangerous cases of malaria or TB or complications during childbirth and more. We would assist them as well with delivering drugs and training.

Where are we up too? At this stage I am open to any suggestions on areas where funds could be raised. There is a 10 seater 2005 troopy in the province for sale at the moment and would be the most suited to the roads and well priced at \$25,000. The land cruiser is most suited as there is a dozen or more river crossings as the bridges were wiped out in last years flooding, Lauren has the ball rolling in Melbourne and a lot of interest well done there everyone. There has been a bit of work going on to get the association running and there is still more to do with ATO and foreign affairs and Govt.etc etc etc. We are hoping to make a difference ASAP

Thanks again and cheers for now Jeff Keough

