

Newsletter August 2023



Chairperson's Report

We were very saddened by the recent death of our treasurer Sue's husband Reg. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time & we send our love to you all.

Onward we go!

We have had a wonderful start to this financial year with two successful events replenishing the funds for the FESSHIP program.

A big thankyou to the Blackwood Rotary Art show committee & our wonderful donors Jan, Hilary & Helen, who made the beanies, jam & lemon curd which raised over \$400. We are very grateful for this continued support.

Our fundraising Barbie movie was an outstanding success with 107 guests! Thanks to our generous sponsors Woolmore's Fine Foods, Emmaline's Country Kitchen, Melba's Chocolates, Flourish, The Garden Store, Jo Bouchier & Hilary Flynn who provided raffle prizes & the goodie packs we enjoyed during the movie. Thanks also to Wallis Cinemas at Mitcham for welcoming us & ensuring the event ran so smoothly. We raised almost \$3,000, a wonderful result.



We are planning on being at the September 2 Urrbrae Farm market weather permitting!

Lynne!

FESSHIP Student News.

This year we have 11 students. It will be a big year for celebrations as our two nursing students will graduate when they complete the practical requirements for their Diplomas in Nursing in September. We will also celebrate our senior high school students achievements when their Year 12 results are published. They are currently making future plans in collaboration with our Canopy team. We have 4 university students who are continuing their studies & are on track to graduate over the next two years.

Kopila, who is in her third year of a Bachelor of Business Studies, is working part time at an exporting company & recently won the Bonnie Sharplin Award in recognition of her achievements. Bonnie is a Canadian humanitarian with strong links to Nepal & is a long time supporter of Canopy's educational scholarship program Canship.



We are proud to support all these students & look forward to following their educational journeys.

Partnerships

We recently facilitated a donation of \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Blackwood International committee for the purchase of a lap top computer for the former Covid Infection Clinic which is now a medical centre. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Dilibazaar for manging this donation.

We welcome our third partnership agreement with the Rotary Clubs of Lindisfarne & Clarence Sunshine for an educational scholarship for Sunita. Sunita expects to start university very soon, Year 12 & entrance exam results are pending, & is currently working as a facilitator at Canopy. We look forward to working with Lindisfarne Rotarians again.



From Little Things Big Things Grow!

FONAI is often approached to assist in Nepali projects outside of our FESSHIP program. We can't always say yes to funds, but can offer to act as facilitators for collection & transfer of funds from individuals, &/or groups, for projects we think will have a positive impact on children's lives. If you wish to support either of the projects below we guarantee follow up for feedback & accountability.

Eye Health Project

Lindisfarne Rotarians who recently visited Nepal continued the support of a project initiated by chairperson Lynne during her last visit. They delivered over 100 pairs of prescription glasses to optician Keshav for conversion into glasses for needy children. These frames are much stronger than Nepali frames & Keshav & his team recently sent a video (attached) of the eye clinic the team funded & conducted in a monastery near Kathmandu where they added new lenses to the donated frames. They need \$2000 to fund more eye clinics to adapt the 100+ remaining pairs



FONAI has partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Lindisfarne & Clarence Sunshine to support this project & pledged \$1,000 to the costs. The Lindisfarne team is planning to contribute up to \$500, so we are on our way! Every little bit helps! The Rotarians & Lynne are planning visits to Nepal in 2024 & are currently collecting children & adult prescription glasses to take. If you have any to donate please contact Denise or Lynne for collection.



Lindisfarne Rotarians are also collecting recorders & flutes for a school in Kathmandu & these can be passed to or collected by Denise also (before Nov 2023)

Sita High School Computer Project.

Our friend Prem Oli has requested our support to fund computers for this remote & significantly disadvantaged school in Nepal. This project is in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dillibazaar who have donated 4 computers. Over 200 students have been using 1 computer to date! Prem is seeking \$6,000 to buy 20 more to assist the children's digital learning. FONAI cannot help with funding for this project but are long time supporters of Prem's work. We will collect funds for both projects from August for final transfer in December 2023 & can provide formal project proposals & receipts on request.



Direct donation details

Account Name: Friends of Nepal Adelaide Inc
BSB 015210 Account # 300464253
Mark deposits: Your name. Eye Health Project or Sita HS

AGM
Tuesday October 10
'Namaste' 41 George St., Parkside

Agenda

- Welcome/Apologies
- Chairperson's Report /Treasurer's Report
- Election of Office Bearers/Committee members/Appointment of Auditor
- General Business

Arrival 6.30 for 7.00. RSVP Denise 0414358106 Meal details to follow.



Thankyou for your continued support.