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NEW LOOK CAREERONE LIFTOUT

This Saturday, the new look CareerOne will be unveiled in The Advertiser.

The newly designed liftout contains more of the latest statistics, trends, issues, news and advice to help workers in their career. Plus there is a new Upskill section dedicated to training and development opportunities, and information to help people starting out on a career, or improve on their current career or change their career.

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HELPING HAND: Cowell Clarke CEO Paul Bilney in his Adelaide Office and, right,

One man is intent on doing what he can to help Japan

WITH a paint scraper in his gloved hand, Paul Bilney slowly removed tsunami mud from the disaster-ravaged streets of Japan.

The 54-year-old CEO from Adelaide law firm Cowell Clarke swapped his shirt and tie for a pair of overalls in the wake of the Japanese earthquake and the subsequent tsunami which slammed into the coast on March 11.

The back-breaking work was like emptying a sandpit with a teaspoon, which is why Mr Bilney is travelling back to Japan tomorrow to continue with the work he left behind.

"We were using paint scrapers to scrape all the gunk and mud out of the pavement," he said. "The tsunami mud left behind is something you've got to see to believe ... it's a combination of whatever was on the bottom of the ocean and what is picked up on the way through, so it's chemicals, industrial waste and sewage."

Like the rest of the world, Mr Bilney was stunned as he watched the disaster unfold in March. He'd never been there, but decided he had to go and help. Mr Bilney waited until the radi-



KATRINA STOKES

ation concerns from the Fukushima nuclear plant subsided before he travelled to Tokyo on April 6.

After arriving in the capital, Mr Bilney joined a team of 150 volunteers from non-government organisation Peace Boat before boarding a bus to Ishinomaki, a town just north of the worst-hit area of Sendai.

Volunteers were advised to find food and water in Tokyo before embarking on the eight-day trip, which proved to be a hard exercise.

"It was very difficult to do because you couldn't even buy water in Tokyo because of all the panic buying that occurred," Mr Bilney said.

"If you could find water, you were only allowed to buy one bottle at a time, so I spent half the day walking around finding mini-marts trying to find water." Arriving in Ishinomaki, Mr

Bilney said his first impressions didn't reveal the true scale of the devastation.

"Every shop was damaged severely or partially. There was nothing left standing as far as the wave came in," he said.

In 0C temperatures, Mr Bilney set up his tent at a nearby university and started the painstakingly slow work of cleaning the streets, shops and homes.

Between the work and widespread devastation, Mr Bilney said he remembered the resilience of the Japanese.

He said there were special moments he would always remember, including the old woman who insisted on shaking his hand, hugging him and thanking him for his work, despite the fact he was filthy and couldn't speak the language.

Another memory frozen in time was of a little boy, called Ren-Kun, who had helped the volunteers scrape sludge off the streets.

Mr Bilney said he would never forget his time in Japan, but the images from that disaster are not the only ones he keeps. A life-long affinity with Thailand led him to

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Girl evades daytime abduction

A TEENAGE girl has escaped an abduction attempt in Glanville. The girl was walking alone on Causeway Rd about 4.25pm on Sunday when she noticed a red VX Holden Commodore following her. She turned into Carlisle St and the same Commodore pulled up in front of her. The male driver got out of the car

and grabbed the girl by the arm but she broke free and ran away. The suspect was described as Caucasian, aged about 30, of medium build with spiky, blond-brown hair. The first letter of the Commodore's registration number was C. Anyone with information should contact Bank SA Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

firm to ground zero



with a child offering a positive message amid the devastation of the Japanese earthquake.



ANATOMY OF A DISASTER

- On March 11, a devastating 9.0 magnitude earthquake struck at a depth of 32 km off the east coast of the main Honshu island, Japan.
- There were more than 20,000 dead and missing.
- It was one of the five most powerful earthquakes ever recorded.
- The earthquake resulted in tsunami waves, up to 30m high, along hundreds of kilometres of Japan's northeastern coastline, destroying coastal towns and villages.

- The earthquake led to a meltdown of fuel rods at the Fukushima Dai Ichi nuclear power plant, resulting in a radiation leak.
- The nuclear emergency was upgraded to a maximum seven on an international scale of atomic crises, the first time the ranking has been invoked since the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.
- A 20km exclusion zone was established around the stricken nuclear power plant, forcing 70,000-80,000 people to relocate.



travel to Phuket just days after the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami.

Armed with some knowledge of the terrain but few language skills, Mr Bilney visited one of the worst hit regions in Asia, the tourist island of Phuket. Little did he know what would greet him.

He found flattened fishing villages littered with bodies and sinking, hot conditions.

Mr Bilney soon found himself in Khao Lak just north of the island and the worst-affected area there.

"I ended by doing the real pointy end stuff, working in a morgue with the Australian Federal Police; it was all fairly intense and gruesome," he said.

"It was out of control. They had nowhere near enough people to help ... very few people were involved when I got there and time was of the essence to deal with the dead because it was so hot."

Mr Bilney's job was to pick up

bodies, put them in a bag and place them - along with about 3000 others - in a nearby Buddhist temple.

He remembers the stench like it was yesterday. "The smell of rotting people has a distinctly unique smell that took me months to get out of my nose; it's horrible," he said.

"People were bringing them in the back of utes and trucks ... people were out collecting them off beaches."

"They were everywhere."

Despite the horrific conditions, he recalls the hospitality of the Thai people.

One night, he slept in a Thai woman's home, the next on the floor of a hospital and one night in a tent with members of the Thai Army.

Mr Bilney said leaving Thailand after 10 days was hard enough, but nothing would prepare him from seeing "identical" scenes in Japan six years later.

"I felt that if I didn't help, I would find it hard to reconcile in my mind," he said.

Back in Adelaide, Mr Bilney continues with his volunteer work. He has raised more than \$14,000 through work colleagues, family and friends. It has gone direct to the people affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

He hopes the Japanese disaster won't be forgotten.

"The trouble with these events is as time goes along, it comes out of the news and something else happens and these things get put on the backburner," he said.

Mr Bilney has valuable advice for potential volunteers.

"You've really got to be willing to do what needs to be done ... one thing that drives the organisers mad is when people go over there and are picky about what they do and don't want to do," he said. "In disasters, that is bad news because you just end up getting in the way."

Fourth arrival since deal

BORDER Protection Command has intercepted another asylum-seeker vessel in Australian waters.

The navy patrol boat HMAS Albany intercepted the suspected irregular entry vessel north-west of Christmas Island yesterday.

Initial indications suggest there are 59 passengers and two crew on board, he said.

"The passengers will be taken to Christmas Island for pre-transfer assessments, pending removal to another country," Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor said in a statement.

It is the fourth vessel to arrive since Australia and Malaysia signed an asylum-seeker deal.

Half say crisis is coming

ALMOST half of Australia's voters believe the world is on the cusp of another widespread financial crisis, while more than a third say it is a 50-50 call, a new survey has found.

The latest weekly Essential Research online survey found only 8 per cent of the 1029 respondents thought a global financial crisis mark two was not very likely.

Should there be another GFC, 40 per cent said they would trust the Liberals more to handle the economy, compared with 31 per cent backing Labor. Still, 54 per cent believe the incumbent government has handled the economy well, compared with 39 per cent who believe it has been poorly handled.

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APPOINTMENTS

Piper Alderman is delighted to welcome the following new members to our Adelaide team.

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