

## Newsletter April 2019

### Nepal Trip Report.



Lynne Rawson recently returned from another successful trip to Nepal. She held two very productive meetings with our management team, & discussed some exciting plans they have for mentoring our older scholars who are coming to the end of their scholarships. We are very impressed with the commitment they have to the students overall well being & the workshops they plan to undertake with them as they forge

a path to independence. Lynne spent a fun & memorable evening with all of the students enjoying pizza & ten pin bowling. She visited Rotary & accepted an award on our behalf, & delivered an MOU on behalf of Malcolm Lindquist. Another highlight was a visit with Prem Oli & Urmila at BulBul kindergarten, which she reports is growing rapidly & has now expanded to include class 1. Lynne caught up with the news of the SEEP program which is going well, from CDS treasurer Surendra Dhakal. Unfortunately a combination of altitude sickness & a chest infection, shortened her trekking exploits. Lynne managed to fit in some serious shopping & we have some wonderful new merchandise to showcase at our May movie fundraiser. We all appreciate Lynne's hard work & dedication to the program & the amazing networks she builds to strengthen our program. Thanks Lynne.

### Scholarship Program Report.

The school year is almost over for all of our high school students. Two have completed their final exams & are on holiday break. Both did very well. The 3 boys at NIC College will sit their final Year 12 exams in May. Then they begin the long 3-month wait for the results. Our management team has been researching short term vocational scholarship options to prepare them for future work & study, & once we have finalized choices & plans, we will be seeking sponsors. Our university students are all continuing with their studies & doing well. Anjana is about to attend Rotaract office bearer training, which is exciting! We wish all continued success, especially the boys undertaking their final exams.



### Rotary District 9520 2018/19 Annual Conference Broken Hill.

We were fortunate to once again be part of this annual event. It is really a privilege to listen to the inspirational speakers, & learn how much Rotarians & their programs are impacting positively in the world. The conference delegates are very supportive of us & our programs, & we were able to raise over \$600 at our small stall in the Rotary Showcase. We cannot thank the Rotary movement enough for it's continued support of our scholarship program. It is quite humbling to be included alongside such amazing programs as shelterbox, trachoma, polio plus, water sanitation & indigenous health. Thanks again for the opportunity to share what we do with so many likeminded humanitarians.

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## Coming events



We hope you can join us at our movie fundraiser Australian romantic comedy

'Top End Wedding,' on Friday May at Mitcham Cinemas. By now you should have received a flyer but here are the details. The movie has excellent reviews & showcases the spectacular scenery of far North Australia.

Your ticket includes a complimentary glass of bubbles & a delicious Woolmore's cookie, made by them for us especially for this event. You will be selling some exciting new Nepali artefacts & of course there will be a raffle! We hope to see you there. Thanks again to our wonderful sponsors.

### TOP END WEDDING (M)

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY

5.45 pm for 6.45 pm screening

WALLIS CINEMA, Mitcham Shopping Centre - MITCHAM

Adults \$25 Student & Children under 12 \$20

Enjoy a glass of bubbly or soft drink & biscuits from Woolmore's Fine Foods



Bookings thru – <https://www.trybooking.com/BBOZL>



Weather permitting we will be at **Urrbrae Farmer's Market** on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>

In addition to jams & chutneys & Nepali artefacts we have some hand made facecloths & soaps ideal for that special Mothers Day gift. Thanks Hilary!

### Gala Dinner & Silent Auction.

Mark your calendar for Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at a 'Taste of the Himalayas' Brighton Rd Brighton. We have changed to a Saturday night to avoid the parking & traffic problems.

**Thankyou** to Cherilyn or supporter who is selling books at the Rotary markets in Victor Harbor & Port Eliot. She has now raised over \$1,000 in 3 months! What an amazing effort.



Happy Easter to you all!

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