



# Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc

Proud Supporters of Education for the Youth of Nepal

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### Important Changes!

We are delighted to announce that three old friends & supporters have accepted their nominations as members of the committee of our recently established Friends of Nepal-Adelaide Inc Association.

We warmly welcome **Malcolm Lindquist**, RAWCS Project #25 Manager, **Jo Bouchier** and **Bhim Kumar** to the management committee of FONA! These members are all long term supporters of our group & have been instrumental to it's continued growth & success.

**Malcolm** has successfully managed the building of the DRMIS school to completion & has been a trusted & valuable advisor to us in every aspect of our operations over the past three years. Malcolm's considerable experience & calm & measured approach, has helped us navigate the many challenges of working in a Third World Country.

**Jo** was one of the first people to respond to meet the needs of the DMUK children immediately after the devastating earthquake, & together with Lynne Rawson, spent a month living at DMUK & building Pulteney Cottage as temporary housing for the children, while repairs were made to their buildings.

**Bhim** has been involved with us for the past three years, formerly our Education Sponsorship Program Business Manager at DMUK, & most recently as the Nepali manager of the Education Scholarship program. Bhim provides valuable insight & input about respectful cultural practice, Nepali education systems, hostel selection, student mentoring & many other issues so essential to the successful implementation & management of the scholarship program. Bhim is also responsible for financial management of this program in Nepal. Bhim is a highly respected person in his local community, successfully managing his Cyber Café Business & establishing his NGO 'Mission to Modern Social Development, Nepal.'

FONA is also in the process of establishing a working relationship with **Razeev Raz**, another trusted friend of all who ever stayed at Hotel Pensione Vasana in Dillibazar! Razeev will assist us with various tasks in Nepal.

Thanks to you for joining us again! We look forward to a happy & productive year!

### Meet The New Committee.

Denise Roscrow - Chairperson & Secretary

Sue Wymond - Treasurer

Lynne Rawson - Fund raising Chairperson & Scholarship Student Liaison Contact

Ainsley Roscrow – DMUK/DRMIS Liaison Contact

Malcolm Lindquist

Jo Bouchier

Bhim Kumar

We are hopeful of launching our new Website very soon!

### Changes in Bank Details.

We have a new account for FONA Inc with ANZ bank. Details will be on your new accounts &/or receipts, & will be supplied on request for those who make automatic deductions for sponsorship & other financial support.

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## The Intrepid Traveller Returns!

Committee member, Lynne Rawson, recently returned from Nepal where she successfully negotiated Memorandums of Understanding with Bhim Kumar, Nepali manager of FONA Education Scholarship Program, and Rajan Bishwokarma, Chairperson of the Deprived Women & Children Upliftment Centre (DMUK) & Ishwor Ghimire, Managing Director of the David Rajan Memorial International School. (DRMIS)



### Education Scholarship Program.



During her visit, Lynne launched our scholarship program at a celebration dinner, where the scholarship recipients were delighted to receive their Scholarship Certificates &, for the first time in their lives, a welcome scarf Lynne had bought for them. None had ever experienced this traditional Nepali welcome before & it was a highlight of their evening.

Despite the challenges of the monsoon season, Lynne visited students' hostels & campuses, to meet staff & check student progress & welfare. She is delighted to report that all students are doing well in their studies & that all are extremely grateful for the support from sponsors & our fundraising efforts. Some are facing health challenges & Lynne was able to arrange eye testing & glasses for one student & leave funds for medical expenses for ongoing treatment of ankle & leg problems two boys are experiencing.

We are very appreciative of the efforts Lynne made on our behalf & all that she managed to achieve in her 2 week stay. We are very fortunate that both Lynne & Ainsley have been able to visit Nepal to oversee the successful establishment & ongoing monitoring of the scholarship program in collaboration with Bhim. These regular visits are integral to our success.

Our thoughts are with scholarship student Manju who is sitting 3 days of examinations for entry into Kathmandu School of Law this week. Good luck Manju!



### Education Sponsor Program at DMUK & DRMIS.



Lynne visited the Orphanage & school twice during her busy visit & was able to negotiate a new MOU with them regarding the sponsorship program. When we incorporated as an association, we narrowed our purpose to education support only, & the sponsorship funds will now be applied to fee support for Orphanage children & some local children, to attend either DRMIS or other colleges, depending on their class level. Rajan presented

FONA with a beautiful gold framed portrait of a goddess, which Ainsley will display proudly at her Centre.

Lynne reports that the school is doing very well with over 150 enrolled students, & that all the children are happy & healthy. She & Leanne were treated to a welcome ceremony & shared a meal with the children, which was a great joy for them.



Lynne used sponsorship funds to purchase food & clothing for the children & stationary supplies for the school. Further funds will be allocated on receipt of updated information about the children, their class level, school & exam fees etc. which Ishwor is in the process of preparing. Lynne also brought back school progress reports for some of the children, which will shortly be posted to lucky sponsors.





### Meet Sandeep Bishwokarma.

Sandeep is our latest scholarship recipient. He is a talented artist & recently achieved over 95% in his entrance exam & was accepted into Sirjana College of Fine Arts. He hopes to eventually become an artist in the army. Lynne was able to enrol him in the course, buy supplies, books & uniform, & identify a hostel where he will live when he moves out of the Orphanage shortly. He will share a room with our accountancy student Bishal.



### Coming Events

Our Annual Gala Fundraising Dinner is coming up fast.

It's **FRIDAY AUG 26<sup>TH</sup>** at the Belair Country Club.

This is our biggest fundraiser so we need your support!

It's always a great night where you have fun, help others & learn about the impact your support is having on the lives of these severely disadvantaged children.

Live & silent auctions, raffles, wine wall, henna painting - it's all happening on the night!

Lynne & Ainsley are **GUEST SPEAKERS**, so come along to hear more information about the school & our programs, & the beautiful children you all support.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



The Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc.  
Invite you to attend  
their annual fundraiser



**Friday August 26 2016**  
Belair Country Club  
Upper Sturt Rd., Belair 5052  
6.30 for 7:00 pm start.

#### Tickets

Adult \$65.00  
Child \$20.00  
(under 10 years)  
Tables of 10 \$600

#### Ticket includes

Welcome Drink  
Two Course Meal  
Guest Speakers  
Live & Silent Auctions  
Wine Wall  
Henna Painting

Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/210915>

All proceeds go directly to our Education Scholarship programs

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### Mark your calendars for September 15 for our next Movie Fundraiser!

Ladies & romantic gentlemen, it's the Romantic Comedy, 'Bridget Jones's Baby.'

Details to follow shortly.



### 2017 Calendar.



Our 2017 fundraising calendar 'Faces of Nepal' – featuring images of scholarship students & children from our sponsor program DMUK &/or DRMIS, is now available for purchase. The students have not been identified by name, & no personal details have been included, as requested by DMUK management.

This year we have chosen a CD style calendar which will be equally at home on your coffee table or desk!

Calendars are \$15.00 each & make great gifts. Last year the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek purchased in bulk & gave the calendars as gifts to their weekly guest speakers!

If you are interested in bulk purchases please contact us for a discounted price. Thanks to Sue W for coordinating this program.

# Thank You!

FONA members are constantly amazed, delighted & humbled by the amount of support people give to enable us to achieve our goal of providing funding support for the education of severely disadvantaged children in Nepal.

Here is a sample of generous spirits who have offered support in different ways just in the past 2 weeks! This list does not include the people who are donating items to the Gala Dinner. We will acknowledge you on the night!

We salute you all!



## Hand made Gift Cards - Lorna Biggs



We have recently been given some beautiful gift cards hand crafted by Lorna Biggs, the mother of one of our supporters, to sell to raise funds for our scholarships.

If you would like to purchase any of these beautiful cards, we have them available in packs of 5 for \$15- \$20, depending on amount of workmanship in the card. The Christmas cards have already sold out!

Thankyou Lorna, & Wendy, for telling her about FONA & our programs!

## Helen Henbest

Talented Rotarian, FONA sponsor & artist Helen Henbest, recently sold 3 paintings at the Blackwood Rotary Art Show. She very kindly donated the proceeds of the sale of the paintings to us, she did the same in 2016, & this year her sales have raised over \$800! You can see her work 'Weymouth Oval' proudly on display at Mitcham Council offices!



Helen has also donated an original artwork for our Gala Dinner raffle.

## Blackwood Rotary Art Show.

Sue & Denise also spent time selling marmalade jam & tea & coffee during the artists' demonstrations & raised over \$250! Many thanks to Bob & Jan Arnold for baking the delicious biscuits & providing the coffee maker & coffee beans to entice customers with the tempting smell of coffee. Thanks to the club & art show committee for letting us fundraise at the show. This ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

## Alan Ramachandram



Thanks to award winning local artist Alan Ramachandran, who recently chose us as the recipients of the sale/auction or raffle of his donation of painting of a Nepali street scene. Expect to see this beautiful work at the Gala Dinner!

Alan will be travelling to Nepal shortly on a painting trip, & we are hoping that he will have time to meet Sandeep whilst he is there.

## Bob & Jan Arnold.

We have now sold over \$500 worth of this delicious jam, which is made & donated to us by the Arnold family. This is an amazing & generous contribution & we thank Jan & Bob for their ongoing support of our programs.

