

Newsletter February 2020

A big welcome to old & new supporters! We hope as many of you as possible can attend our supporter appreciation event! (details below!) Lynne has graciously made her home available & we look forward to welcoming you!

Supporter Appreciation Drinks & Nibbles

Thank You For Your Support!
Together, We Make A Difference.



***Sunday March 22 5.00 -7.00 pm
18 High St. Unley Park***

***RSVP with numbers attending by 19/3/20
Lynne 0412 115 129***

Congratulations to Mark Bouchier, long time supporter of Nepal & FONAI, & husband of committee member Jo, on receiving a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2020 Australian Day honours for services to the community. A very well deserved honour.



Scholarship Program News.



Semester 2 is now well under way & all students are working hard to achieve their goals. Our secondary students are nearing the end of their academic year & our undergraduates just beginning.

Congratulations to Bijay who recently graduated with a Diploma of Cooking from CMC & is working in Uncle's Bakery. Bijay, the one in black, is seen here next to Deekshak our manager & Debendra, CEO of CMC. They are signing Bijay's employment contract! A big

thankyou to the Rotary Club of Lindisfarne who funded Bijaya's vocational scholarship!

Nepal trip.



FONAI board member Malcolm Lindquist, recently visited Nepal to monitor the RAWCS SEEP program. Malcolm visited with our FESSHIP team & held very fruitful discussions about program directions with them. He also collected our Nepali artefacts for future market & film night sales!

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SEEP program.

Malcolm made the bumpy, but inspirational, trip to the new SEEP groups & learned first hand how women & communities are benefiting from this employment empowerment program. He expressed his admiration for the dedication of the women to the program, especially the initial literacy & numeracy classes. Some groups meet at 5 am for 2 hours before the women return home to cook the meals & then work another 8-10 hours in the fields. One group was meeting in a disused chicken shed. Malcolm carried your donated knitted goods for distribution to needy families at CDS.

David Rajan Memorial School

Malcolm also visited the David Rusk Rajan Memorial school & reported that it was in excellent condition & providing education to over 150 students up to year 10. The school is an integral part of the local community which has seen great urbanization over the past few years. Everyone at the orphanage was well & Malcolm was pleased to meet with Mother Rajan & discuss the plans for adding the final 2 school years, + 2 in the near future. Another proud achievement of the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek!

SAB & Bul Bul Kindergarten visits.

Malcolm spent time with Prem Oli at Bul Bul Kindergarten, & met with Lachhe at SAB school & met FESSHIP scholar Sushant who is currently completing Year 10 there.

Rotary connections.

Malcolm attended a Rotary club of Dilibazaar meeting & enjoyed social times with his many Nepali friends!.

Coming events

We have some exciting events in the pipeline!

- ❖ April movie night currently in planning
- ❖ A Spring Fashion parade at Willy Wags Unley Rd., Hyde Park
- ❖ Our Annual Gala Dinner – We are planning to hold this event in August.
- ❖ Details for all events will follow shortly.

Markets

- ❖ You can find us at the Urrbrae Farm Markets on first Saturday of the month, weather permitting.
- ❖ We will also have a Showcase booth at the Rotary District Conference in Mildura in March.



Thanks to all who have made jam, dried oranges, sewed bags &/or donated goods for sale at these events. They are an important part of our fundraising efforts

We have been able to fund many extras, including tutor support, extra course materials, travel costs & other 'non essentials,' due to the generosity of donors & supporters like you.

Namaste!

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