



IMPACT REPORT

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



2017 was a year of big changes and new beginnings, not only for the organisation, but also for me personally as I stepped into a position only previously held by our ineffable founder and friend, Steph Lorenzo.

I knew it would be a challenging role, but if I am honest I was a little unprepared for what confronted me on the streets of Cambodia and how much these lives were dependent on our funding.

Emotional and professional boundaries were left unguarded, but after reflecting on the issue, the task ahead and how important this service was to the lives of so many women and children, clarity of purpose followed swiftly behind.

The work of PROJECT FUTURES acknowledges people and says, “we see you” to every broken, disengaged and forgotten victim of sex trafficking, exploitation and slavery - young or old.

The mission of PROJECT FUTURES drives connection, educates and exerts strategies to enforce and enact change...because if not us, then who?

I have a wonderful team to help bring this vision to life and have been inspired by their own passion and self-possession.

I believe that PROJECT FUTURES restores voices, offers opportunities for change and provides hope for those living in despair and I am proud to now lead us forward into this next phase.

CLARE PEARSON, CEO PROJECT FUTURES

OUR MISSION:

GIVING HOPE
BY
TRANSFORMING
THE
LIVES OF
WOMEN & CHILDREN
AFFECTED BY
SLAVERY
& EXPLOITATION

A young girl in a bright pink, sleeveless dress is walking on a brick path. The background is blurred, showing greenery and a building. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

In 2017, we initiated changes to our portfolio of partners on the ground in Australia and Cambodia to ensure our fundraising dollars were more focused and outcomes less divided.

We wanted to do more with less services to ensure a greater impact on the lives of those women and children under their care; moving us closer to our renewed focus on combatting sex trafficking and slavery in our region.

Sadly, this meant saying goodbye to two incredible services with whom we have shared many years of positive collaboration and success - the Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT) and Child Wise.

This report will include some reporting for the Cambodian Children's Trust based on funding carried over from the previous year.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report sets out PROJECT FUTURES' progress and achievements between 1 January - 30 December 2017. For more information about the topics covered in this report, visit www.projectfutures.com



OUR APPROACH

Funds generated throughout the year support our two impact partners, **AFESIP Cambodia** and **The Salvation Army’s Trafficking and Slavery Safe House**.

We have enjoyed long and successful partnerships with both organisations since 2009 and 2011 respectively; working with them to deliver key client outcomes that seek to prevent, support and empower women and children affected by trafficking, slavery or sexual exploitation.

PREVENT.

Our approach to preventing the trafficking and exploitation of women and children is about **education**. Educating the community in Australia about the issue and investing in education programs for victims and those at-risk to ensure their future economic independence.

SUPPORT.

We invest in programs that provide safe and secure housing, comprehensive case management, consistent and confidential psychological support, routine and emergency medical treatment, as well as professional legal support for victims and survivors.

EMPOWER.

We invest in programs that encourage survivor participation in the recovery process, as well as vocational training and tertiary education that leads to long-term employment opportunities. By building confidence and enabling each person to be in control of their own future, we see increased economic independence and a decrease in repeat exploitation.

Each partnership is assessed based on the following criteria, with regular reporting and review.



Align with our vision, values and strategic goals



Comply with best practice



Have a proven track record



Located in the Asia-Pacific region

PREVIOUS IMPACT PARTNERS

\$198,202 donated to CHILD WISE since 2011

\$219,113 donated to the CAMBODIAN CHILDREN’S TRUST since 2015

AFESIP CAMBODIA

A photograph of four young girls in school uniforms (white shirts and dark blue skirts) hugging each other on a paved path. In the background, there is a house with green shutters, a motorcycle, and a person walking.

\$167,501

DONATED FROM 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2017

\$1,492,151

DONATED SINCE 2009



OVERVIEW

AFESIP continues to be PROJECT FUTURES' longest standing impact partner; a service driven by community need and mounting reports of sex trafficking instances across Cambodia.

However, AFESIP also support victims of sexual exploitation and slavery. In recent years they have reported sharp increases in the number of victims experiencing circumstances of incestual abuse and intergenerational exploitation; controls and abuses that commonly escalate to trafficking opportunities and exchanges.

With the mounting presentation of these complex issues, AFESIP work to not only support the victim; ensuring their safety and psychological and physical care, but also working with the family, law enforcement and legal services to ensure heightened awareness, justice for victims and tougher penalties for perpetrators.

The growing diversity in need has placed AFESIP under greater pressure to provide services, upskill and build upon resources to address, enable and action such need. Hence the increasing pressure for funds and in-kind support to ensure prompt and meaningful action.

We are proud to have contributed significantly to these outcomes in 2017, as well as previous years and are encouraged by the outcomes delivered to date.



Somaly Mam and some of the staff and girls from AFESIP Cambodia, Phnom Penh

AFESIP RECOVERY PROGRAMS

The Recovery Program offers safe and secure accommodation, healthcare, psychological support and legal assistance.

Programs are designed to meet set standards and milestones while also being flexible enough to address the individual needs of each victim.

The survivor empowerment network plays an integral role in assisting newly admitted women and girls in building trust and new relationships.

All victims who are involved in legal proceedings are offered professional support in partnership with partner services for their recourse to gain both justice and compensation.

There are between 50-65 young women and girls supported by the centre at any one time who are victims or at-risk of sexual trafficking, violence, abuse, rape, indentured slavery or exploitation.

Ages may vary from as young as three to upwards of 25, with varying degrees of support.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | SUPPORT SERVICES

<p>74 girls accommodated at Tom Dy Centre</p> 	<p>17 new referrals accommodated and 15 more girls reintegrated</p> 	<p>69 out of 74 received counselling in-centre</p> 	<p>42 reintegrated girls accessed regular clinical counselling services</p> 
<p>88% of girls were diagnosed with a medical issue following general assessment.</p> 	<p>64 young women and girls received healthcare followups</p> 	<p>72 young women and girls received 6 life skills training sessions on basic healthcare</p> 	<p>35 girls received legal assistance and supported by legal aids in courts.</p> 

The four most commonly diagnosed problems following general medical assessments were for anxiety; depression; mood disorders and stress.

Ongoing medical and psychological support for these women and girls remains integral to the recovery process. But, creating a feeling of safety and stability throughout this process will help address the effects of trauma and support clients to build trust and make new connections.

STORY OF SORIYA

Soriya is 26 years old and the second daughter of six siblings. Her parents are poor farmers with many mouths to feed, so at the age of 10 she dropped out school to help support the family by finding work. In 2011, she was approached by her neighbour and broker agent to work in Malaysia as a housewife.

She was deceived. Forced to work in slave-like conditions without pay for almost two years, she was only released to return home after begging with her landlord and agreeing to leave without compensation for the years spent working.

After arriving back in Cambodia, the only job she could find was as a “waitress” in the entertainment quarter of Phnom Penh. For three years she plied her body for money just to survive until she was approached by one of AFESIP’s peer educators.

Wanting the chance to change her situation, she accepted the help offered and took up temporary residence at the Tom Dy Centre in Phnom Penh in mid-2016.

Upon admission, she received safe and secure accommodation, access to good nutrition, medical treatment, psychosocial counselling and other life skills training. She also chose to pursue a sewing course which was followed by an internship with an outsourced service provider.

Within a year of arriving at AFESIP, she successfully graduated from her skills training course and has been offered a full time job at the shop where she spent time training. Her goal is to have her own tailor shop once she gains more experience in creating different styles and business management.



AFESIP EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS

Equipping women and girls with the skills, confidence and expertise to be financially independent is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty and abuse. Education is key to ensuring they become socially and economically empowered individuals; thereby reducing the likelihood of a repeat offence.

Our funding helps support girls and young women across each of the programs provided by AFESIP, with special funding from key corporate partners across the year.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | EMPOWER

<p>39 girls enrolled in primary school and a further 18 in secondary school</p> 	<p>10 girls currently attending High School</p> 	<p>Two girls graduated from High School</p> 	<p>6 scholarship holders attending university</p> 
<p>26 existing and 12 new enrolments for reintegrated survivors</p> 	<p>69 young women and girls participated in life-skills training</p> 	<p>69 young women and girls participated in life-skills training</p> 	<p>2 scholarship holders graduated</p> <p>One from psychology and the other with a BA in nursing.</p> <p>Both now work full time at the AFESIP Recovery Centre.</p>

FILLING THE LIBRARY

In addition to funding the refurbishment of the existing Librabry, over 500 books and reading resources were purchased for the in 2017 by PROJECT FUTURES.

These books cater for different age groups (from grade 1-12) and cover topics such Khmer literacy, mathematic, cooking, dictionaries, picture books and stories for the girls in centre.

On average, 50 girls per week access the library and benefit from these resources.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



Dr David Cooke, Managing Director of Konica Minolta and Scott Jackson, Regional General Manager, Brisbane Direct Sales with recipient holders on recent trip to Cambodia.

Girls who complete high school and wish to continue onto higher education are eligible to apply for university scholarships.

In 2017, there were **nine university scholarship recipients** - seven existing and two new students.

We are grateful to a dedicated group of employees from Konica Minolta Australia who raised funds to support the education of the two new students for a 12 month period.

They were able to meet the girls on a recent immersion trip to Cambodia in October 2017.

The university scholarship program includes school fees; accommodation; monthly living allowance; additional classes of English and computer; daily transportation; healthcare and psychosocial support.

It aims to produce well-educated and confident graduates who are able to pursue professional careers within individual girl's dream to become true such as medical nurse, psychologists or finance.



SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE | SURVIVOR NETWORK

To ensure ongoing success of survivors who have completed the program and reintegrated back into the community, the Economic Empowerment team at AFESIP will continue to follow up for an extended time.

This will include ongoing medical and psychological support, legal aid as required, support to manage finances and ensure they are able to regularly participate in their chosen profession.

<p>Of the 93 women and girls currently reintegrated, there were 144 in-person followups and 302 phone calls.</p> 	<p>20 women living independently and working in their chosen profession</p> 	<p>15 women supported to gain full or part time employment with an additional 8 supported to start their own micro business.</p> 	<p>196 bikes have been provided to reintegrated, outsourced and community-based education girls.</p> 
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Once a young woman is reintegrated with her family or community, AFESIP continue to provide support on an ongoing basis. Over the period, this has included things like:

- Financial support for a wedding
- Financial support to expand a young woman’s business
- Investment in infrastructure to support sewing businesses of three women (mirror cabinets and glass cases)



RECLAIMING CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

For many victims of sex trafficking, their memories of positive childhood experiences are few and far between. Either trafficked or abused at young ages (limiting the opportunity to build childhood memories and experiences) or memories suppressed due to the harrowing experiences that followed.

In December 2017, PROJECT FUTURES funded a recreational trip to the sea for all girls residing at the AFESIP centre, thanks to the fundraising efforts of Konica Minolta employees. This experience was an opportunity to create those positive memories, to learn of the importance of play, self-reflection and personal connection.

For onlookers, this trip to the beach may look like the average holiday, but for these survivors, it was a remarkable experience that will have learnings that linger well beyond the trip.

Each day the girls meditate and participate in yoga as a form of self-healing, inner-calm and renewed peace. They swim in the sea, eat nutritious meals and play, play, play. These joyous three days are a safe platform for these children to recreate childhood memories worth recalling and sharing.

In total, 65 girls attending this 3-day recreational trip... described by one survivor as the first time 'I ever felt happy'; aged 10-years.



THE SALVATION ARMY'S TRAFFICKING & SLAVERY SAFE HOUSE AND FREEDOM ADVOCATES PROGRAM



the Freedom Partnership
and Modern Slavery

endslavery.salvos.org.au



PROJECT
FUTURES
END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

\$70,045

DONATED FROM 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2017

\$678,321

DONATED SINCE 2009



OVERVIEW

Since opening, The Salvation Army's Trafficking and Slavery Safe House has helped over 300 people and their dependents from 51 different countries build free and independent lives.

Until recently, the Safe House residents had shared space with other women's services operated by The Salvation Army; however, in 2017 a stand alone residence was established and furnished exclusively for victims of trafficking.

This exclusive space has helped ensure the specialised care, support and confidentiality needed be provided and secured for those at high risk and experiencing unique forms of trauma.

This also meant the support team of specialised case workers were located on site throughout the day; offering intensive care and intervention programs as victims transitioned through their recovery.

The Freedom Partnership were key stakeholders in the discussions surrounding the need to introduce the Modern Slavery Act in Australia, a process that PROJECT FUTURES actively supported, participated in and contributed to in partnership with a multitude of other passionate and motivated services and experts across the sector.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Renee Anschau, Rosie Lumello, Jenny Stanger and Clare Pearson at new Safe House

SAFE HOUSE SUPPORT

Across the year, the Safe House has remained full, providing short and long term support to women from 16-years and over. Further to this, outreach programs continued to operate at capacity, with the goal to support successful integration into community and independence for victims.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS | SUPPORT SERVICES

<p>24 women accommodated at the Safe House</p> 	<p>Over 25 victims supported by case workers</p> 	<p>Over 10,800 client assistance provided</p> 	<p>Over 8,508 nights of accommodation provided to people without an income</p> 
<p>47 people from 17 different countries supported through the Safe House</p> 	<p>2 perpetrators charged with trafficking offences</p> 	<p>One university scholarship awarded.</p> 	<p>3 permanent visas granted reuniting children with their parent.</p> 



Bunnings Alexandria Employees creating a functional garden for Safe House residents



Bunnings stepped in to support us in a meaningful and proactive way.

In September 2017, members of their Alexandria team donated their time and a diverse range of products to help create both a beautiful and productive garden for the new Safe House; combining vegetables, herbs, fruit and ornamental plants.

What seems simple, but beautiful gesture is also an opportunity for therapeutic intervention for victims; with healing gardens facilitating an improvement and restoration of individual mental and physical health as they process previous trauma.

CURRENT CASE LOAD

The Safe House supports women, men and young people at risk, or those who have experienced slavery or slavery-like practices. The target community is primarily female temporary migrants from overseas who have been trafficked or coerced into coming to Australia.

This community is extremely vulnerable, often with language barriers, no family or support network or awareness of their human rights and no understanding of how to navigate life in Australia.

Young women who are permanent residents and citizens of Australia are also a highly vulnerable group affected by early or forced marriage. This can include young people at-risk who need support to leave their family, or those they have been forced to marry.

Referrals for forced and early marriage account for approximately 30 per cent of the client caseload.

GRANTS AWARDED

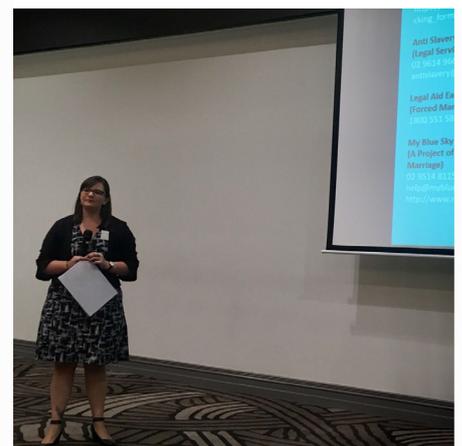
DOOLEYS LIDCOMBE CATHOLIC CLUB & ST JOHN'S PARK

In collaboration with both Dooleys Catholic Club and St Johns Park Bowling Club we funded the *Know your Rights* program in 2017 for The Freedom Partnership.

Training was delivered to over 500 recipients across Western Sydney, focused on the identification, action and referral of potential victims of trafficking or forced marriage in Australia.

The training targeted community workers, such as teachers, doctors, youth and social workers, all of whom are likely to have the platform to build relationships with those at risk and potentially receive key information linked with circumstances of trafficking.

The program further extended into schools, educating students on their rights and how to express their concerns via proactive and confidential channels. As a result of this program, one referral was received, of whom when on to access services via the safe house.



FREEDOM ADVOCATES PROJECT

EMPOWERING SURVIVORS TO END MODERN SLAVERY

The Freedom Advocates Project provides an opportunity for survivors of modern slavery to use their experiences to create positive change.



BRING THE VOICE OF SURVIVORS
TO POLICY DISCUSSIONS

(CONSULTANT ADVOCATE)



ENSURE EXPERIENCES OF MODERN
SLAVERY ARE ACCURATE & RESPECTFUL

(PUBLIC ADVOCATE)



MENTOR OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE
EXPERIENCED EXPLOITATION

(PEER MENTOR)

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

With the introduction of a **Modern Slavery Act** in Australia, there has been an increasing need for politicians, commercial entities and the media to understand what it means to be a slave in a contemporary Australia.

There have been a number of opportunities for the Freedom Advocates to share their lived experience with key stakeholders to help shape and give a real voice to the debate.

APRIL 2017: FOUR CORNERS

Two advocates involved in exploratory meeting / phone calls regarding domestic workers being exploited in Australia.

MAY 2017: ANDREW "TWIGGY" FORREST

Margaret spoke at the Forrest Family announcement of \$400million to be donated to charity (including \$75 million towards ending slavery)

AUG-DEC 2017: BALI PROCESS

Forced Labour survivor gives evidence at the inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia and provides an account of his experiences to the ABC. Watch the full story of Moe Turaga [HERE](#).

JUNE 2017: ABC 730 REPORT

ABC 730 Report interviewed Sandra* as part of a report into the state of modern slavery in Australia, which has been viewed by more than one million people.

Her story is a prime example of how domestic workers are one of many industries affected by exploitation and forced labour in Australia.



Not every advocate is trained to address the media or consult on policy decisions, instead preferring to work one on one with other survivors or young people at risk.

Having survived a situation of forced marriage, one young woman has now become a Freedom Advocate to support other victims by sharing her experiences, her insights and the challenges ahead.

In addition to becoming a peer mentor, she also met with CORE Community Services who are developing outreach and response strategies for forced marriage in Western Sydney and in June, The Freedom Partnership helped her prepare for the NSW Inquiry into Human Trafficking.



In the second half of the year, two more survivors were considered for peer mentoring and received psychological assessments to determine their participation as peer mentors.



MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IS STAYING INDEPENDENT.

- SAFE HOUSE RESIDENT

CAMBODIAN CHILDREN'S TRUST



\$219,113

DONATED TO CAMBODIAN CHILDREN'S TRUST
SINCE 2015



OVERVIEW

From an orphanage with 14 kids to a community development organisation that now supports over 300 children and their families, the Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT) has shown that it's both possible and necessary to learn from past mistakes and make a lasting difference in the lives of children, families and whole communities.

In Cambodia, many children are placed in orphanages for the purpose of fundraising.

Well-intentioned voluntourists, orphanage tourists and donors unwittingly create a demand for "orphans" to fill the beds of institutions. Crippling poverty which many families experience supplies the trend. This is the Global Orphanage Crisis and considered a form of trafficking.

In 2016, Founder and Managing Director Tara Winkler spoke out against the spread of orphanages in developing countries, of the harm that comes to children when they are separated from family at TedX Sydney.

Her talk coincided with the launch of her book, *How (not) to start an orphanage by a woman who did* and 60 Minutes interview, catapulting her into the spotlight and becoming somewhat of a poster-child for the issue.

Globally, there are 8 million children growing up in orphanages. 80% of those children are NOT orphans; they're kids from poor families.

We have been proud partners of CCT since 2015 and continue to support their cause and position. However, following a streamlining of our own mission in 2017, we made the difficult decision to consolidate our funding towards those services focused more specifically on sex trafficking, which meant saying goodbye to CCT as a partner.

Funding of the Foster House was provided in 2016, but completed in 2017 so has been included in this report.



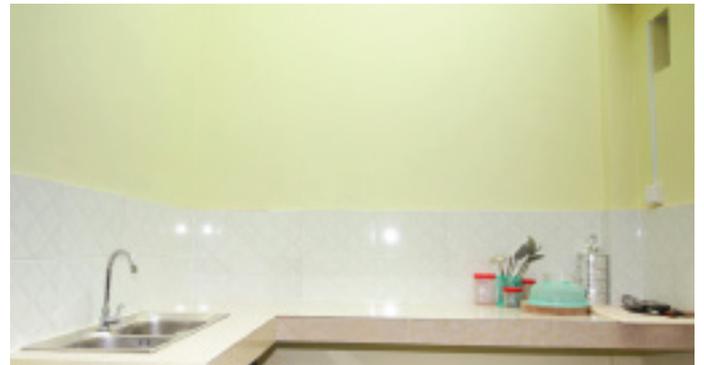
COMPLETION OF THIRD FOSTER HOUSE

When Sarat and Roeun decided to become foster parents to six children between the ages of 10 and 23, they needed a safer place for the family to call home.

Thanks to funding from Massland Property Group in 2016 (in association with Flight Centre), three homes have now been renovated to accommodate foster families in Battambang. This was the final one to reach completion.

Late last year, Roeun and Sarat stepped into their freshly renovated house in their home village of Oakum.

They had spent the last few years living in CCT's temporary apartments with their 6 children. With no bathroom or kitchen, and not enough rooms to welcome the children, they had to relocate to a rental property funded by CCT.



The construction team built a new kitchen, a bathroom, installed electricity and running water, and redid the house's layout to accommodate the entire family.

By funding a permanent housing solution for Roeun and Sarat, we have created a pathway to stability, self-reliance and a better future for the entire family.

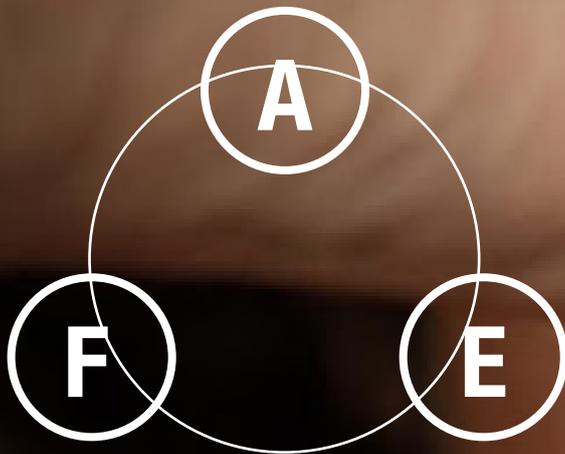
Sarat and Roeun became responsible for the orphaned siblings four years ago.

"I'm happy to take care of the children and to make sure they know what it's like to feel loved... It feels wonderful to be back in our community. We're happy to see our neighbours and they are happy to see us."

PROJECT FUTURES SOCIAL IMPACT IN 2017

People are often unaware of the amount of time and energy required to engage, produce and execute everything at the standard we and our supporters expect. Many are more surprised to learn that there are also only two full time employees.

As an organisation, we are focussed on building the following objectives with the goal of furthering our mission to transform the lives of women and children affected by sex trafficking, slavery and exploitation.



AWARENESS

Grow the profile and understanding of human trafficking and modern slavery by making it accessible and relevant to the Australian public

ENGAGEMENT

To motivate new or re-engage existing supporters to be active participants in the cause through the organisation they work for, the school they attend or for personal satisfaction

FUNDRAISE

To procure funds through a range of sources to ensure PROJECT FUTURES is sustainable in the long-term

\$595,356

the number of dollars raised in 2017 for PROJECT FUTURES

9.1%

the percentage increase of page followers on Facebook in 2017

8,500+

the number of victims and survivors positively impacted by our efforts since 2009*

*estimated

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's face, focusing on their eyes and hands. The hands are clasped together in a prayer-like gesture, with fingers pointing upwards. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a sense of hope and contemplation. The background is blurred, emphasizing the subject's expression and the texture of their skin.

3000

the number of students across Australia that we spoke to about the issue of trafficking, human rights and equality...advocating and ensuring an empowered and thoughtful generation to come.

1100

the number of kilometres cycled or hiked on behalf of PROJECT FUTURES as part of our local and international challenges

770

the number of people to attend PROJECT FUTURES led events or local challenges

345

the number people we addressed via corporate meetings and private lunch and learn sessions.

276

the number of people that volunteered their services to support our initiatives and help us achieve our goals

175

the number of hours our board dedicated to supporting, improving and stabilising our organisation.

63

the number of people to participate in local or international challenges like the Great Ocean Walk, Cambodian Cycle / Immersion or Camino de Santiago hike

54

the number of DIY fundraising events to be hosted on behalf of PROJECT FUTURES to raise both funds and awareness

35

the number of people that joined us in Cambodia, witnessing first-hand the impact of trafficking on the lives of women and children, raising funds and celebrating the achievements of survivors today.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN BREAKFAST SERIES

3 SPEAKERS | 3 SESSIONS | 3 MARKETS

This breakfast series was developed in collaboration with the Australian Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility (ACCSR) and Konica Minolta Australia to give businesses some of the tools they would need to align their operations and strategies with global standards that support action in the area of human rights.

Hosted at the Institute of Managers and Leaders in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane from February to August, the events were an opportunity to start a dialogue with businesses and other not-for-profits seeking to a better understanding of the

issue, ways to approach it and why it is so important (as human beings) and as a business to prioritise it.

The series proved both timely and relevant with the introduction and development of a Modern Slavery Act receiving bi-partisan support in Australia over the period.

SPEAKERS

Dr Leeora Black, Founder & Managing Director of ACCSR

Laura McManus, Ethical Sourcing Lead at Konica Minolta

Renee Ansschau, Partnership Manager at PF



Laura McManus, Ethical Sourcing Lead at Konica Minolta addressing audience of 100 people in Sydney

PROJECT FUTURES' Board Member, Edith Hurt addresses audiences at Sydney AIM Great Debate



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD)

INSTITUTE OF MANAGERS & LEADERS

In March 2017, PROJECT FUTURES partnered with the Institute of Managers & Leaders (formally Australian Institute of Management) on their biggest event of year - IWD Great Debate Series.

Through the generosity of almost 2000 guests across three markets, close to \$45,000 was raised through a dedicated raffle to support victims in Australia.

PROJECT FUTURES was invited to address audiences in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, to share what they know about the issue of human trafficking and how the funds would be used.

The debate topic, *2017 is still a man's world in Australia*, was both controversial and enlightening, but ultimately an entertaining lunchtime event to celebrate another International Women's Day.

VOICES OF FAITH I IWD

While we were celebrating IWD in Australia with the Institute of Managers and Leaders, our Founder Steph Lorenzo was addressing audiences globally as part of the 2017 Voices of Faith (VOF).



The VOF recognises that we live in times marked by change, but that there are places where gender equality is being systematically overlooked. The Catholic Church is one of them.

VOF aims to bring together leaders in the Vatican with the global Catholic community, so they can recognise that women have the expertise, skills and gifts to play a full leadership role in the Church.

Congratulations Steph in sharing your story on a world stage.

FASHION REVOLUTION

On 24 April 2013, the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh collapsed. 1,138 people died and another 2,500 were injured, making it the fourth largest industrial disaster in history.

There were five garment factories in Rana Plaza all manufacturing clothing for big global brands. The victims were mostly young women.

The majority of the people who make clothes for the global market live in poverty, unable to afford life's basic necessities. Many are subject to exploitation; verbal and physical abuse, working in unsafe and dirty conditions, with very little pay.

The Fashion Revolution is a global movement calling for a fairer, safer, cleaner and more transparent fashion industry.

This year we got behind the movement with a screening of *The True Cost* on 26 April followed by a panel discussion with the Head of Fashion Revolution Australia/NZ, Melinda Tually and Head of Sustainability at David Jones, Jaana Quaintance-James.



Melinda Tually, Jaana Quaintance-James and Renee Anschau at True Cost Screening

TRUE COST SCREENING

26 APRIL 2017 | SYDNEY

The issue of human trafficking and slavery is varied and complex, but we have a philosophy that if you know better you do better.

We partnered with Fashion Revolution, the Westpac Youth Network and OCC Apparel to bring a special screening of *The True Cost* to our community in Sydney.

Over 140 people attended the event, sharing photos across social media as part of the #whomademyclothes movement.

At the conclusion of the screening, panelists, Melinda Tually and Jaana Quaintance-James shared their knowledge about the progress made by the Fashion Revolution movement in Australia and around the world, the limits of a compliance only audit model and the progress companies like David Jones are making to improve their supply chain management.

The screening raised \$2,500.

MODERN SLAVERY ACT

With estimates reaching over 40 million globally, Australian companies may be implicated in using forced labour in their supply chains through sourcing goods and services domestically and internationally. Highlighting a desperate need for supply chain transparency.

By introducing an Australian Modern Slavery Act (MSA), the Australian Government has an opportunity to show leadership domestically and in the region to protect victims and eradicate modern slavery.

An Australian Modern Slavery Act is needed to complement and build on existing

voluntary initiatives, laws and international standards, in order to address unregulated gaps in global markets and harness the power of business.

As part of this process, the Australian government called for submissions to guide the need and inform decisions. PROJECT FUTURES, proudly made such a submission; sharing the learnings, representing the victims and empowering the survivors.

We strongly advocate for such a bill, believing this will place Australia in a position of global leadership and move us forward in ending the issues related to human trafficking.



UK High Commissioner, Kevin Hyland addressing audience

REGULAR COMMUNITY RADIO SPOT

A large part of our work is advocacy and education, raising the flag for the issue of human trafficking and putting a face to an often hidden crime.

As part of this process we held a regular spot on radio station 2GL-FM.

This platform gave us an opportunity to unpack some of the key issues; to offer insights and answer the questions of listeners in meaningful ways, using every day terms.

The reach of this station and specific time slot was 100,000 listeners, so we hope our voices echoed.



CEO Clare Pearson with Radio Presenter, Ian Anderson

LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES

GREAT OCEAN WALK

24-26 FEBRUARY 2017

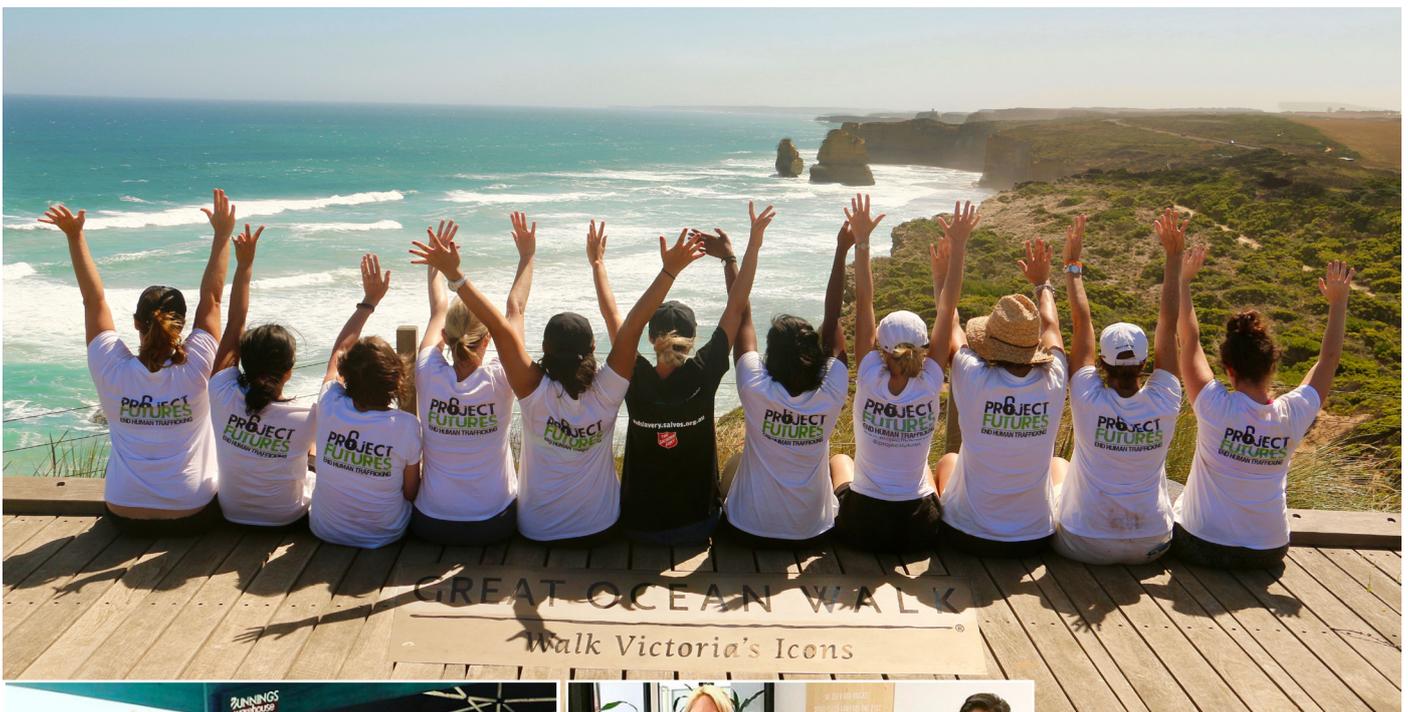
Over three days, 13 amazing men and women hiked over 44km from Blanket Bay through to the 12 Apostles in Victoria to raise funds and awareness for victims of slavery in Australia.

Each individual was tasked with raising \$2,500 and over \$38,000 was raised for the trafficking and slavery safe house in Sydney.

National Manager for The Freedom Partnership, Jenny Stanger was joined by three other members of The Salvation Army to share what they do every day for survivors of trafficking and to enjoy in the challenge.

Even our board member, Edith Hurt took up the call!

This was only the second time that the trail has been hiked by PROJECT FUTURES' supporters, but with such incredible scenery, delicious food and comradery.



Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stands are just one way that participants raised funds.



Students from Loreto Normanhurst at the end of the 400km cycle

JULY SCHOOL CAMBODIA CYCLE

3-13 JULY 2017

In July 2017, 14 Loreto Normanhurst students and their parents joined PROJECT FUTURES on one epic journey across Cambodia.

This now iconic 400kms cycle has been a staple part of the school program since 2012; this year raising over \$40,000 towards the cause and building priceless, unforgettable connections with survivors.

This bunch were fierce and determined. They supported, cheered and celebrated with each other, ensuring everyone crossed the line together and feel triumphant in their efforts.

Along the way, they learnt about the rich and brutal history of the country, they heard the stories directly from survivors about all they had overcome and how AFESIP programs had nurtured them to recovery.

One student even returned the following year with her father instead of her mother to share in journey a second time.



2017 Challengers and RAW Travel Guides



Mother / Daughter participants, Megan and Kate Roberts



CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

29 AUGUST - 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Pilgrims have been walking the legendary Camino de Santiago in Spain for centuries and in August 2017, 16 supporters followed in their inspiring footsteps.

Starting in StJean Pied de Port and finishing in Logrono, participants hiked almost 170km across one of the most beautiful landscapes in Europe in support of victims of trafficking.

For many of the participants, this was not

their first rodeo. A testament to the quality of these experiences, around 60 percent of those taking part had already been on one or more trips with us. Some as recently as last year and others were part of our very first international cycle across Cambodia in 2009.

Collectively raising over \$30,000, the trip was for many, an awakening of the spirit, a physical and mental test and certainly an experience not to be forgotten.

Huge thank you to RAW Travel for hosting another amazing adventure.



OCTOBER OPEN CAMBODIA CYCLE

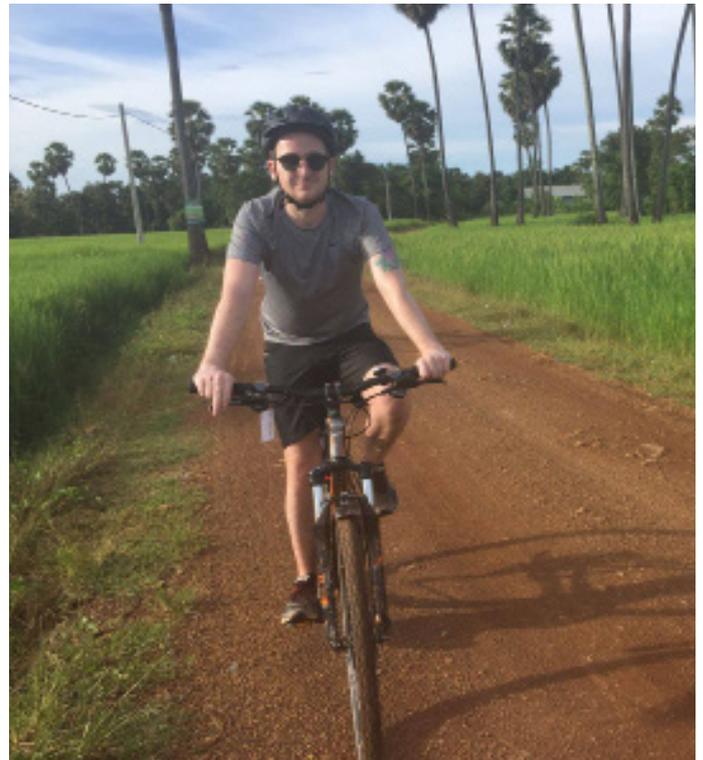
12 -21 OCTOBER 2017

With echoes of the past driving us forward, these cycle trips are as nostalgic as they are challenging. But, for the most recent contingent of cyclists conquering 400km of largely unpaved roads was nothing short of life-changing.

We had such a diverse group of people to join us on this trip; from members of our corporate community, Board, journalist, as well as individual donors.

Beyond the physical challenge, meeting survivors is an emotional journey that all participants face...and it changes the way they see themselves and the world around them.

That is what we offer those who come on these trips.



Our participants were able to spend quality time with Founder of AFESIP Cambodia, Somaly Mam, as well as survivors who have overcome much of their trauma to live productively in their communities. They were able to see the journey that so many young girls in Cambodia are forced to endure from where they start to where they finish.



Ali Davidson, General Manager at Elevation Fitness

TOSS THE BOSS GOLD COAST

26 MAY 2017

Supported by a number of locally based corporate partners, council members and individuals, we really did go to some extraordinary lengths on Saturday 26 May to combat human trafficking.

This was the first time that PROJECT FUTURES had hosted TOSS THE BOSS in the Gold Coast, but the third time they have taken to the skies to raise funds and

awareness of this crime.

Nine amazing individuals helped raise over \$10,000 for PROJECT FUTURES, after committing to skydive from a height of 12,000 ft.

TOSS THE BOSS WOLLONGONG

2 DECEMBER 2017

Another group of brave individuals took the skies over Wollongong wearing our latest charity tee and their hearts on their sleeves.

We finished off the year with a jump that took the total number of TOSS THE BOSS participants to 51 and total campaign fundraising to just shy of \$80,000 since we first launched it in April 2016!



Tim Valentine, AIRROAD Group Gold Coast TOSS THE BOSS participant



Jess Smith, TOSS THE BOSS Sydney participant

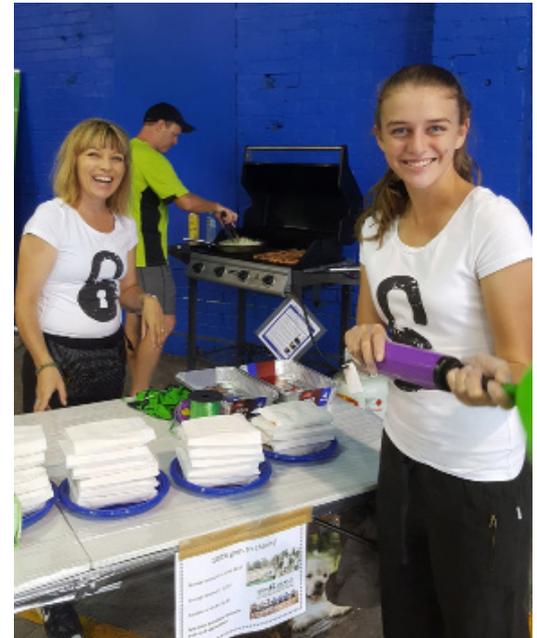
DIY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CHALLENGERS

With almost 60 people participating in challenges this year alone, our participants have done a wonderful job using their networks and creativity to raise the required funds for each trip.

This has included trivia nights, personal video blogs, movie nights with friends and school groups., Bunnings BBQs, tapping into workplace functions for donations, hosting clothes swaps or applying a percentage of sale from their business towards fundraising efforts.

The list has been wide and varied, which just goes to show that with a little organisation and a lot of passion, you can achieve great things with the help of your own unique networks.



AND THOSE WHO RAISE FUNDS... JUST BECAUSE

We have been lucky enough to have so many incredible people using their talents and expertise to get behind our cause throughout the year

We have had school groups run pyjama parties, individuals host pole dancing classes, trivia nights, movie nights and dinners.



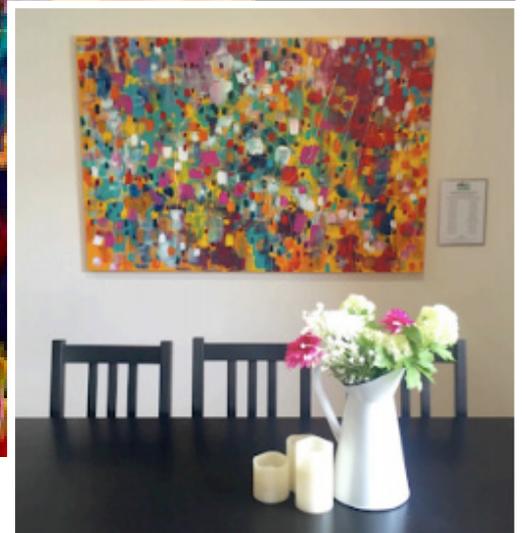
We were fortunate enough to be the recipient of funds raised by Task Force Argos at their annual conference; a branch of the Queensland Police Service, responsible for the investigation of online child exploitation and abuse.

Inspiring people to use their passions to raise funds and awareness has been at the heart of our organisation since inception and we are continually blown away by the creativity of our supporters.

BIG FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Live Performance Artist, Sarah Rowan-Dahl
Produced artwork to hang at Safe House for women receiving care



PROJECT FUTURES' HIGH TEA

9 NOVEMBER 2017

Amidst the stature and elegance of Doltone House, we welcomed over 260 guests to our very first high tea fundraising event on Sunday 9 November.

A sold out event; it was an opportunity to acknowledge the long-term and ongoing partnership with The Salvation Army's Trafficking and Slavery Safe House, the role they play in supporting victims of forced or early marriage specifically while also creating an atmosphere for learning and change in our broader community.

Between sips of perfectly blended tea, mouthfuls of deliciously handcrafted sweet treats and playful fundraising antics, we began our exploration of the very serious issue of forced and early marriage with the help of our three experienced speakers.

Guests heard from early & forced marriage

specialist (and National Projects Co-ordinator at The Freedom Partnership- to end modern slavery), Laura Vidal; author of best-selling novel, Promising Azra, Helen Thurloe and Detective Superintendent at the Australian Federal Police, Daniel Evans.

Emcee and Senior journalist at news.com.au, Liz Burke skillfully guided the discussion between our experts; ensuring our guests left with a clear understanding of the scope of the issue, it's relevance in a modern Australia, the challenges facing our Federal Police, as well as services like the Freedom Partnership.

Over \$20,000 was raised on the day for The Salvation Army's Trafficking and Slavery Safe House.

We were also pleased to officially launch our sale of designer charity t-shirts on the day, thanks to Steven Khalil.



TOP LEFT: PROJECT FUTURES CEO, Clare Pearson addresses audience
 TOP RIGHT: Panelists, Detective Superintendent at the Australian Federal Police, Daniel Evans, Writer and Author, Helen Thurloe and National Projects Co-ordinator at The Freedom Partnership- to end modern, slavery and early & forced marriage specialist, Laura Vidal

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING

We celebrated the festive season and finished off a very successful year of events with a bit of fun and too much sugar.

Hosted at North Sydney Community Centre on Saturday 9 December, a number of families and adults (who can claim to be kids at heart), got their hands dirty assembling gingerbread houses and decorating with all manner of lollies.

A small amount raised to support our community, but most importantly a fun and festive afternoon spent with friends.



INFLUENCING THE NEXT GENERATION

LORETO NORMANHURST

CEO ADDRESS TO SENIOR CLASS

We are fortunate to be able to visit Loreto Normanhurst regularly throughout the year; inspiring the current cohort of students with our Founder's story and achievements as an organisation.

As a former student, Steph Lorenzo is a shining example of what all women have the potential to achieve if they are brave enough to fight for it.

It is also an opportunity to inspire the next year of potential cyclists to join us in

Cambodia. This year, previous participants added their voice to ours in an effort to keep a tradition of Loreto students and their families travelling to Cambodia to support victims of sex trafficking alive.

They did not disappoint, with seven students and parents registering for the July trip.

OPEN DAY 2017

Participants and parents took it upon themselves to set up a booth at the annual Open Day in March to start their fundraising and to promote the trip to other students and families.

Decking the space out in PROJECT FUTURES green; selling everything from cupcakes to merchandise and showing no fear in simply asking for a donation. The perfect way to start to bond with their fellow travellers too!

STALL AT 2017 SPRING FAIR

On Sunday 21 October, we were invited to run a booth at the annual Spring Fair for the first time. Co-ordinated by one of the Mum's who had joined us in Cambodia in July, this was a rare opportunity to promote PROJECT FUTURES to not only students, but their families too.

It was also perfect timing to start selling our new Steven Khalil Charity tee, running shirts and promote the 2018 cycle trip.

We love that our community continues to grow at the school and that we are able to maintain those networks long after they have returned from Cambodia. Many former challengers made the effort to spend an hour or two of their day to help out at the stall and share their experiences with potential new participants. Some registering for 2019 and beyond!



Former challengers, Simone, Megan and Kate helping out at PROJECT FUTURES Stall

HARNESSING THE POWER OF PURPOSE

CAULFIELD GRAMMER, MELBOURNE 23 FEBRUARY 2017

Steph Lorenzo and Renee Anschau visited Caulfield Grammar in Melbourne after our 3-day walk along the Great Ocean Road, to talk about the “Power of Purpose” with over 300 students.

Sharing what we do and encouraging continued participation through their own fundraising and cycle trips to Cambodia.

WENONA GIRLS COLLEGE, SYDNEY 24 MARCH 2017

As a parting gift before finally stepping away as CEO, Steph Lorenzo addressed an audience of over 300 senior students at Wenona Girls College in North Sydney.

She spoke of finding your purpose and creating positive change through action. Her own journey, a powerful tool to inspire others and continue their support of PROJECT FUTURES.

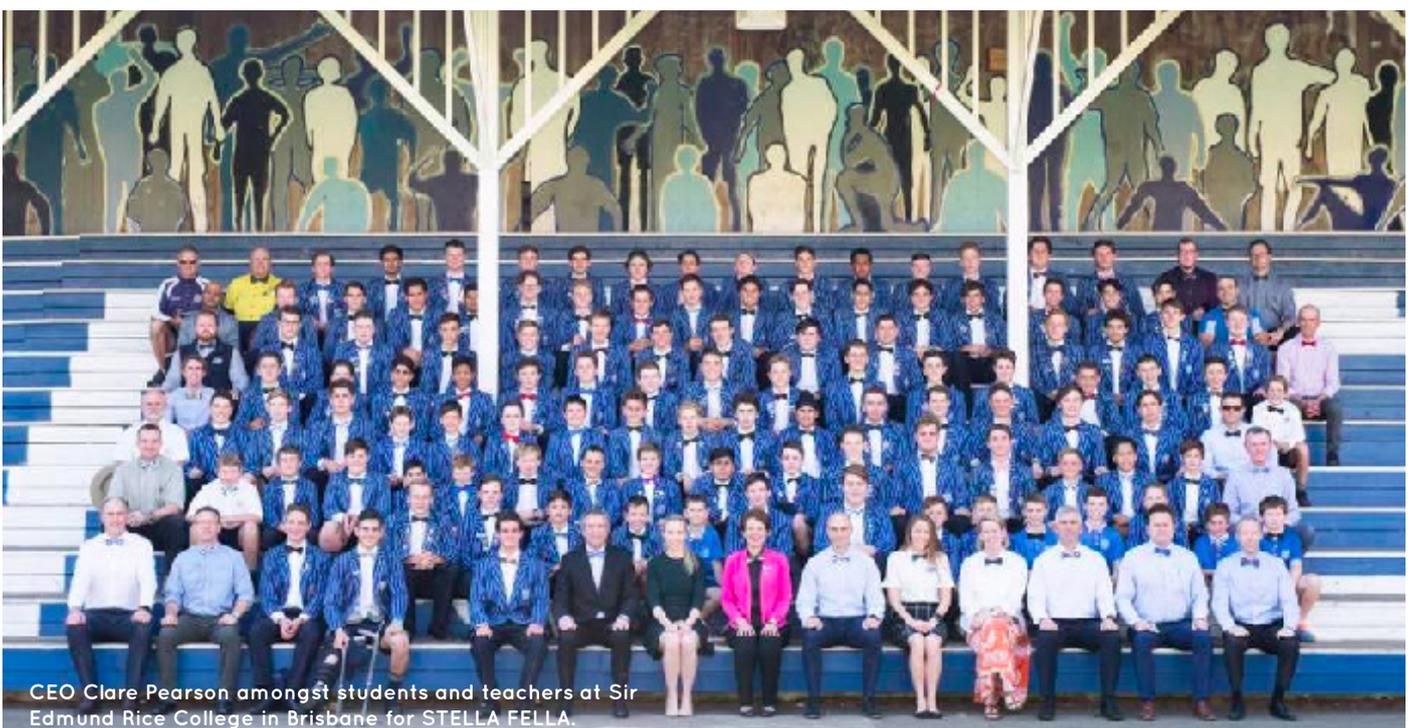
SIR EDMUND RICE, BRISBANE 8 AUGUST 2017

Sir Edmund Rice is a conglomerate of Catholic schools that aims to support and nurture the men of future generations; to educate, inspire and produce stand up and stand out men that will respect others and accept indifference.

In 2017, PROJECT FUTURES was proud to support and present to over 600 boys from grade 9-11 to share our journey; to educate on the topic of human trafficking and inspire future STELLA FELLAS.

As part of their social justice unit, these students shared their journey and the challenges that come with changing the language and expectation of boys and men today when it comes to equality, respect and managing conflict.

Each of them wore bow ties to represent their commitment to being “stand up and stand out” individuals.



CEO Clare Pearson amongst students and teachers at Sir Edmund Rice College in Brisbane for STELLA FELLA.



Renee Anschau completing a piece to camera for the Next Generation Youth Forum

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

NEXT GENERATION YOUTH FORUM, LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, MELBOURNE

Partnership Manager, Renee Anschau addressed hundreds of high school students across two separate sessions at La Trobe University Next Generation Youth Forum on 18 May,

Talking about human trafficking and the power of business to affect positive change.

Whether you are a social entrepreneur fighting for what you believe in, or an intrapreneur working within a business to create change, there are many roads that one can travel to make a difference.

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY INCUBATE 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

We were invited to participate in the Entrepreneurship Project at Macquarie University with third year students looking to develop their ideas.

This program saw the PF team provide mentoring on project development, strategic planning and building solid networks to support the introduction and implementation of various projects focused on enhancing gaps in social services. In total, 25 students participated in the program.



Clare Pearson at Macquarie Uni Incubate Day

INTERNSHIPS

We have been fortunate to have a number of amazing interns work with us on a long-term basis to help us achieve our goals.

Jess Smith gave up a day every week for almost a year and was pivotal to the success of our High Tea in November.

Arin Fambro spent three months supporting the team a day a week before returning home to the US.



Jess Smith being acknowledged for her contribution at High Tea event.

CORPORATE COMMUNITY

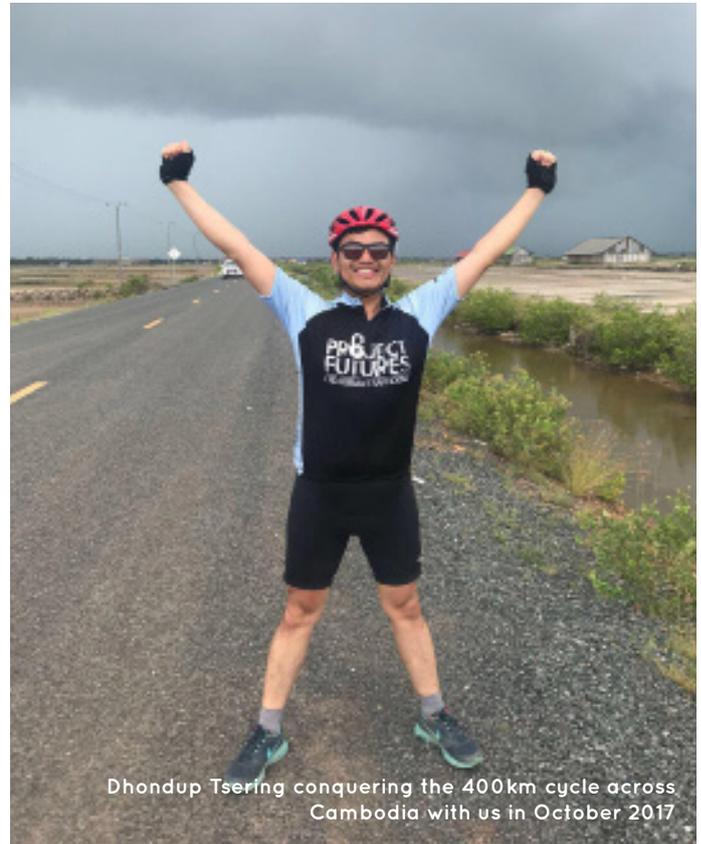
AIRROAD FOUNDATION

We are incredibly proud of the partnership developing with AirRoad and the growth in employee participation across the states.

In 2017 alone, employees participated in nine events over three states and contributed close to \$100,000 in donations, fundraising and events.

We had runners championing our cause in the the City2Surf, skydivers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane as part of our Toss the Boss campaign, others came to sip tea and drink champagne at our inaugural High Tea event.

Marketing Manager, Dhondup Tsering (featured right) joined the cycle challenge in October as a representative of the company and to bear witness the work being done first hand thanks to their support.



Dhondup Tsering conquering the 400km cycle across Cambodia with us in October 2017



AirRoad City2Surf team in August 2017

A keen cyclist, he relished the opportunity to take on both the physical and emotional journey and is one of our strongest advocates within the company.

Thanks to AirRoad, AFESIP Recovery Services was able to provide accommodation, medical treatment and food for 62 girls for three months. An additional 31 were able to receive formal education in state or public schools while living with their families and 56 were able to receive a formal education while residing at the centre.

In addition to these wonderful results,



117,112 meals were provided over three months



English lessons were provided to 40 girls



45 girls received access to computer skills training



6 girls gained access or graduated from their chosen vocational training



The team outside of Angkor Wat in Siem Reap

KONICA MINOLTA

We are fortunate to have had the continued support of Konica Minolta Australia for almost five years with over \$300,000 in financial, in-kind and fundraising support in that time.

This year we initiated a number of projects and ideas that would align ourselves more closely with the strategic vision of the organisation and allow more employees to understand the issue on a more personal level.

Under the leadership of Managing Director Dr David Cooke, the company has made efforts to lead the business community in addressing human rights issues; becoming a member of the UN Global Compact Network, releasing a Human Rights Position Statement, implementing an Ethical Sourcing Roadmap and giving evidence at the Federal inquiry into the establishment of a Modern Slavery Act in Australia.

Moves which create even greater alignment with our own mission; resulting in the development and implementation of the Human Rights in the Supply Chain breakfast series and a corporate immersion to Cambodia.

STELLA FELLA FRIDAY IN SYDNEY

In years past, KM offices around the country have hosted their own Stella Fella Fridays, with employees donning a bow tie and enjoying an afternoon of fundraising and frivolity.

This year, the Sydney office came together to support those team members heading off to Cambodia and to learn a little more about the support they will be providing young girls in Cambodia.

Games like Pin the Bow Tie on the Stella Fella were a great success.



Pin the Tie on the STELLA FELLA. Immersion participants Yuri Matsui and Mark Brown

ANNUAL GOLF DAY IN ADELAIDE

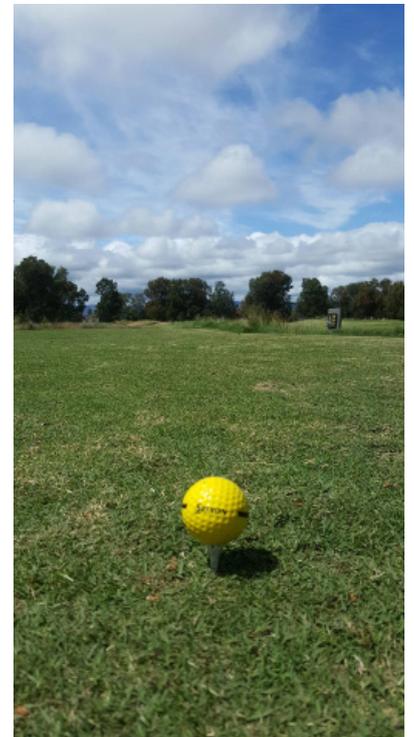
The annual golf day in Adelaide has traditionally been an event for clients and stakeholders to show their swinging abilities while enjoying a few pints with the Konica Minolta Sales team at the gorgeous Glenelg Golf Club.

For the very first time, the day took on a charitable turn with a few fun fundraising elements thrown into the mix.

From a charity hole to raffle tickets sold during dinner, the event raised close to \$6,000 and was an opportunity for our Partnership Manager to share what we do with a completely new audience.



Group teeing off at the charity hole at Glenelg Golf Course



IMMERSION TRIP TO CAMBODIA

Over seven days in October, 13 Konica Minolta employees travelled to Cambodia with the support of PROJECT FUTURES to gain a deeper appreciation of the issue faced by thousands of women and girls every year and meet our impact partner, AFESIP.

The trip was originally initiated by Regional General Manager, Scott Jackson to bring a national team closer together, but following the experience admitted the trip moved well beyond that initial goal to become one of “the most powerful and positively challenging experiences [he had] had in many years”.



Konica Minolta staff at AFESIP Cambodia

In addition to seeing some of the most spectacular tourism sites the country has to offer, the team were invited into the centre to see first hand where their fundraising dollars would be spent; meet with survivors, as well as Managing Director and Founder of AFESIP, Somaly Mam.

Over \$33,000 was raised, contributing to the university education of two girls for a year, in-centre rehabilitation for up to 60 girls and new books for their newly refurbished library.



STEVEN KHALIL

COLLABORATING WITH FASHION DESIGNER, STEVEN KHALIL ON OUR FIRST CHARITY TEE

THE CONCEPT

Inspired by the women facing situations of forced and early marriage in Australia, PROJECT FUTURES initiated a new collaboration with renowned wedding dress designer, Steven Khalil to help design and create our first charity tee.

As an organisation committed to the fair treatment of workers, how this shirt was made was just as important as the quality of finished product.

For this reason, we teamed up with the boys at Citizen Wolf to take Steven's vision and turn it into a high quality, ethically made organic tee that will not fade or fray.

Our ability to track our footprint was a critical part of the journey and one that we are incredibly proud of.

The cotton was organically grown in India and knitted in Melbourne. The shirt was cut, sewn printed and designed in Sydney. Organically certified water-based inks were also sourced from a supplier in Sydney.

From top to bottom, this shirt has been lovingly conceived and produced by a dedicated team of people who believe as we do, that no human being should belong to another, ever be exploited for profit or pleasure and with care and consideration for the planet we rely on.



THE SHOOT & LAUNCH

Official sales launched at our inaugural high tea event, but not before we invited ambassadors like Zoe Marshall, Georgia Berg, challengers from recent school cycle and the gorgeous girls from Chic Management to take part in an important photoshoot.

Images were distributed to various media outlets and was Number 1 on the Grazia list of slogan tees 'you will want to wear this summer!'

Each shirt was sold for \$99 and are a beautiful reminder of what great collaborations can achieve.

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