



Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc

Proud Supporters of Education for the Youth of Nepal

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We did it ✓

We are delighted to announce that Friends of Nepal is now an official Registered Australian Charity!

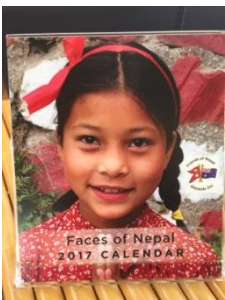
August & September have been very busy months for our committee.

We have recently held two successful fundraisers. Our Annual Gala Dinner was held on Friday August 26th where, with the help of 80 guests, we raised over \$6,000 to fund our education scholarship programs.

Last Friday night, 16 September, we held another of our popular film nights at the beautiful Capri Cinema. 170 people enjoyed the movie 'Bridget Jones's Baby' & supported our stall & raffle ticket sales to raise over \$2,500. The food & drinks were a great success, all donated, & made possible by the hardworking fundraising committee, which is managed so well by the tireless efforts of chairperson Lynne Rawson.

We would like to thank all our helpers & supporters who are helping us change children's lives through education.

A reminder that you can support our projects by buying one of our beautiful 2017 calendars.



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!

Sponsor Accounts.

All this activity has kept our new treasurer, Sue Wymond, very busy. We are in the process of changing our accounting system & there has been a delay in sending out accounts. We hope to have the new system working smoothly in the next two weeks so you can expect your account soon. Thankyou for your patience.

Sue has recently transferred over \$5,000 to Nepal, with over \$2,500 of sponsorship money going to support the education of the Orphanage children & local children to attend DRMIS. The rest is supporting living costs & education fees for our 8 scholarship students.

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Education Scholarship Program.

We are urgently seeking sponsors for our education scholarship program. The costs for this program are much higher than for educating children at DRMIS, as course fees & living costs are higher. In addition to paying course fees, we need to fund suitable clothing, as generally students leave DMUK with very few personal possessions & bedding & hostels require students to provide their own.

We have also had to meet an unexpected cost, that of additional medical expenses, as many of the students have ongoing medical problems, most likely caused by early malnutrition. Several of the students require eye glasses & others have stomach problems &/other medical challenges.

If you can help fund an education scholarship, or know anyone who might be interested, please let us know. We have attached an information pack for your interest & for you to share with any possible supporters.

Education Scholarships are \$500 per year, payable in two instalments. The fees for existing sponsors who are already supporting scholarship students, will not change however.

This month we are featuring **Sandeep**, our most recent scholarship recipient, to give you an insight into how your sponsorship support & fundraising dollars are spent!

Sandeep is 17 years old & has just been awarded an education funding scholarship with FONAI, to attend a two year program at Sirjana College of Fine Arts.

When he finishes his studies, Sandeep wants to become an artist in the Nepali army.



Sandeep's mother works in Kuwait, & has been sending money to support Sandeep to enable him to complete high school to year 10. She is unable to support further education for him. Year 10 is the highest level of education for many Nepalese people.

The awarding of a FONAI scholarship to this young man has enabled him to continue his studies & realise his potential as a talented artist.

We have great faith that this serious young man will achieve much with our ongoing support.

Here are ways you can donate to FONAI to support **Sandeep's** education.



\$25.00 will fund Sandeep's	Living costs for 1 month (bus fare, snack, toiletries etc)
\$45.00 will fund Sandeep's	Hostel admission fee so he can live close to the Arts college
\$50.00 will fund Sandeep's	Set up costs (mattress, linen, towels etc)
\$100.00 will fund Sandeep's	Books & art supplies (estimate) (annual)
\$100.00 will fund Sandeep's	Medical expenses (annual)
\$110.00 will fund Sandeep's	Hostel fee for 1 month
\$300.00 will fund Sandeep's	Clothing/shoes (annual)
\$375.00 will fund Sandeep's	College Admission fee
\$800.00 will fund Sandeep's	College Annual fee (first year)
\$600.00 will fund Sandeep's	College Annual Fee (second year)
\$1250.00 will fund Sandeep's	Lap top

Namaste & Thankyou To All Our Supporters!