

In Memoriam – Peter Weir

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing and generosity of one of Rehabilim Trust's benefactors *Peter Weir*.

Peter was a great supporter of the work and ideals of the Trust founded by fellow kiwi Colin McLennan.

Peter was passionate about education and from an early age excelled at Primary and Intermediate levels.

At secondary school he finished his last year as Dux of Takapuna Grammar School and received a Goethe Scholarship to study German at Auckland University.

At Auckland University he gained an LLB with honours and a BA in languages.

He subsequently received a scholarship from Auckland University to attend the London School of Economics where he completed a Master of Laws.

Peter worked for several high profile NZ law firms and then joined the New Zealand Companies Office as their in-House Solicitor.

This was a job that Peter excelled at and his time at the Companies Office was very special to him.

Education was a passion for Peter, which is why he was committed to the Rehabilim Trust and, in particular, the education of young disabled people to help them attain tertiary qualifications which enables them to provide an income and make a contribution to their local communities.

"The Trust would like to thank Peter for his generous bequest in support of our work in Indonesia, said Trust Chairman Bill Russell. "It will be used to provide scholarships for young disabled people to attend university."



Chairman's Thoughts

Welcome to the New Year everyone, although a quarter of it has passed already.

It may well have been the holiday season but for some of us in the administration of the Rehabilim Trust do not recognise holidays. Trust members have been busy in a variety of ways. Many charities have been advised that they must get their constitution to comply to new rules by 2026 under a new directive from the government. The exec are in the process of doing this, but we are not lawyers.

It's the time of year that we are looking for new students to offer scholarships to. The Indonesian academic year starts in August, the same as the UK. Our Exec members Gunawan and Linda will be organising this, and once

nominated will be interviewed by our wonderful stalwart Lenny Hadiprobowo, a resident of Bali. Lenny has done this for the trust since we started the scholarship program, and at her own expense travels to Yogyakarta and other places to interview the student applicants.

For this the Trust is very grateful.

Recently the Trustees of the Rehabilim Trust met to discuss its future. It was a harmonious meeting, and some new plans are being worked on to ensure that the Trust continues to support physically disabled young people from poor families in Indonesia. This will start with recruiting interested and qualified people to join the executive of the Trust.

We have the capacity to increase the number of students we can accept, but the effort involved in managing the increased workload places added strain on our

already willing volunteers. The four trustees that serve on the executive of the Rehabilim Trust Inc., have each had, or nearly had 30 years of service. More people with expertise are needed to help us achieve our goals.

If you are interested in the very satisfying work that we do, and would like to assist us to improve the quality of life for the poor disabled young people, then please drop us a line and tell us about yourself. The salary is zilch but the rewards are great when you see the difference that your efforts make to these young people.

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Those of our newsletter subscribers who would like to receive our newsletter by email, please let us know your email address. We are in the process

of updating our database so this would not only help to get the newsletter to you more quickly, but also save the cost of postage. Every bit counts these days.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Bill Russell

Bill Russell
Chairman

Cindi Mutia

University: *Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa*
Studying: *Psychology*

This was my last semester and the time was taken up with my thesis defense, then revision until the

thesis was printed. After that I took care of the files and prepared for graduation. In August I graduated and then waited for the new diploma to come out a month later, then I fixed my CV and started looking for job vacancy information.

I'm still adapting from college to life

after graduation. Honestly, I need time to say goodbye to my friends, apart from looking for job vacancies.

I have convinced myself that I have to go through this. That life goes on.



Yuyun Apriani

University: *Universitas Nahdlatul Ulama*

Studying: *Bachelor of Management*

I have just started my first semester at University so since July I have been preparing myself to leave for Yogyakarta to familiarise myself with the environment.

This included interacting with

one boarding house area, public transportation used to get me to my course agenda or later to go shopping for monthly needs.

I did not forget to prepare the important documents to support me during my studies in Yogya. At the end of August, YAKKUM held an Outbound event where I met new friends and learned how to work in a team, communicate and solve problems.

At the beginning of September I attended training held by PPDI (Indonesian Association of People with Disabilities) which learns teamwork, discussion and conveying aspirations in order to improve accessibility and involvement of people with disabilities and the obligations to be carried out for people with disabilities. Later I attended an international seminar informed by seniors on campus who are members of GEDSI (Gender

Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion) on campus.

And last of all we all had to go through orientation before we started our lecture period at the end of the month.

There's been so much to learn before I even started my lectures. Google Maps has been a great help learning to get around the transportation in Jogja.

Yunita Windy Astuti

University: *STIE SBI Yogyakarta*
Studying: *Management*

I have graduated from college and for the past three months have been busy applying for jobs in various places. In early August I received a call from PT. Vads that I accepted to work at the office as a customer service for the Go-Jek project.

I spent a month training at the office but afterwards I felt that I would not be able to achieve the targets set by the company so I decided to resign. I then started looking again for jobs through social media. Several companies I applied to have invited me for interviews. So now I am waiting for the announcement of whether or not I was accepted.

I always feel anxious when I go for an interview after knowing the job

description as I am afraid whether I am able to do the job and achieve the targets determined by the company.

However, I always try to be optimistic that in the future I will definitely be able to do the job I am applying for. But I always convince myself that later, once I get used to doing the job, everything will feel easy.



Aldo Christyanto

University: *Universitas Mercu Buana Yogyakarta*

Studying: *Communication*

July was a very busy month preparing for the UAS Project and KKN – Real work experience and lecture. My friends and I were busy with the UAS Talkshow project which was broadcast live on Mercu Buana, Yogyakarta's YouTube.

The challenge was that this was done Live Streaming where we had to do one take or one recording to get a high score which means we couldn't retake, edit the video results and so on.

Well, with quite thorough preparation we were able to complete this project very well with a very satisfying score. I was tasked with the role of Switcherman and Editor 2. Switcherman had to replace the scene on the screen

watched by the audience and Editor 2 assisted Editor 1 in making videos such as resource profile videos, credit scenes and related videos.

In August me and my eleven friends carried out a KKN assignment from the campus at a location in Semanu District, Gunungkidul Regency in Wediutah Hamlet. The activities included socialising with the community, helping with activities with residents who needed help, and playing with the children in the village. Our group had a total of six work programmes aimed at the community. These included sharpening digital creativity through Canva, smartphone addiction psychoeducation, being creative with piggy banks, promoting kali ngrenneng tourism, sorting and processing waste into products or items with sale value.

Part of my work was to run a programme of sharpening digital creativity in to school students through designing tourist attractions

to attract tourists. I also had a job to document all the activities during KKN to create an Instagram account, make videos and so on.

Project UAS Talkshow crew



Eka Sava Mailani

University: UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta

Studying: Syari'ah Banking Management

During the lecture, the material was very clear and easy to understand.

The Disability Service Center (PLD) assistant took notes of the material

delivered by the lecturer.

The lecturer was also able to help and explain the material to me when I had difficulty doing the practicum.

The obstacle I had to overcome was because one of the lecturers in the certification course was not clear when explaining the material. The PLD mentor was not suitable because one of the students was a double degree, and was also afraid

of not adjusting the free time. Unfortunately the lecturers are very unfriendly to the disabled so I am working through this.

I am a member of the organisation of KSPM (Capital Market Study Group) on campus but I rarely participate because my schedule is busy. Maybe next year, God willing, I will participate in the activity.



Edi Pryanto

University: Institut Seni Indonesia Yogyakarta

Studying: Arts

In the past three months I have been working on my final assignment. I have also been looking for data and processing batik motif design.

I also received an invitation to exhibit in the Tiga Enam Enam room with the Sekawan Project collective, most of whose members are my seniors from vocational school. I also participated in the umbrella

painting competition at the 2024 ngangkkring fes event, and entered the ten best works out of a total of one hundred participants. I participated in this so as not to be too burdened in working on my final assignment.

I encountered some obstacles when doing research for my assignment as most of the journals or articles used foreign languages. This requires extra understanding.

To overcome these obstacles I continuously process and improve the design and I try to be more careful about grammar and word meaning, so that there are no mistakes.



Edi with his painted umbrella for the competition



Edi's design for his assignment work plan

Lutfi Ma'rifatun Khasanah

University: UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta

Studying: Islamic Education

I want to tell you that in July, I was able to submit a thesis title that suited my interests.

At first I was confused about what kind of title I wanted to submit, but when I read several books, Alhamdulillah I found a title that I liked, and I immediately submitted it to the Academic Supervisor (DPA).

In August I also want to tell you

about my development in the computer field, which is now also starting to be able to use a laptop given by Yakkum, I slowly operate the laptop by following tutorials on YouTube. I am practicing typing using 10 fingers, because I am not yet fluent in typing.

Currently, I am trying to make a research proposal with the title "The Role of Islamic Religious Education Teachers in Realizing the Pancasila Student Profile at SLB Negeri 1 Bantul".

The reason I chose this title is because as a prospective Islamic Religious Education teacher, I must know how to implement the new

curriculum with various learning methods, as well as what are the supporting and inhibiting factors in implementing the Pancasila learning profile in Islamic religious education learning.

And I chose SLB N 1 Bantul because the school is quite close to where I live, and I also want to build a relationship with the school.

One of the things I have had to overcome is a lack of confidence in conveying something, which made it difficult for me to do new things. I also had difficulty finding volunteers to read books and edit the results.

Thank God I have found a volunteer



who will help me read the reference book for my proposal. What has also helped me is learning meditation at a seminar aim at making me calmer in completing my final assignment.

Khoirul Nuryadi

University: Mercubuana Yogyakarta

Studying: Communication and Multimedia

For the past three months I have been preparing for KKN activities which involved briefing, meetings and group discussions about the work programme plans to be carried out.

One of the obstacles that I experienced during this time was there were frequent clashes between the KKN preparation meetings and the organisational activities that I had previously participated in.

To overcome this was to discuss with my group members about food supplies, division of tasks and so on.

The KKN work was carried out in the hamlet of Pomahan Dadapayu Semanu Gunung Kidul Yogyakarta, which is a month long programme held by the campus to train community life. This is followed by a visit to a company that aims to increase insight and knowledge related to communication such as visiting the Solo Pos Press Museum.



Nengah's Family

Over the years we have read so much about Nengah Widiasih's achievements at the Paralympics, but it's great to see her with her family. This photo was taken shortly before she left for the Paris Paralympics last year.

Sadly her mother died not long before she left for Paris, so it is with sadness we acknowledge her passing and our sympathies are with Nengah and her family.

Nengah is on the right, behind her parents, along with her three brothers. The middle one is Gede who was the original

one YAKKUM Bali (now Puspadi Bali) took in to be rehabilitated. However, when visiting Gede in the village in Karagasem they found Nengah. Both Gede and Nengah had polio as youngsters and were rehabilitated at YAKKUM Bali.

Gede now has a good job in a hotel, so both of the children with disability are earning thanks to YAKKUM Bali. Nengah is the principal provider but well backed-up by Gede who is now married and has an adorable baby who is often seen with Nengah on her social media pages.



The Rehabilim Trust Inc.

The Rehabilim Trust was established originally by a New Zealander, the late Colin McLennan MBE, to support the YAKKUM Rehabilitation Centre, referred to as Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, or PRY, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition, The Trust now supports other disabled children's charities providing assistance to disabled children and young adults, regardless of religion, to enable them to become independent and self reliant by learning and using income-generating skills.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc currently supports 10 young disabled Indonesians who are recipients of a Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship valued at NZ \$1000 each, per year for four years. The Trust is looking to extend this type of charitable support.

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

Rehabilim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically disabled Indonesians.

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