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Committee President

Dear Members and Supporters

Capital works have been underway again! We have commissioned building the final stretch of the perimeter fencing which is now nearing completion. We have also undertaken a new water tank project as detailed below.

After our recent planning day, the committee has now endorsed the building of a new amenities block.

This will provide much needed additional showers and toilets to support our ever growing community.

Works on this will commence once the fencing is complete.

Another exciting progress is the imminent connection to mains power! As most of you will be aware, we have been dependant for all these years on solar power. Once connection is complete, we will undertake wiring to all houses, the community centre and amenities.

With movement of some of the older children into Siem Reap for further studies, we are now in a position to accept a further 6 children. Leng and her team will shortly commence the entry process in conjunction with village elders. Our aim will be to have the new children settled in to Kampuchea House prior to the commencement of the school year in September.

I trust this finds you well, and thank you again for your ongoing support of Kampuchea House. Jason May, President



News

Water Tanks We now have four 20000 litre water tanks installed and operational thanks to the generosity of the Lane family of Melbourne. Chris Lane also spent 2 weeks hooking up pipes and connecting the tanks via an underground pipe to a pump. This will drive the water through the filtration system.

Chris has project managed this work with great success. The tanks are now in position to take advantage of roofing catchment during the wet season. We are confident they will alleviate our water supply problems during the dry season, especially as the well is not producing as much water as in previous years.

Volunteers and Visitors

Sean White is currently spending time as a volunteer at Kampuchea House primarily teaching the children English. Sean has completed a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education. He has had a big impact in encouraging the younger children with reading and writing.

The first few months of this year has seen quite a few very generous visitors. KH is very fortunate to be provided with some wonderful products such as stationary items, hygiene products, bicycles for the students, a large supply of UHT milk and other necessities. We are extremely grateful for this support and would like to thank all those involved.

During March we celebrated the birthdays of Virak, Chinh, Pech, Minea and visitor Peter Murray.





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About SoapAid.org

One of the major causes of childhood deaths is diarrhoea. In an effort to prevent these needless deaths, SoapAid hope to collect waste soap from hotels worldwide and send them to a central processing plant, where we will re-process the discarded soaps and turn them back into new, useful bars of soap that will help save lives.

We then donate the recycled soap products, along with educational materials, where it is most needed.



Soap donation

SoapAid has generously donated a large amount of recycled soap to Kampuchea House.

Professor Martyn Jeggo, the Director of Health Programs at Soap Aid said that “Well over half of the 9,000 children that are estimated to die from disease everyday in our poorest countries could be saved by the routine use of hand washing with soap!”



Annual Golf Fundraiser Day

On 13th April, we held our 5th Annual Golf Fundraiser Day at the picturesque Little Frankston Golf Course. The threatening skies could not dampen the enthusiasm and enjoyment for the 76 golfers involved on the day. The putting and chipping competitions were as hotly contested as the round of golf. A highlight was the scrumptious lunch provided by Tommy Collins Events caterers and beverages from De Bortoli sponsored by Guala Closures. Thanks to the two pro-golfers, Chris Thorn and Tom Dreher who helped improve the scores. Only one point separated the top three teams with Tommy McIntosh and Renato Pellicano with 58 points winning the Kampuchea House Cup. Considerable funds were raised from the highly sought after prize on the BMW hole sponsored by BMW Bib Stillwell, South Yarra.

This was our most successful golf day ever and raised over \$12000 towards supporting the children and staff in Cambodia. We thank those who organized and worked on the day, those who donated the fabulous prizes and of course the competitors who all contributed to this wonderful day.





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Christmas Bazaar Results

The final figures show that our Christmas Bazaar held at the Albert Park South Melbourne Rowing Club in November 2012 raised over \$24,300. So once again we would like to thank our patrons and all those who made this event possible with their generous donation of time and products.

Thank You

A very special thank you to Jan Stevens for her luncheon held at her beautiful home in South Yarra on Monday 25 March. The 24 guests that attended were more than generous and raised a total of \$2980.

Come Join Us - Riding In Cambodia

Enjoy a scenic 250km bicycle ride over 5 days through Northern Cambodia. This bike ride will suit riders of all abilities. Ride through some of Cambodia's best hidden temples, markets and villages stretching from Siem Reap to the Preah Vihear Temple on the Cambodia-Thailand border. Be welcomed by the villagers with friendly smiles and gain an understanding of their lives in a vastly different experience of a lifetime.

The ride commences and ends from Kampuchea House, Siem Reap on **2 December to 6 December 2013**. Please **register** now as there are limited spaces available—\$500 deposit per rider to book your place in advance.

\$2000 Price Includes (5 Days): Guided tour, quality bicycle hire, guest house accommodation, breakfast & lunch, 2 support vehicles and great experiences!

All proceeds go to the ongoing sustainability of our children and staff at Kampuchea House.

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Kampuchea House Golf Tour

After the success of last year's Golf tour, we are once again embarking on this wonderful event from 20 – 27 November. Includes - accommodation at FCC Angkor Hotel, 3 rounds of golf, Temple tours and the Kampuchea House Cup competition held over 2 days at the Nick Faldo Angkor Golf Course and the Sofitel Phokeethra Golf Course. Places are limited. For full itinerary and details see the attached flyer.

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Education

During the last week of April, four of our family – Chinh, Sinan, SameanYa and Sokhon will be moving into our Siem Reap transition house to commence high school. We made this decision, in consultation with the children, as we believe they will have a better level of education in Siem Reap as opposed to what is being offered in the school at Dom Dek. They will also have better access to extra classes in English, computers and any other studies they wish to undertake.



Youth Committee Chairperson

The Youth Committee has had huge success in promoting Kampuchea House and spreading the word amongst the youth in Australia, our supporters doubled in one year! We are looking forward to this year with an exciting event to happen around midyear. One of our long serving members, Anna has gone to travel the Middle East. She will be missed at our events however she plans to continue to spread the word about KH on her travel. We wish her all the best. Our newest member, Emma, went to volunteer at KH in December. Below is her story.

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Youth Committee Members

After being part of the Youth Committee for one year now, I was fortunate enough to visit Kampuchea over the Christmas break. My boyfriend, Matt and I had discussed with Naren and Leng what we could do to add value to KH whilst we were there. After a day of fun and festivities hosting a Christmas for the kids, with another youth committee member, Will, we then got started on our challenge to paint two houses inside and out. We were blown away by the way the kids wanted to help and take part in the activity. When it came to class room we had an army of children around us pulling down there drawings and sweeping the room to get it prepared for painting. One boy, Thai Lanh did not put down his paintbrush for 2 days, until we did!

Emma Perkins

Kampuchea House Changed Me

Prior to my journey to Cambodia, I was obsessed with the small world encompassing me - work, friends and the occasional party. Upon returning from Cambodia, my outlook on the world had broadened, I have become more self-reliant and extremely thrifty. So what happened in between?

I volunteered at Kampuchea House. The children of KH had changed me. To see such resilience in youth is astounding! They are dexterous and creative to an incredible extent; doing so much with so little. They love each other and everyone around them so much and express that so willingly that it breaks and heals your heart a million times over.

Coming in each day from a horrible bus ride to see their smiling faces always resulted in my own face lighting up. It brought me joy to see them gradually take in the knowledge I was endowing on them in my English classes and then strive to use it outside of class. I miss them now, and I thank everyone at Kampuchea House and hope that I changed the children as much as they have changed me.

Ajaya Haikerwal, Volunteer June-December 2012



2013 KAMPUCHEA HOUSE GOLF TOUR

20 -27 NOVEMBER

A 7 DAY GOLF TRIP TO CAMBODIA
FUNDRAISING FOR KAMPUCHEA HOUSE

COST:
\$2000 PER PERSON ON A SHARE BASIS
\$2300 ON A SINGLE BASIS

Inclusive of:

- » 7 nights accommodation at FCC Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap in double deluxe room, full breakfasts, foot massage
- » 3 rounds of golf
- » All transport to golf and temples
- » 2 dinners
- » Entry in 2 day Kampuchea House Cup at Nick Faldo Angkor Golf Course and the Sofitel "Phokeethra" Golf Course
- » Buffet lunch and Prize Ceremony on 24 November.

Golf fundraising activities to take place over the 2 day competition



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- November 20:** Arrive Siem Reap
- November 21:** Golf at Siem Reaps Lake Resort, Welcome dinner
- November 22:** Visit temples - Angkor Wat, Ta Phrom, Bayon
- November 23:** Kampuchea House Cup - Angkor Golf Course
- November 24:** Kampuchea House Cup - Phokeethra Golf Course, Buffet lunch and Prize ceremony
- November 25:** Visit Kampuchea House
- November 26:** Free day - visit markets, shopping, golf, Tonle Sap, Museum, Farewell Dinner
- November 27:** Depart Siem Reap

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All funds raised will continue to provide a future for our children at Kampuchea House