

# Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc

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### **NEWSLETTER #9 JUNE 2016**

#### **Exciting news!**

Please note our new name! We have recently incorporated as an association & are currently awaiting approval of our application for registered charity status. We are also in the process of revamping the website & details will follow shortly.

#### **Education Scholarship Program Launch Details**

We are delighted to announce that the Australian formal launch of this program will take place at our annual Gala Fundraising Dinner, Friday August 26th at the Belair Country Club.

Reserve your table now!

The Nepalese formal launch of this program will take place in Kathmandu in July & will be conducted by our fundraising chairperson Lynne Rawson, during her visit. Lynne will host a dinner with key stakeholders and supporters and of course the current 11 scholarship recipients. She will speak about this at our dinner!

With your support, we have managed to fund further education opportunities and living costs for the 8 older children who have left the Orphanage over the past several months. We are currently considering 4 more requests from older children who have recently received exam results and wish to undertake further studies.

### Sponsorship Program.

All children currently living at the Upliftment Centre have sponsors and Lynne will meet with DMUK management and DRRMIS management, to discuss how best to allocate your education sponsorship funds, during her visit. Lynne is happy to carry letters to the children if you can get them to 23 Centre Way, Belair by July 4! She is carrying several laptops so no room for gifts this time!

### **Fundraising Report**

We have been delighted to receive great support from the Rotary Club of Blackwood members who bought wine donated to the club by Rotarian Graham Lough. The club has many worthy projects it can support and we really appreciated that the funds were directed to us. This generosity added \$360 to our much needed bank account & enabled us to fund computer classes for Manju Ghimire, one of our talented students, currently studying hard to gain entrance into Kathmandu School of Law in August.

Rotarian Bob Arnold and wife Jan, have once again made beautiful marmalade jam with all sale proceeds going to us! Their generosity will raise over \$500 for our scholarship programs, and funds raised so far have already been applied to course fees and hostel costs for an exceptional, but extremely disadvantaged young man, Bishal Lambu, who left the Orphanage

in 2015, to realise his dream of becoming a chartered accountant. He starts his studies & moves to his new hostel next week!



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#### 'Trash and Treasure Market' Pulteney Grammar School June 19 2016.

Despite low crowds we managed to raise \$3,500 from this inaugural event!



Lynne Rawson, our fundraising chairperson extraordinaire, worked tirelessly with staff at Pulteney Grammar School, to ensure that this event ran smoothly!

She donated, collected, sorted, labelled, cooked, set up and packed up & generally oversaw the running of this huge event. She is to be congratulated on the superhuman effort she makes to support the young Nepalese people she has come to regard as her family!

We had many donations from supporters, including books from Chris Dodsworth, at Mitcham Rotary Club book store, toys and books from families at Montessori Children Centre, and vintage and antiques from Pat Bland, who also was selling books to raise funds for the School Pacific Association. We had plants, cakes, bric a brac, clothing, jewellery, soup, scones, etc. all kindly donated by supporters, friends and of course our families! Thanks to all those who kindly helped man the trestles & convince people they needed to buy the treasures on offer!

The support from Pulteney Grammar school in the provision & help in set & pack up of trestles & chairs & in giving us access to the Quad & outside kitchen & toilet area was outstanding! The students travelling to Nepal in October manned the barbecue, supported by their outstanding teachers.

A wonderful team effort with an outstanding result which will enable us to support at least two more students achieve their dreams of tertiary study.



#### OUR THIRD GALA FUNDRAISING DINNER

#### FRIDAY AUG 26TH AT BELAIR COUNTRY CLUB.

This is our biggest fundraising event & this year's highlights will include the launch of our new Education Scholarship program & our 2017 calendar.

Guest speakers will be Ainsley Roscrow & Lynne Rawson, who will both report on their recent trips to Nepal. Ainsley will report of the progress of the David Rusk Rajan Memorial International School & Lynne will present a report of the scholarship launch in Nepal, & hopefully have some interviews with scholarship

recipients to share with you all.

Tickets will be available shortly on Try Booking.

All funds raised will be directed to the Education Scholarship Program.

