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DEVIL ISLANDERS

Thank you to those of you who responded to my previous newsletter with bits of information and please don't forget my request. *If you would like to let me have details of how the training is going in terms of weekly goals, times, personal bests etc or just post them to everyone via their e-mail addresses that would be good.* It is very motivational for a group that can't get together very often to hear about how everyone else is going and how difficulties, injuries, PB's and general training are being overcome or progressing. From the feedback I did receive it seems you are all working very hard and apart from Maureen and Fiona with colds and Debbie with a cold and a bad knee have not had too many setbacks. Linda's and Nigel's call to arms for the Lonnie Ten focuses on what we have to concentrate on for the next three weeks. I've set my personal goal to be finished in under an hour and Maureen's is under 90 minutes. Anyone else prepared to put their hopes before us?.

Well to the exciting news on what has been an amazing day. The devils have been promised!!! Here is the letter I received this afternoon from Dr John Whittington.
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Dear Bruce

Thankyou for providing me with details of your *Devil Island* proposal. I would also like to thank you for taking the time to discuss your proposal with Nick Mooney when he recently visited Natureworld.

As I mentioned earlier, Nick was impressed with your proposal and the broader opportunities it presents for conservation management of the devil. On the basis of Nick's assessment I would like to provide strong in principle support for the *Devil Island* proposal.

The advice I have received indicates that up to 12 devils could be introduced to the property in two stages of 6 animals, and that these are then monitored to determine if the area has the capacity to carry significantly more devils.

I understand that Nick discussed several potential sources from which the founder population could be sourced, including from the wild and from hand-reared orphans.

I note that any taken from the wild would also require approval from the Australian Government under the *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act*.

I will ask Gary to contact you, so that together we can develop a detailed plan about the source of devils and captive arrangements, including any further permitting matters that require attention. We will certainly do our best to provide appropriate devils to support this and other opportunities to augment the insurance population.

Thankyou again for providing me with your exciting proposal.

Yours sincerely

DR JOHN WHITTINGTON
General Manager Resource Management & Conservation

So there you have it, **THE PROJECT IS A GOER!**

Ten minutes after receiving this news I had a telephone call to say that Tourism Tasmania is coming on board. They are going to supply us all with a complete running outfit of Running Shoes, socks, running shorts, running vest, and track suit top and pants to a value of \$250 each.---\$3000. Also they will co-ordinate the publicity before we go but even more importantly they have a media office in London and will help promote us over there. We will have their logo on our outfits.

Other news.

Joanna David and my son-in-law Kelsey have produced an amazing first edition for the Devil collection boxes. Kelsey did a great welding job, David did all the hard grind of preparing and painting and Joanna produced some artwork worth a million. They are now working on the next four. Please go ahead with securing permission to have one at any site you feel would do the job in terms of number of people seeing the 'Devils' to donate money. If anyone has any input to the supermarket, airport, footy stadium type of place go for it.

Thanks go to Debbie who has progressed the website through her friend Louise Cuschieri. I've been liasing direct with Louise and if you want to have a preview please try <http://www.wizarddesign.com.au/devil/> You will see the idea and there will be a section where people can make a donation via the website. Now this is something YOU have to do please. Louise needs a photo of each of you and a short little piece about yourself and your reason for doing the marathon and at least one little known fact. Make this as humorous as you like.

e.g. Bruce Englefield. So there I was one day contemplating my navel when it came to me what the problem was. I was overweight, over-age, unfit, stressed out and heading downhill. Change things I thought. Well I couldn't change my age but everything else, yes. The Save the Devil project provided the incentive and motivation and has sustained me through the training workouts. I'm just so lucky to be able to do these watched by the chompers, snappers and fangy friends of Natureworld, but if those bloody Kookaburras don't stop laughing at me soon I'll swing for them, so I will! Interesting facts. My wife and I bought East Coast Natureworld on a spur of the moment decision when out on holiday from the UK. I was the sound director on

ABBAS first TV show, worked with Benny Hill over a twenty-year period and with my Border Collies Scott, Lad and Jane represented England at the International Sheepdog Trials.

Maureen has ordered all the Pants and Jackets, Joanna David and I have nearly completed the artwork for the logo to go on the back, Maureen is going to sew on the logo once we are finished. Linda, who works for us is fixing up the 'Devil hats' we will be wearing, should see the prototype tomorrow. The logo for the stickers is finished and that will be going off to the printers tomorrow. These are the stickers that we will sell at \$2 EACH with the logo and the words 'I helped save our Tasmanian Devil' and the website www.devilislandproject.com. I'm planning to get 20,000 printed and give each of you a bundle. The idea is for you to give bundles out to friends, shops, workplace etc and a donation box (A screw top plastic container with a slit in the top is ideal. A sticker on the side does the rest.)

Don't know how many of you saw the short item on Southern Cross News that featured Maureen Debbie and I but it kept the project in the public eye. I also did a ten minute interview with the ABC Sydney and Jetstar came to take photos etc for a piece in their in flight magazine. Win TV will be filming us all for the Launceston Ten and possibly ABC and Southern Cross.

Keep focussed and enjoy the training. Can't wait for us all to meet up again in 23days---and counting.

Best wishes

Bruce.

Bruce Englefield.
'Devil in disguise'