

## Newsletter August 2022

### Namaste!

It's AGM time of the year again! Please join us to celebrate our achievements & enjoy a beautiful Nepalese meal. Please note change of date from Sept 6 to Sep 13. RSVP is essential.

### Tuesday September 13 2022

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

Time: Arrival 6.30 for 7 pm

#### AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Chairperson's Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Committee/Office Bearers
7. Appointment of Auditor
- 8 General Business



Join us for a delicious Nepalese meal at FONAI special price of \$35 per head.  
BYO & bar facilities available.

RSVP essential to Denise 0414358106 by Friday Sep 9 2022

### FESSHIP news

Our new 2 year partnership agreement is underway & the FESSHIP team has welcomed 4 new girls to the program. They are currently completing entrance exams to begin their Year 11 studies. We look forward to following their progress over the next two years.

### We're Excited!

The next 12 months will see many highlights for our small group. Saugat, (2019-...) will graduate with a Bachelor in Developmental Finance at the end of this year. Saugat is visually impaired & a pioneer in education for the blind, hopes to secure a government position after graduation. We will celebrate two more post secondary graduates in March/April when Sajina & Sabina complete their Diploma in Nursing qualifications.

In more good news, Shrinkhala (2019-) who is studying her second year of a Bachelor of Business Studies, is working as an intern in the finance section at Canopy Nepal. Our FESSHIP budget includes transition to work funding, providing a small stipend for Shrinkhala. She is pictured here with Lynne & her father 2019. All other students have resumed their studies.



### Proud Moments.



Our first FESSHIP program began in 2014 supporting education scholarships for children at the Deprived Women & Children's Upliftment Centre (DMUK) to attend local schools & then transit to the David Rajan Memorial School which was formally opened in 2015. FONAI also fundraised to help build this school in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek.

We have had reports that the first batch of Year 10 SEE, Senior Secondary Education Students, recently graduated from the school. This is a very pleasing outcome for everyone involved in the project. Malcolm Lindquist oversaw the project & is pictured here on one of his monitoring visits.

Some DMUK students continued on FESSHIP scholarships & we have received some welcome news of their progress.

Bijay, (2014-2020) after leaving the orphanage at 16, successfully completed his Higher Secondary Education Certificate (Years 11 & 12) followed by a Diploma in Cooking & Barista training at CMC. Bijay is now working in hospitality in Dubai supporting his single mother & family back in Nepal.



In Bijay's words: *'I want to thank you from my inner core of my heart for providing me education as well as everything food, shelter, hospital & medicines. Without FONAI I cannot imagine my life as you have made me skilful & educated.'* Bijay was very sick with TB during his scholarship & required a lot of extra care from the team.

Sanjeev (2014-2020) is applying for scholarships to begin his master studies abroad. He has been working in IT since completing his Bachelor in Computer Science in 2019 on FESSHIP scholarship.



Manju (2014-2019) & Anjana (2014-2020) exited the program mid way through their courses after accepting alternative funding. In exciting news, Manju will graduate with a Bachelor of Business Management & Law in October 2022 & Anjana with a Bachelor in Fashion Design in April 2023. These are wonderful achievements for these two young women & we are very proud of them. Manju is already working for the betterment of the Dalit people, the lowest caste, in Nepal.



Sushant (2014..) is currently waiting for his Year 12 results & undertaking barista training at CMC as he plans for his future.

Lynne is looking forward to catching up with old & current students & friends, shopping for our artefact stalls at markets & fundraisers & visiting RAWCS SEEP programs on behalf of Malcolm. She will be busy.

## Fundraising

A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Blackwood Art Show team who sold Jan's famous marmalade jam & Helen's beautiful home crafted beanies & raised \$400! Thank you Jan & Helen. We appreciate you! Thanks to the club for it's ongoing support!



Look out for a movie fundraiser in the next few weeks & a return to Urrbrae markets in November when our stocks are replenished after Lynne's trip. Lynne is collecting glasses frames to take with her & if you have any please contact FONAI to arrange drop off or collection.



## COVID Infection Clinic Project Update

Many of you, as well as many Rotary clubs, supported the COVID Infection Clinic fundraising drive FONAI facilitated in 2021. The President of the Rotaract Club of Dilibazaar, has proudly informed us that this project has received several awards. We have worked with these passionate Rotaractors on other projects & highly recommend them to anyone looking to support programs in Nepal. Contact us for their details. As planned the clinic has now converted to an Urban Health Centre, a much needed resource for the local community, which Lynne will visit when she is in Nepal.





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Namaste to you all!

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