



Kampuchea  
House

# Newsletter

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## From the President

Dear Supporters and Friends

There has been much activity at the orphanage. In the last few months we have seen the building and completion of House 4 and the commencement of House 5 which is now not too far from finished. There are some photos of the construction in through this newsletter. The new children selected for House 4 have now had their medical checks and are scheduled to move in to Kampuchea House on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. With all things being equal, we are hoping that the children for House 5 will be in by the end of August or early September. A special thanks to Eli Firestone and Mithra Raja who are involved with the Youth Committee who are also both engineers with Arup. Arup did the plans and designs of the new houses, while Eli and Mithra spent three months at the orphanage assisting with the building and construction. The results are excellent. Sokhoeun and his team have also done a great job during the building process.

Speaking of Sokhoeun, I'm sure most of you know that Sokhoeun recently had his first trip to Australia! With a very full schedule with visits to schools, businesses and other supporters, he also got to enjoy the sights of Australia. Thank you to everyone who helped during his visit, in particular Norm Clark, Libby McCann and Rae Biggart, Tom Wilkins, the Connelly family and Belinda Lightfoot.

It was a great opportunity for Sokhoeun to meet so many of our supporters as well as being able to update them on the progresses being made at Kampuchea House. As well as many speaking engagements, Sokhoeun also got to experience Aussie Rule football – Go Dees! Thank you to those who attended the dinner with Sokhoeun at Bopha Devi during his visit which was also a great night.



**Not too far away is the 2011 Scenic Cambodian Bike Ride.** Commencing on 5<sup>th</sup> September, Tom and his team will kick off from Siem Reap, making their way through Cambodia where they will see wonderful sights over the 5 days. In total some 500 kilometres will be covered with the ride working its way up to the Preah Vihear Temple on the Thai border. The ride will conclude at the orphanage on September 9 to celebrate with all the children. If you require further information please contact Tom at:

[tom@kampucheahouse.org](mailto:tom@kampucheahouse.org)

I wish all the riders well.



Thank you for your ongoing support

Jason May  
President

## *Update on Building works at the Orphanage*

Commencing early February and finished by the 20th May, House Four is now standing firmly on site and waiting for eight new children to move in, this is proposed for July.

Our team is working to install the following before the arrival of the children: Bedding, Cooking Equipment, Clothing & House Facilities.

House Five is currently under construction now that House Four has been completed. Foundations, window frames and the concrete stair are all ready. The timber has been ordered and due to arrive any day.

With the onset of the rainy season the workers are trying to complete House Five by early August.

The timber backyard fence has been completed with a further proposal for a childrens garden and quail or chicken hut in the backyard.

### Completed House Four



### New Children for Houses Four and Five

The process of selection for children for the completed houses is now under way. The children will be ready to move in once paperwork and health checks are completed.

### School Vacation *July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> and Pchum Ben Day 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September*

With school holidays upon us the staff are now planning activities for the children during their break.

### House Five







## **Doung and Thorn's Wedding**

Doung and Thorn were married on May 12th 2011.

Doung and Thorn are currently renting a small home in Siem Reap! Doung is working in Jo To Go restaurant while Thorn is working for a spare parts car shop in Siem Reap.

Although Doung has moved on, the house mother in Siem Reap Office, Sarmy, goes to visit her as often as possible. We will always be here to help Doung if the need ever arose. Doung says her life had been changed since the first time she arrived to live at Kampuchea House. Doung came to us 7th March 2008. We wish her and her husband Thorn every happiness for their future lives together.



## **Youth Committee House Warming Drinks**

With the building of House 4 almost complete, the youth committee invited friends and supporters to a lovely Sunday afternoon of drinks and nibbles. It was held at a cocktail bar in St. Kilda, Mockingbird on May 15th. This event reflected the youth committee's mission; to raise awareness throughout the community about the plight of Cambodia and show how supporting Kampuchea House means providing a bright future to some of the 670,000 orphans in Cambodia. The youth of today are the future of tomorrow and without empathy and compassion, the future for these orphans may not exist.

There were more than 90 people who attended the event and showed their support for expanding Kampuchea House. The generosity of our guests was greatly appreciated; we raised approximately \$880. The event was highlighted by the presence of our onsite Director, Sokhoeun, who was visiting from Cambodia.

Two of the youth committee members Matt and Anna also spoke about their recent trip to Cambodia, giving details about painting a room in House 4 and making sentimental bracelets with the kids. The bracelets were given out on the day as a token of appreciation to those who donated over \$10. We are grateful to George and the team from Mockingbird for donating their time to host this event.

## GOLF DAY - 26 MARCH 2011



What a fabulous day! Surrounded by wonderful supporters and some really amazing golfers that tore the course apart and yes what fabulous condition the course was in. Our winning pair with one partner, Chris Holland, I believe only 2 over the card for the day. I might say Chris is an amazing golfer and yes how lucky to have him as one of our special donors, thank you so much.

We were pleased with the weather this year, no rain or excessive heat or winds it could not have been more perfect to play golf!

Mattie Cleverdon, our Professional from Kingston Heath Golf Club managed to hit birdies and eagles on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole providing amazing scores for most groups and raising quite a staggering amount. Only hope that your shoulder is on the mend after hitting so many shots off the tee to the green. Mattie you are a treasure and we thank you so much for this, being your third year of helping us out to fundraise for our orphans in Cambodia.

Our gorgeous young girls both off scratch and future budding professionals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee had so much fun hitting the ball for you onto the green. Well, what can one say with Tilly Poulsen having a hole in 1, the dream of any golfer and yes how lucky was that player to achieve an eagle on a par 3. Grace Lennon, such a beautiful swing and a special person with her friend Tilly, we thank you both so much for giving of your time to fund raise for Kampuchea House in your busy schedule.

Mattie, Tilly and Gracie you made our day!

**With a staggering 55 points our winners were Chris Holland and Caroline Brand, we look forward to seeing your names on the cup! The runners up would you believe it played with the winners! Rob and Robyn Foster scored 53 points after a magic start on the first 9 holes with an unbelievable 30 points. Maybe the eagles Mattie provided your teams with on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole had something to do with this! In 3<sup>rd</sup> place we had Maxine and Trells Adam with 51 points playing very steady golf all day. Well done to our top players.**

Diary Alert

Charity Golf Day Saturday 24th March 2012

Awards on the day went to the following players:

**Longest Drive on the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole:**

Men: Warwick Brown  
Ladies: Bridget Hill

**Straightest Drive on the 1<sup>st</sup> Hole:**

Men: Alan Mance  
Ladies: Lorraine Mance

**Nearest the Pin on the 12<sup>th</sup> Hole:**

Men: Jeffery Cross  
Ladies: Lorraine Mance

**Nearest the Pin on the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole:**

Men: Rob Foster  
Ladies: Eileen Crewes

**Putting Competition:**

Men: Adam Stevens  
Ladies: Sue Hogg

**Chipping Competition:**

Men: Chris Holland  
Ladies: Glen Brown

The **18<sup>th</sup> Hole raffle draw** to play in qualifying round of the BMW Golf Cup was won by Warwick Brown who is apparently extremely excited at the thought of playing in this amazing competition at Metropolitan Golf Club on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Runner up here was Chris Penman walking away with the fabulous BMW Golf Sports Bag.

The **main raffle** which raised \$1600 was won by our wonderful supporter **Philo O'Neil** who will be off for a stay at The Hyatt Regency Coolum Queensland with her husband and 2 friends for 2 days. What fun you will have! The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of golf for 4 at Kingston Heath was won by Joan Conron who I know will love the opportunity to play at the No 1 golf course in Australia. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was won by one of my fabulous volunteers Deidre Heritage who will embellish spending her voucher at Geoff Bade Clothing. Then finally Glenda Shelley won the voucher at Attico Store in Middle Park where gorgeous clothes and homewares will delight her choice.

## GOLF DAY - 26 MARCH 2011

### The Winners!

The day ran so smoothly with the considerable help of my personal friends and committee members. Diana White, Pauline Rice, Philo O'Neil, Jeni Briggs and Diedre Heritage thank you for giving up your time to assist all day. Our wonderful committee members you have been there each year to assist in one way or another - Sue Stubs, Karen Connelly, Tom Wilkins, Jen Connelly and Bev Edwards.

We had 42 players returning this year with 38 new participants. I do hope you all enjoyed the day. Without you this day would not happen and you are so wonderful to continue to support Kampuchea House, our children and staff in Cambodia. We have raised well over \$10,000. The funds will go towards the continued sustainability of the running of our home for orphans and deserted children.

**Kampuchea House would like to acknowledge the generous support of the following people:**

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| <b>Kingston Heath Golf Club -</b>  | <b>Greg Chapple,</b>                     | <b>Justing<br/>Tilly<br/>Gracie</b> |
| <b>Burrage,</b>                    | <b>Matt Cleverdon,</b>                   |                                     |
| <b>Pouelsen<br/>Lennon</b>         |  |                                     |
| <b>Frankston Golf Club</b>         |  |                                     |
| <b>Fosters Group -</b>             | <b>David Watkins</b>                     |                                     |
| <b>Tommy Collins Events</b>        | <b>Tom McIntosh</b>                      |                                     |
|                                    | <b>Ben Avramides</b>                     |                                     |
| <b>Guala Closures</b>              | <b>Simon Yudelevich</b>                  |                                     |
| <b>Geoff Bade Clothing</b>         | <b>Martin &amp; Melissa<br/>Bade</b>     |                                     |
| <b>BMW Bib Stillwell</b>           | <b>Danielle Jones</b>                    |                                     |
| <b>Attico Homewares</b>            | <b>Rena Varigos</b>                      |                                     |
| <b>The Gum Tree Good Foodstore</b> | <b>David, Chole, Ray<br/>&amp; Maddy</b> |                                     |
| <b>Golf Select</b>                 | <b>Gary Lisbon</b>                       |                                     |
| <b>Global Publishing</b>           | <b>Anthony Gallagher</b>                 |                                     |
| <b>Princes Laundry</b>             | <b>Warwick Brown</b>                     |                                     |
| <b>Malvern Valley Golf Club</b>    |  |                                     |



**Winners of Golf Day 2011** Caroline Brand and Chris Holland with President Jason Day and Fundraising Secretary Libby McCann

On behalf of the children of Kampuchea House I hope you enjoyed your day of golf at Little Frankston Golf Club and also the fundraising activities on the day. Your generous support is very much appreciated. Our golf day event each year continues to ensure the ongoing success and future of our orphanage.

Libby McCann  
Fundraising Secretary

### *Christmas Shopping Bazaar*

*DATE: WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2011*

*TIME: 4:00-7:30PM*

*VENUE: 77 Canterbury Rd  
Middle Park*

*This day last year was a huge success. Libby has been overseas purchasing amazing fabrics and wonderful speciality gifts that will be sure to impress. Beautiful Christmas Cakes Puddings, Candles and a variety of wonderful stock will be available, everything to help you be prepared for Christmas.....early!*

Christmas Gifts