



TOP: Dawn Fraser & Tim Konz on the Riverina farm where it all began
LEFT: the Greek Gala Night fundraising event organised by Paul Bertuzzi and Nia Karteris in aid of the Sydney Cancer Centre

Dawn Fraser's Support of Community Fundraising Events

Dawn's fundraising collages have been extremely successful in assisting many needy causes. She has supported fundraisers in many areas of the community via Golf Days, Charity Ball's, Benefit Evenings and the like.

All of the past 40 years Dawn has been asked to host or attend fundraising events all over the country, she does her best to help but it is impossible to get to everyone.

Whilst on her farm some years ago at 3.00am sowing crops, Tim Konz and Dawn brainstormed two of the most successful limited pieces of personal memorabilia this country has ever seen.

Now fundraising events all over Australia can benefit from these wonderful collages. Dawn Fraser memorabilia produces more significant funds for the beneficiary than any item Dawn has ever autographed.

You know you're doing something special when 'Australia's most recognised and best loved sportswoman', Dawn Fraser says she's right behind you.

Ms Fraser has offered two pieces of her personal sporting memorabilia to

an auction on the evening of the Greek Gala Night fundraising event organised by Paul Bertuzzi and Nia Karteris in aid of the Sydney Cancer Centre to be held at The Grand Roxy, Brighton-Le-Sands Saturday November 29th.

The pieces are both limited editions with autographs, photos, gold medallions, pins and more. The lucky winners will also receive a personal letter from our National Living Treasure herself.

"For the past 40 years I have been asked to host or attend fund-raising events all over the country," she said.

"I do my best to help, but it is impossible to get to everyone".

"It was only last year that my partner, Tim Konz and I decided to offer

my personal memorabilia to these fund-raising events purely because the memorabilia has proven to produce more significant funds for these charities."

"These two collages are very special to me, being the 1st and 2nd I have personally produced. They represent a time in my life that was full of hardship, perseverance, hard work and good fun. This combination ironically led me to achieving my ultimate goal...GOLD!"

Dawn Fraser is Australian History... two lucky people will have the opportunity of taking a part of the Dawn Fraser History home at the up coming fundraiser for the Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service.

LifeGift launches Organ Donation information in more languages

LifeGift launches Organ Donation information in more languages – English, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian and Vietnamese.

LifeGift NSW/ACT, which provides organ donor services in NSW and is part of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service today released its brochure entitled "Organ Donors Save Lives" in five languages other than English.

The languages: Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian and Vietnamese represent the most commonly spoken languages in NSW other than English.

LifeGift Manager, Patricia Wills said that it was important for people in NSW to become better informed about organ donation so they can make an informed decision, talk to your family about your decision and sign on to the Australian organ donor registry or in NSW on your driver's license.

"It is important to reach more people in NSW and give them accurate information about the organ donation process. Translating our brochure into these five languages will help us to inform and educate

the public.

"Many people have indicated that they do not want to donate organs and tissues on their drivers licence and providing them with information about the process in their native language can help them make an informed decision about organ donation, Patricia Wills said.

Over the next few months LifeGift will target many areas of Sydney where languages other than English are commonly spoken and make available the brochure to these people.

"With the registrations of potential organ donors so much lower than general public support for organ donation and growing organ transplant waiting lists, it is important that we include all people in NSW when providing education and information.

"Once people read the brochures they will be able to contact us or their local doctor to have their questions answered, Patricia Wills said.

The translated brochures are available from LifeGift NSW/ACT by calling 02. 9229 4003.

Angry pensioners demand 10% increase

About 300 angry pensioners are rallying at Melbourne Town Hall as part of a national campaign to lift aged pension rates by 10 percentage points.

Pensioners are calling for their weekly rate to be lifted from \$275 to \$360 for a single pensioner and from \$510 to \$605 for pensioner couples. Spokesman for the Fair Go For Pensioners campaign, Frank Cherry, said Monday's meeting was part of a national campaign with other rallies having been held in Sydney, Rockhampton, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Council On The Ageing head Patricia Reeve said this would lift pensions from their current 25 per cent of the average male weekly wage to 35 per cent.

She told pensioners that this was not just in their interest but in the interest of every generation of Australians.

"It doesn't do any of us any good when people scrimp and save and run down their own health ... because they can't afford it," Ms Reeve said. "It's in the interests of every generation in this country."

ACTU secretary Jeff Lawrence threw the peak union group's weight behind the campaign, telling the pensioners it was time for politicians to set a new increased benchmark for the pension rate which has sat at 25 per cent of the average male weekly wage since 1972.

Angry pensioners spoke from the floor criticising big business, local governments and politicians for pensioners' plight and resolved to continue to pressure the federal government on the issue.