

August, 2014

Hello everyone! What a year it has been so far. In our last newsletter, we told you that our President, Mark, and his wife, and committee member, Elyse were expecting their first child. We are very pleased to announce the safe arrival of Raymond, and you will all be relieved to know that Ray was immediately voted in as Junior Vice President!

Christmas in July

The night was held at the Great Aussie Caravan Park in Bowna, and was attended by over 120 guests. They enjoyed a delicious Christmas three course meal. We were well entertained by an amazing 13 piece band that serenaded us with jazz classics and old Christmas favourites. Several of the revellers stayed on until 3 am - what party animals! A number of people picked up a bargain in the silent auctions, and there was much merriment at the gold coin toss. A huge thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers for all their efforts. We are already looking forward to next time. Please head to our website for links to our amazing sponsors, and if you missed it, the famous cauliflower soup recipe is still available on the 'Christmas in July' page.

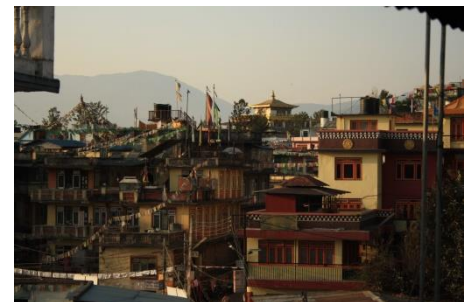


Visits to the Orphanage

Committee members, Trish, Kate, Adrienne, Clare, Erin and Carmel travelled to Nepal earlier this year. Among some sightseeing and sampling of local cuisine (and wine!), they managed to spend some time with the children at the home. The ladies are happy to report that all the children are well and thriving. The schools also report they are doing well. They also met our newest resident, Ankita, and she has settled in very well. Some of the older children will be moving on to university in the next twelve months, and we have aspiring nurses, beauticians, accountants and even a dentist among them!



They were also delighted to find that Sagar, one of the older boys, has started his own business, sewing bags and clothes. This business also employs three other women, and Sagar donates some of the proceeds to another children's home that does not have external support. Some of his goods were on sale at our market stall, and we are hoping that Trish and Kate will bring back some more from their trip this August. Needless to say, we are very proud of all his efforts. If you would like to check out his Facebook page it is at www.facebook.com/spd.nepal. Please, have a look!



Trish, Kate and, new committee member, David T, will be in Nepal as this goes to print. This is to mark the 10 year anniversary of Trish's first visit. We wish them safe travels and can't wait for more stories on their return. We should take this opportunity to congratulate Trish and all the committee and community members for their hard work over the last 10 years, that has helped make such a big difference in so many lives.

Little Me Markets



The CUBE Wodonga 10am - 2pm
Sunday March 16th
Sunday June 15th
Sunday September 14th
Sunday November 23rd
BOUTIQUE - HANDMADE - UNIQUE

The ladies brought back some lovely items from their trip to Nepal in March. All the goods were from fair trade and women's projects. These items have been sold at the markets (as well as at the 'Christmas in July' evening). We will be running a stall at the 'Little Me Markets' on September 14 at 'The Cube' in Wodonga, and looking at markets further afield. For those interested in attending, the markets open at 10 am, and, weather permitting, we will be outside in the sunshine. Make sure you drop by and say hello (and buy something, if the mood takes you). Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with all our market activities!

And In Other news...

The Inner Wheel District A61 of Wodonga has followed up their generous donation from their open gardens last year with a further, very generous, donation this year. We extend them our heartfelt thanks for their continued support.

Alex Bragg, who completed the Three Peaks Challenge in Scotland, has also continued her very generous donating, and has made a further contribution this year. Alex visited the Home in 2010, which inspired her to fundraise for Meg's, so she climbed the three tallest mountains in Scotland in 24 hours. Amazing work!

We have also been the beneficiaries of a very generous donation from the Holbrook Rotary Club and we thank them as well. They will be holding an event in Holbrook, 'Wedding Dresses of the Past', on 25th October. More details will be posted on our Facebook page and website as they come to hand!



We are also hoping to have a bit of fun in the sun with barefoot bowls to be held in November. As always, check the website or Facebook for more details.

Don't forget we have a wonderful website at megschildren.org, as well as a Facebook page www.facebook.com/megschildren (or search for Meg's Children). Information on upcoming events and fundraisers can be found here, so if you haven't already, like us on Facebook. If you need any information that you cannot find on the website or Facebook page, feel free to email us at megschildren@hotmail.com.au. And please pass this newsletter or our information on to anyone you think may be interested - many hands make light work!

A huge thanks to everyone who has supported us this year. It is your ongoing generosity that makes all of this possible, and the support you give makes a massive difference in the lives of these children.

We hope you stay warm for the rest of the winter, and look forward to seeing you at a function in the very near future!

Meg's Children Committee.

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