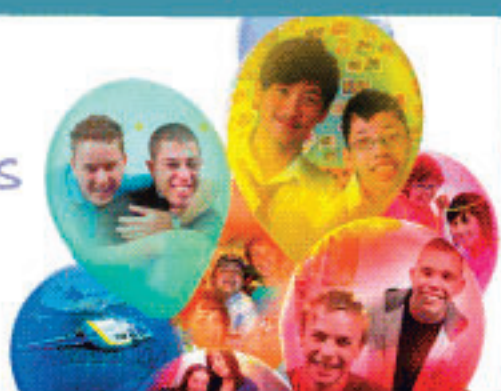




Building friendships  
Changing Lives



It's been a great year for Best Buddies Australia.

We've held a successful Leadership Conference, increased the number of schools we work with, won the City of Sydney Award for Disability Inclusiveness and held a fantastic Best Buddies Day celebration. It's been great, however the most significant win was the Best Buddy Pair of the Year Awards. You see, whilst big group events are fun, it's hanging out with your Buddy that makes a difference. It's the one-on-one time that makes people feel special. It's doing things with your friend that makes the biggest impact, and it's the way we change the world.

Anyone can be part of a crowd, but it takes courage to be a mate.

Finally, Best Buddies in conjunction with the Thomson ASX Reuters Foundation is providing the opportunity for you to win a car. For your chance to win, buy a raffle ticket and click [here](#). Well done everyone on a great year, don't forget to check us out on [Face Book](#) and [Twitter](#).

Seasons Greetings!

Mark Trevaskis - Executive Director

### Buddy Pair Of The Year 2009



Some of you may recognise these smiling faces from a Buddy Pair Profile that we ran earlier in the year. Well the accolades just keep on coming for Jurgen and Owen from Sydney Secondary College - Leichhardt Campus with the news on Friday 27th November that they are the 2009 Best Buddies Buddy Pair Of The Year.

Beating 3 other finalists to the prize of a Helicopter Ride Over Sydney (courtesy of sponsor Redballoon), Jurgen and Owen have formed a genuine friendship which is evident when you see them together.

For the full story, please click [here](#)



### Best Buddies Day 2009



Each year we like to get all our volunteers together and say THANK YOU for being involved with Best Buddies; thanks for making a difference. This year was no exception and we hosted a barefoot bowls party complete with DJ, BBQ, roaming entertainers and lots and lots of sun!

It was a fantastic day with 150+ people attending, from students to corporates to politicians...

Click [here](#) for the full story and more photos.



### Social Inclusion Cricket Match Smashes Stereotypes



On November 26th 2009 Best Buddies stepped out for the first annual Social Inclusion Week Cricket Game as part of the Social Inclusion Week celebrations (23rd November - 27th November) in conjunction with Macquarie University. 25 participants represented two sides; the home team Macquarie University and the Social Inclusion Team which included players from the Lord Taverners side, Best Buddies Exec Director Mark Trevaskis, Carolyn Bruce (Team Manager) and coach Chris Smith.

For a full match report please [click here](#).



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