



Sailung TriNetra Newsletter No 4 September - December 2007

Welcome to the 4th Sailung TriNetra Newsletter, where we keep you up to date with the latest events and activities conducted by Sailung TriNetra and its supporters, both in Nepal and around the world.

The main focus of our activities in these three months has been in Australia, where we have held a number of fundraising events.

After the success of the Wine Drive, in October we held our first Nepali Banquet. We thought that a taste of Nepali food would be a fun and tasty way to introduce people to Nepali culture. We held the banquet at a local Nepali restaurant. The owner was delighted to help out as he has relatives in the area where the project is being run. A selection of traditional Nepali dishes such as goat and vegetable curries, dal bat, various pickles and rice were served to over 70 people. We also auctioned off a number of drawings created by the older children of the villages. Not only was the night a lot of fun, but we raised just over \$3000.

Just over a month later we held another fundraising event - The Summer Heights High Formal, inspired by the cult comedy Australian television series. We scouted around Sydney for a suitable venue and were thrilled when Waverley Bowling Club agreed to host the event without charging for hire. A big thanks is due to Darren at the Club for sorting that out.

Around 70 people came along as their favourite characters from the show. There were some very impressive Mr Gs, Johans and Ja'mies. We raised just over \$2000, so thanks to everyone who turned up. Thanks are also due to Emma Lewis, my work colleague who was instrumental in organising and

setting up the event and also to Josh who supplied the sound equipment and was DJ on the night.

A number of people kindly donated raffle prizes:

A dinner voucher from Kate at the Royal Hotel in Paddington, a box of hair grooming goodies from George at Rizk Hairdressers, a big bag of books from Jaki at Hodder Publishing, a voucher for use in store from Jonathan at The Earth Food Store in Bondi Beach. And finally, the ABC also donated a number of Summer Heights High posters, which we used to decorate the space and a couple of DVDs of the series, which we gave away to two of the 'best dressed' people on the night. Again, a big thanks to you all.

Also on the donation front, STN was the very grateful recipient of \$2000 from Hodder Publishing. Each year a number of charities are nominated by Hodder employees for consideration for their charity fund. STN was lucky enough to be nominated by Jaki Arthur and even more fortunate to be selected by the Hodder Charity Fund Board. So, thanks to Jaki and Hodder for their support and generosity.

We would also like to thank Niki Chapman for her very generous personal donation to Sailung TriNetra.

On to Nepal, despite on-going problems in Kathmandu, with erratic gas supply, reduced hours of electricity and fluctuating food prices, our café, 'Toast' has expanded. We now have a proper customer service area and a more private dining area. See the photos below for the new look.

Well, that's it for this edition; please check out the website for more information - www.sailungtrinetra.org and thanks for your support

Cheers

Claire