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Australia she was Cheer-Coordinator for the whole of the NRL. When she first came to the UK she ran a cheerleading team at Huddersfield Town football club, and then set-up a cheerleading team at Huddersfield Giants rugby league club.

Robyn and Glenn believe that cheerleading has really added to the family experience at Rugby League matches, and believe that football could benefit from it too. Glenn said: "Bradford Bulls play their games on a Sunday afternoon so they can get families along and the cheerleaders really help in getting the crowd going and upping the atmosphere, and it helps create the family feel."

Robyn added: "When I did the cheerleading at Huddersfield Town, it got a really good response. There's scope for it in football and I think the big clubs should go for the entertainment aspect." And the children of Panache Cheer are certainly very much in demand at the moment.

Robyn said: "We get asked to perform at all kinds of fairs and events, and we were actually asked to perform at the handing over of the Olympic torch!"

Such is the reputation being built-up that Robyn has been inundated with requests from schools in the area asking if she can go and teach classes there.

"We're teaching in about 30 schools now," said Robyn, "and have had to employ another two coaches just to keep up with demand. Sometimes I teach eight classes a day and I must have taught well over a thousand children now."

Robyn, who acts under her maiden name Charlesworth, played policewoman Terri Hall in *Neighbours* for a year, and also appeared in *Home and Away*. She wants to act on TV here in the UK, and is currently working on improving her English accent.

"I'd love to be in *Hollyoaks*, *Coronation Street* or *Emmerdale*," she said. "I went in for *Emmerdale* but I was told there were too many Australians there already!" Glenn plays second-row for Bradford Bulls and is a star player for the team. Last year he won the T&A Player of the Year award, lifted the coaches' award, Players' Player of the Year and Supporters' Player of the Year titles, and made the Super League 2007 Dream Team.

On the Bulls' future prospects, he said: "We've had a bad run with injuries but we've got some great players – six have just gone away with the academy side so next year should be really big. We'll build on things and have a big season."

As for the couple's cheerleading plans, there's a lot they are thinking of doing in the future.

Glenn said: "We want to set up a league structure at some point so that teams can compete in competition. Robyn's also been asked to do adult classes, and we're going to start doing cheerleading parties as well."

Panache Cheer

Wednesdays

4-5pm for 5-9 years, 5-6pm for 10-16 years

Cost £3.60 per session

Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Rooley Avenue, Bradford, BD6 1EZ.

For further information or to enquire about bookings for schools, please contact Robyn on 07876 052885, or ring reception on 01274 307822.