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"Making Orangutans Wheelie Happy" BROTHERS RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED ORANGUTAN

2012 Pride of Australia Winners **Daniel and William Clarke** have teamed up with the **Sydney Uni WheelKings** to put on a fund raising event for the Critically Endangered orangutan called, 'Making Orangutans Wheelie Happy'.

The event is a wheelchair basketball game between the Sydney Uni WheelKings and the Wollongong Roller Hawks and is taking place at the Sydney Uni Sports and Aquatic Centre on Friday 16th August @ 6:30pm (for 7pm start).

The purpose of the event is to raise both funds and awareness and help the public become more informed about the dire situation the orangutan species is facing and what we can do about it.

The courageous brothers have already raised \$650,000 for the endangered orangutans, and have gained worldwide media attention for their inspiring efforts. In 2012, they received two Pride of Australia Awards - **the National Environment Award** and **People's Choice Award** for their work to save the orangutan and their story was chronicled in ABC's Australian Story in an episode **'The Book of Daniel'**

All funds raised through door takings and raffles on the night will be donated to The Orangutan Project's Safeguard Program which protects the orangutans' habitat.

The battle to save the closest relative to man is reaching crisis point. The orangutan species faces extinction due to rapidly expanding palm oil plantations and habitat loss in Borneo and Sumatra, South East Asia.

Orangutans are highly intelligent and mesmerising creatures, sharing 97% of human genetics and being one of our closest relatives, but they are being pushed closer to the brink of extinction due to ongoing deforestation and logging for palm oil and paper plantations.



William and Daniel Clarke



"Making Orangutans Wheelie Happy"
Friday 16th August @ 6:30pm
Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre
Corner Codrington & Darlington Ave,
Darlington (Behind Sydney Uni @ Broadway)

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