## Giving hope and dreams to young people

Wayne & Jane Dillon of Eagle Edge Solutions are passionate people serving the Lord diligently in outback QLD and beyond. The Dillon's have been hard at it for around 13 years and have developed a good rapport with the locals. They run various Youth support program to change the mentality from hand-outs and welfare to self-sufficiency.

Wayne says "we provide them with the tools they need to move forward so they can be all they were created to be! We have a heart to see their emotional and spiritual wellbeing fed and nurtured."

"Give a man a fish and he will have food for a day. Inspire, encourage and teach them, when they are young, to catch fish and they will learn to extend themselves, get a job, learn a trade, help feed a town and above all, give their own children hope."

"It is very evident that the only way these young people are going to get anywhere in life, is through developing a work ethic that is grounded on self-respect and a knowledge of their own sacredness to God."



Big toys for big boys

Nobody gets much in this world without a reasonable attitude and hard work. One of the rewards we give them, are some laps in a 4 stroke @ 55kmh. If they go the extra mile and help with the fabrication and maintenance they earn the right to drive a 2 stroke full race kart @ 120kmh. This kart drives best sideways and is bordering on crazy. Only a rare few have earned the right to play with this!

What do opal fossicking, aviation, canoeing, watching a grand final and monster trucks have in common?

As the young people work hard at fundraising, (making gidgee soap, car washes etc....) and increase their effort regarding: school attendance, respect for themselves and others, and in doing quality work, they earn rewards for effort.

We take the concept of teaching young

people 'to fish' very seriously as we seek to free this generation and future generations from the learned helplessness engendered by the cycle of welfare handouts.

Peter Davies sent his 15 year old son Ben on a mission trip and to train with Professional Flight Training Services. Pete says "I am amazed at how much you have achieved. I was hoping that at the end of two weeks Ben would have his RA Restricted Certificate and maybe a NAV or two. You have achieved far more than that, probably more than anyone else could achieve regardless of age. God bless and God speed."

Wayne is a commercial pilot with 30 years experience mostly in commercial operations. He uses a Tecnam Bravo Light Sports Aircraft with a cruising speed 208kmh. "Our hope is that this will help train pilots for the outback and perhaps for mission aviation." Wayne

"We believe the work of Eagle EDGE Solutions is a critical part of God's plan for young indigenous people in Outback Australia. 88% of the young people in the P-12 State School are Indigenous. Our solution is to love and nurture the children, teach them about this amazing man called Jesus who died for their sins, rose from the grave and is alive and busting to be their friend. We exist to help them catch the wind of the Spirit of God so they will be his people and his witnesses to the ends of the earth."

"Poverty to me is a child going to school hungry because there is nothing to eat. It's not the kid's fault that the money didn't make it to the grocery shop. A car does not go far on an empty tank and nor do children learn well with empty bellies.

We help them to dream about a future with great jobs, the skills and courage to venture out for work; further education and spreading the Good News of the gospel.

We are empowering the people with courage, skills and determination to move forward to a future they own. Not handouts but leg up is the answer.

Luke was part of our furniture for a few years and was busting to learn to Scuba dive. He helped in the work shop cleaning gear, filling Scuba tanks, building a go kart etc. We took him through his PADI Open Water Scuba Cert and Junior Advanced Open Water Scuba Cert. Now he is busting to dive with a real looking shark, not just a Wobbegong! Luke wanted to go to Downlands Collage in Toowoomba and we helped his parents get him a scholarship there. He is completing his 3rd year now and doing well. We can't wait to see what he does with the rest of his life.

"The eagle at the right time stirs up the nest and the young go over the side. She then swoops down to rescue them and places them back in the safety of the nest teaching them to fly; to soar on the thermals. We walk with the young people into some very difficult situations and places until they feel safe in different surrounds."

"We will know we are getting somewhere when the young people have ownership and they are busting a gasket to get the order out the door and not us! There are a number of cottage industry's that could see many young people with a bright future on earth and leading many to eternity with God"

Wayne says; "For this vital ministry of "Empowering Young People For Life" to go to the next level, we need your help in prayer and resources." Check them out at www.eagleEDGEsolutions.com and drop them a line.





