

Newsletter August 2019

AGM

Due to unfortunate circumstances we have had to delay our AGM until Thursday October 3 2019. Details will follow shortly.

Scholarship Program Report.



We are very proud to announce our first university graduate!

Sanjeev BK graduated in July with a Bachelor of Science-honours in Computing with an upper second class honours from British College in Kathmandu. The program is run in partnership with Leeds Beckett University, UK. & Sanjeev has gained highly sought-after skills in computer



programming, database development, networking, website development, systems modeling, and computer security. Sanjeev will have a bright future indeed, & we look forward to the next step of his journey as he exits our program. We have supported Sanjeev in partnership with Children's Future Fund in Germany for 4 years, from when he was living at the orphanage to this proud day. He will graduate on Sep 3. We wish we could be there! We could not have achieved this without the incredible support of our donors, our management team & our German partners! We cannot thank you all enough.

About the boys!

It's result time in Nepal & we expect our accounting student **Bishal** to be our next graduate. Bishal is completing his final year of a Bachelor in Accounting & eagerly awaiting his results.

We can proudly announce that both **Hem & Prachandra** have successfully completed Year 12! This is a major achievement as only 25% of eligible Nepalis reach this level of education.

Bijay, pictured in the hat, who also studied Year 12, missed out on a final pass & will complete supplementary exams shortly to reach this milestone. Bijay battled serious health issues, he had typhoid fever, during his studies, & we are proud that he made it through these two demanding years.



All 3 boys are now studying vocational classes, Hem medical preparation, Prachandra, University preparation & Bijay, hospitality studies. Bijay has already completed his Barista training & is now on the cooking part of his course. His verdict! I love it! Hem & Prachandra will make their final university choices in October. Exciting times!

Sushant, Year 10 at SAB school, just completed his semester 1 exams with excellent results & is also School Sports captain!

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And the girls!

Shrinkhala is now studying her final year of high school.

Anjana has completed her Diploma in Fashion design requirements & is continuing her Bachelor studies, & **Manju**, who has secured independent sponsorship from European donors & is now an 'unofficial' FESSHIP scholar, is completing her third year of law. We wish the girls good luck in their examinations, which are now underway.

2019-20 FESSHIP program. Aiming for gender equity!

We have already welcomed a visually impaired young man to the program.

Saugat is in his second semester of a Bachelor in Developmental Finance.

The team is finalizing documentation to admit 5 more **girls** to the program in the next 2 weeks. They all are pursuing nursing qualifications! We are prioritising girls for future scholarships. We will share details of the new students as they become available.

Funding Sources

Sponsorship is our main source of income & thanks to all of you who have continued their sponsorships this year. We could not achieve anything without this steady income flow. We would also like to acknowledge other sources of support which are crucial to the success of our small program.

Behind the scenes.

Big thanks go to Blackwood Rotarians, Helen Henbest & Hilary Flynn, both also sponsors, for their ongoing support of FONAI. Helen has kindly donated the profits of her paintings sold at the Blackwood Rotary Art Show for the past 3 years, & Hilary keeps up a steady supply of jams & craft goods which we sell at Urrbrae markets. We really appreciate this support. Jan Arnold, wife of Blackwood Rotarian Bob, keeps making her beautiful marmalade jam, one of our most popular market items! Over the past 3-4 years Jan has probably made over 1,000 jars, & we have regular customers buying in bulk to ensure they have constant supplies. Thanks Bob & Jan.



Ex Blackwood Rotarian Cherilyn Fleming, braves the cold at Port Eliot & Goolwa markets, manning a second hand book stall with all profits coming to us.

Over the past year Cherilyn has raised over \$2,500, a wonderful effort.

Thanks to all these amazing people.

And thanks to all those kind people who leave donations on my doorstep which we sell at markets, on local sites or at our silent auction. These sales all add up to cover scholarship costs & are much appreciated.

Exciting news – The SEEP program with CDS. Malcolm reports that money has been transferred & 2 new groups will start in October! If you want to help go to:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/101-2018-19>.

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Fundraising is very important for us to maintain our programs

Say goodbye to the winter blues at two major upcoming Spring fundraisers. Our Spring Fashion Event is hosted & sponsored by Willywags owner, Catherine Hunter, & bookings are open now. Book early, tickets are limited. Some tickets may be available at the door & the shop!.

Fans of Downton Abbey can join us at our screening of the movie In Sep also, & enjoy a tasty treat sponsored by Woolmores Fine Foods.



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proudly present our

Spring Fashion Event

Hosted by

Willywags

310 Unley Road Hyde Park

Wednesday September the 11th 2019
6:30pm – 8:30 pm

Tickets \$25
Limited tickets available

Bookings Essential
<https://www.trybooking.com/BDURG>

Funds raised go directly to our Educational Scholarship Program

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Invite you to join us at our movie fundraiser –

Downton Abbey



Sunday 15th September 2019

Time: 4:00pm (film starts at 5:00pm)

Tickets \$25
\$12 for children under 12
Wallis Cinema - Mitcham

(limited tickets available at the door unless sold out)
Includes drink and treat on arrival –
generously donated by Woolmore's Fine Foods

Raffle tickets and Nepali stall will be available

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BDURG>

Sep 7 2019 Urrbrae Farmer's Market

October 3 2019 AGM – Details will follow

November 2 2019 Gala Dinner & Silent Auction.

'Taste of the Himalayas' Brighton Rd., Brighton.
Bookings open soon!



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