



## Annual Golf Day 2011

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the Little Frankston course is the date for this fundraiser which always books out in record time. Details will be emailed shortly regarding how to book your place.

## Christmas Shopping night report

The Christmas shopping bazaar commenced with guests being met by Maggie and Caroline who explained the format and presented them with a shopping bag and information sheet on Kampuchea House. Thank goodness the weather was kind to us this year as over 200 people shopped frantically. The Kampuchea House stalls were full of colour with beautiful products sourced from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam by Libby and Diana. It was a sell out practically within the hour! Pebble Lane's beautiful plum puddings, candles, soaps and shortbread also raced out the door. The presentation by Philomena and Jackie was so professional. Tini's fabulous Christmas cards and Advent Calendars created a real sense of Christmas joy. The Cat's Whiskers by Helen and Mardi again had their gorgeous jewellery, pashminas and bags. For the golfing girls, Nanette from Jamie Sadock sold her sports and golfing attire. Our raffle this year had amazing prizes with the first prize being a set of white gold and diamond earrings valued at \$2,500 donated by Christine Paterson. Amongst the frenzy of shopping, chicken sandwiches and beverages were enjoyed. My thanks to all of those helpers with the making, serving and the men manning the bar! The night was a huge success raising a staggering \$11,500 from gross takings of over \$21,000. These funds will go to the ongoing sustainability of our wonderful children and staff in Cambodia. My special thanks to ALL that assisted on the night or supported with sponsorship in many ways.

Libby McCann, Fundraising Coordinator.



## Visitors

A reminder if you are intending to visit us at any time please contact Belinda ([belinda@kampucheahouse.org](mailto:belinda@kampucheahouse.org)) prior to your departure to ensure your visit does not clash with other visitors, Cambodian public holidays, staff/school holidays etc. A list of Cambodian holidays for 2011 is now available on our website at the following link - [www.kampucheahouse.org/visitor\\_svolunteers.html](http://www.kampucheahouse.org/visitor_svolunteers.html)

## Donations

Over the past month we have been exceedingly fortunate to receive donations from Westbourne Grammar School (Truganina), St. Leonard's College (Brighton), Wesley College (Glen Waverley Campus); as well as a number of individual donations. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter. In the interim we thank everyone concerned for their generosity and fabulous support.

## Water Festival Tragedy

In November last year hundreds of people were killed or injured following the tragedy at the water festival in Phnom Penh. Naturally our thoughts were with our Cambodian colleagues at that terrible time. We were relieved that none of our staff had family or friends involved in the tragedy.

On behalf of the committee, staff, children and supporters of Kampuchea House we extended our sympathies and thoughts to the families and friends of the victims and those injured.



### Back seat driver!

Ith checking Sokhoeun's driving on a recent day out.

## Only in Cambodia

*This is an article that appeared recently in the Phnom Penh Post newspaper. (Note where the "arrested" cows were taken!).*

### Cow Strikes Again!

Police in Banteay Meanchey province briefly confiscated a dead cow that was killed in a traffic accident that also left two cars destroyed in Sisophon town's Kampong Svay commune on Sunday. Chhoeum Sophun, chief of the provincial traffic police, said the dead cow was held at the police station following the accident on Sunday in the hope that the owner would come to claim it and pay compensation to the aggrieved motorists. "We announced the confiscation to find out who owned the cow, to help solve the problem that the cow caused," he said. He said the corpse was detained for two hours at the station, but the owner failed to appear and the owners of the cars decided not to wait any longer and negotiated to pay for the damage themselves. "They took the dead cow with them," he said. "I don't know what they will do with that cow." He said the owners "dared not appear" at the station because they would have to pay "millions of riels" in compensation to the two drivers. The latest incident continues a series of bovine "arrests" made by police officials this year. In September, police in the capital's Dangkor district captured 12 cows that were roaming "anarchically" and disrupting traffic. The cows were taken to the My Chance Centre, a drug-rehabilitation facility in Sen Sok district. Ean Sokhim, director of the facility, said the cows were still being held at the centre. "The cow owners have not come to take them, and I have been feeding them up to now," he said. Earlier, in March, police in Dangkor detained 15 cows and bulls after a spate of incidents in which lustful bulls had pursued potential mates, disrupting traffic and endangering passersby.