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ONE-TO-ONE
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In 1965, the Australian Community Safety & Research Organisation Incorporated (ACRO) began a relationship with the Australian people, with the purpose of bringing about real social change.

Since then, this journey has taken us into the darkest recesses of the human spirit, where prejudice and intolerance reside—and where the voices of reason and social justice have been deeply challenged.

ACRO does not shy away from struggles such as these. Rather, it confronts them head on, tackling issues as diverse as failing prison systems, elder abuse, youth suicide, homelessness, racism, domestic violence, drug abuse, fear in the community, exploitation and poverty.

Our experience tells us that to make social justice real, it demands a cultural change and the same call to action for all people. The merging of two different programs operated by ACRO has created an opportunity to explore this proposition.

The first is a program for older citizens that enhances their independence and addresses their social isolation through regular, affordable and structured trips. The second is a Holiday Camp project for school-aged children. Both programs, for differing reasons, dramatically change the life opportunities for participants.

2010 marks two important milestones for these projects: it's the year during which our ten thousandth older client was assisted by the organisation, and it's the tenth year of operation for our Camp project. In considering how best to commemorate these events, ACRO turned to research—and discovered that the views of older and younger people are, in fact, quite similar. So, we decided to bring both groups together to communicate, play... and simply enjoy each other's company. What you hold in your hand is the photographic record of that idea brought to life. We have titled this book one-to-one which exemplifies that conversation.

Study the images. They will speak to you. And their profound message is for all of us: when you're prepared to listen and understand another human being, it is impossible to retain suspicion and prejudice against age, race, culture, gender... or anything else.

Social Justice is not just a desire. It is a living, breathing and dynamic process that demands participation. It also needs good citizens to rally against intolerance as a life choice.

We invite you to become an activist for social justice – to engage with ACRO in a conversation that will continue

Dr Clive Begg
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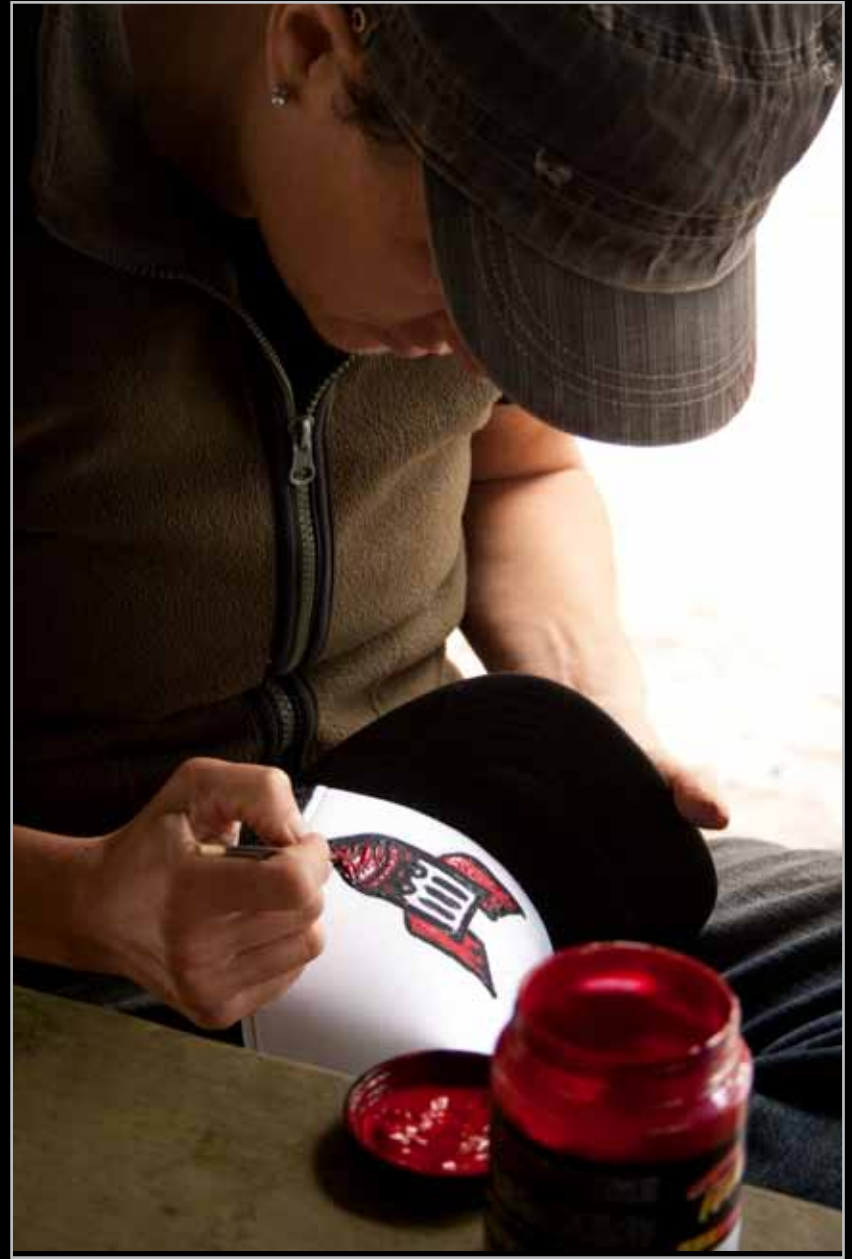


































































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LIKE ONE BIG

























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