

## **Walker Bay Boat Club Neighbours: “Jy kan ook opstaan” Aldo Scheun, 2014**

We have a direct interest in Aldo’s progress because at the time of a disaster and together with others in the Hermanus community the Walker Bay boat club made a donation to the huge medical expenses that suddenly hit Aldo’s family. In a 2006 tragedy that shocked the whole of Hermanus Aldo was seriously wounded as an innocent bystander in a in a Hermanus restaurant shooting. This “poacher shootout” left him paralysed and cut short his career as a commercial diver.

Aldo’s story serves as an inspiration to all of us. We can be proud of our young neighbour in the Hermanus harbour. There are lessons for us all in how he has managed to meet the challenges of rebuilding his life after the disaster 8 years ago.

This is a description of what has happened in Aldo’s life since disaster struck.

### **Aldo’s favourite quote:**

*“Those who have a ‘why’ to live, can bear with almost any ‘how’.” — Viktor E. Frankl*

### **What is Aldo’s why?**

“daar net een lewe is, jou uitkyk bepaal of jy dit gaan geniet, of nie. Die toekoms kan n mens laat verbeter, die verlede is ondervinding.”

### **What gave Aldo strength:**

“Vir my is dit geloof, familie en vriende se ondersteuning, en ‘n innerlike wil om die positiewe raak te sien.”



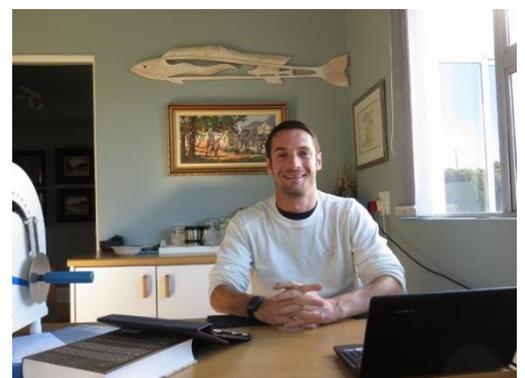
### **Today in 2014 Aldo is studying for MS Psychology and hopes to practice as a Psychologist:**

He is also involved in the Hermanus community where he counsels and assists paraplegics in the Overstrand. This ironically includes people in Hawston which is where the criminals lived who shot him:

- Hospice Companion
- Overberg Wheelchair Association – management
- Association of People with Disabilities (APD) – management
- BS Divers – financial analysis

Since 2006 Aldo has continued with his studies through UNISA:

- 2012 -BA Hons – Sielkunde Cum Laude
- 2010- BA Sielkunde – Cum Laude



### **The hardest thing:**

“Die hardste was die eerste jaar na die ongeluk, waar n mens moet aanpas met wat jy kan en nie kan doen nie. Ook wie jy is, jou drome, en jou plek in die samelweing te herevalueer”



### **In 2006 disaster struck.**

In a tragedy that shook the whole of Hermanus Aldo as a bystander in a pub shooting was shot and sustained C6/C7 injuries. This meant 6 months in ICU and the rest of his life in a wheelchair. This must have been a shattering blow for Aldo and his family. We can only imagine the impact of this trauma.



### **Early in 2006 the world was at Aldo's feet:**

Aldo Scheun was an outstanding young diver set to enter into his father's business and follow in his footsteps as a career diver and businessman.

At this time Hermanus would have seemed like a wonderful place and the prospect of a life of excitement and physical adventure was something most young men would dream of.



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