

End of Financial Year Newsletter July 2022

Namaste!

We are delighted to announce that we have renewed our partnership agreement with Canopy Nepal to manage the FESSHIP program for the next 2 years. The program will expand to 15 students, our biggest number ever! The wonderful support we have received over the past 12 months has made the addition of 4 more girls to complete years 11 & 12, & the transition into university studies for 2 existing students, possible. We cannot thank you enough!

News from Chairperson Lynne

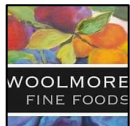
A VERY, VERY sad farewell to our wonderful team member Ainsley Roscrow. We recently accepted her resignation due to her work commitments. Ainsley has supported FONAI since 2015 with fundraising at her Montessori Early Learning Centre & through many of her contacts & friends. (The popular Gin for Good fundraiser is her baby & long may it continue!) Ainsley's understanding & love of the Nepalese way has guided our group well & she cherishes the friendships that she has made during her many visits to Nepal. Ainsley, although you may not be 'on the committee' it certainly does not mean you are not part of our team - there will always be a place for you. OK?



Supporters, if you think you would like to join our committee, or help us in any other way, we would love to have a chat with you. Please contact a committee member or email using contact details below.

Thanks everyone who supported our final fundraisers over the past months. The movie, Downton Abbey - A New Era, was a great success with over 80 guests & making around \$1,500 in profit. The two raffles, one Easter & one at our film night, were well supported by our friends & community.

Thank you to Emmaline's Country Kitchen & Woolmore's Fine Foods for making our prize gift baskets so amazing.



New events are in the planning! Watch this space!

Thanks also to Mitcham Rotary Club for their warm welcome & response to our presentation about the work we do in Nepal. Great humanitarians & supporters of Nepal.

Finally, I am planning a visit to Nepal in October & looking forward to meeting old & new students & friends & finally shopping to renew our depleted stocks for our stalls at markets & fundraisers!

FESSHIP Program Report.

Students have returned to face to face learning as life returns to normal in Nepal. We thank the FESSHIP team for the love & ongoing support they give to the students & their families, especially Deekshak! Here is a brief summary of the program.

University students - ongoing

Kopila 21, & is a very resourceful & hardworking student balancing the second of her four year degree, a Bachelor of Business Studies with daily office work. Prachandra 20, is in his third of a four year Bachelor of Computer Application degree. He is currently mentoring other FESSHIP & Canopy students as a volunteer tutor.





Shrinkhala, 19, is studying her second of four years of a Bachelor of Business Studies & working as an intern at Canopy Nepal helping the accounts team.

Saugat, 22, is in his final year of a Bachelor in Development Finance. He remains actively involved with his internship supervisors to improve the banking system & services for the visually impaired. We will celebrate his graduation later this year!

Vocational students - ongoing.

Both nursing students are on track to complete their studies in 2023.

Sajina & Shoban, both aged 19, are currently completing their final community placements & their final year of studies. They are excellent students with bright futures. They will graduate in April 2023. A great achievement for them & us!

High school students.

Over the past 2 years we have supported 5 students to begin or complete Years 11 & 12. Two of the students, Pooja & Sabina, received excellent results & FESSHIP has renewed their scholarships to enable them to begin university studies.

Pooja will shortly commence her first year of a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering on a partial scholarship & Sabina a Bachelor of Science.

Sushant is currently waiting for his final Year 12 results to decide on his future path. He is interested in joining the army.

Jyoti & Priyanka, both aged 15, have just completed their Year 11 exams & will start Year 12 shortly.

We will share new students details when they are received.

Self Employment through Education Program Update.

RAWCS Project manager Malcolm reported that funds were released recently to enable the start of 2 new groups in Budhanilaknath city around 11 km north of Kathmandu. We look forward to receiving & sharing reports in the next few months.

RAWCS project details 101-2018-19: [Project Search - Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. \(RAWCS\)](#)



COVID Relief Project Update

Last year, with your help, FONAI facilitated & disbursed \$15,000 to support the development & staffing of a Covid Isolation Centre through a joint initiative with the Rotaract & Rotary Clubs of Dilibazaar. As planned, post pandemic, the clinic has now converted to an Urban Health Centre, a much needed & valued resource for the local community.

Rotary Club of Blackwood Art Show – FONAI has been offered the chance to sell Jan Arnold's famous marmalade jam & Helen Henbest's beautiful home crafted beanies at this year's Art Show! We humbly thank these two amazing women who have been supporting FONAI since 2015!

Thanks to chairperson Lyn Muller & all Rotarians for the ongoing support!

AGM



Mark your calendar for our AGM – full details will follow shortly.

Date: Tuesday 6 Sep 2022

Venue: 'Taste of the Himalayas'
489 Brighton Rd., Brighton 5048

