

SEASON'S GREETINGS! What a year it has been for Meg's Children.

ORPHANAGE NEWS



This year, we welcomed a new resident to Meg's Children Home in Nepal. Ankita, who is now four, has been with us since June. Stewart's Way (check them out on Facebook) are sponsoring Ankita's education, starting with nursery school.

We have received some letters from the children, who report they are all well, studying **very** hard and hoping to see Trish soon. They also send their love and best wishes for Christmas.

As some of our children approach the end of their studies, we are looking towards the future, and we are hoping some of the older children will find jobs in the coming months. We wish them good luck!

We would also like to welcome Bimala to the staff of the Home in Nepal. She will be assisting the committee by overseeing the operation there. Bikash will be taking a step back from Meg's to focus on some other projects. The committee extends our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Bikash, who has been with us for a long time, and wish him all the best in the future.

GALA BALL



Our inaugural Gala Ball was held at the Albury Club in May this year. We had some big ticket auction items, and some bargains were snapped up by some very lucky punters! The night was danced away to the sounds of Round Midnight, and even our founder, Trish, could be seen 'cutting the rug'. A great night was had by all, and we thank

all our guests who attended, the Albury Club for their hospitality, and all our sponsors for the evening.



GOLD CLASS MOVIE NIGHT

Thirty guests enjoyed an evening at Albury's Gold Class in November, seeing 'The Butler', starring Forest Whitaker. Not only were valuable funds raised for Meg's, but it also provided a chance for a great catch up in a relaxed setting. The evening was organised by David and Carmel Hicks (both dedicated committee members), and we thank them for their hard work.

OPEN GARDENS

The Inner Wheel of Wodonga held an Open Garden this October, which showcased three local gardens. The weather was lovely, and many locals enjoyed the inspirational and diverse gardens. All proceeds from the day were donated to Meg's, so a massive thanks goes to the ladies of the Inner Wheel who put on a lovely day for all.

CALENDARS

A HUGE thanks also has to go to David Taylor for his exceptional generosity this year. He donated the magnificent calendars that have been on sale this year, as well as some wonderful photographs that were auctioned at the Gala Ball. ALL money from the sale of the calendars and photos went to Meg's, so thankyou David!

3 HALVES DESIGN

We also partnered with the design company, 3 Halves Design, for an exciting fundraising opportunity. If you need some graphic design work done, check out their website – www.3halvesdesign.com. All the details are available on our Facebook page.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Five members of our committee are travelling to Nepal in February 2014. It is the first time for Carmel, Erin and Clare, but Kate and Trish are seasoned visitors. We wish the ladies safe travels, and cannot wait to hear about their adventures, as well as news of the home on their return.

We are hoping to have a meet and greet on the ladies' return, so we can all hear about how the children are going. This evening is planned for April, but we will provide you with more details closer to the date. It should provide a good opportunity for everyone to catch up, and hopefully introduce some more people to the great work being done at Meg's.

A quick congratulations to Mark and Elyse Lynch, who are expecting their first child next year. We wish them and their growing family health and happiness!

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!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us and attended our events throughout 2013. Without your support, the Meg's Children Committee would not be able to continue to enrich the lives of these children. The support you give makes a huge difference—every little bit counts.

With every wish for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years,

Meg's Children Committee.

