Grace House Cambodia Charity Inc.



You are receiving this newsletter as you have visited or volunteered at Grace House, are Australian, and/or are aware of the Grace House Cambodia Charity, Inc.

We welcome you to become a member.



NEWS FROM THE CHAIR
Ann Brownlie

Our recent fundraising luncheons in Caloundra and Toowoomba were tremendous successes. These special events brought together friends, supporters, colleagues and family members who share a passion for the work of Grace House. We are delighted to report that more than $5,000 was raised across the two events. On behalf of the Board, thank you to everyone who attended, donated raffle prizes, contributed financially, and helped make these gatherings such memorable occasions. Your generosity and commitment continue to inspire us and make a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

I am also pleased to share that our Annual General Meeting has now been held, with all Board positions remaining unchanged from last year. This continuity provides a strong foundation as we continue to build on the significant progress made over the past twelve months. We are, however, seeking individuals who may be interested in serving as Directors of Fundraising and Partnerships. These are exciting opportunities to help shape the future direction of Grace House, and we would welcome expressions of interest from anyone passionate about making a difference.

Looking ahead, the Directors will meet on 11 October to review and refresh our strategic plan for the next two years. This important process will help ensure we remain focused on our vision, strengthen our impact, and continue to grow sustainably.

One of the most encouraging developments has been the growing interest from volunteers. We are thrilled to have so many people already committed to joining us in January and February. Volunteers play a vital role in supporting Grace House, not only financially through fundraising activities, but also by providing valuable professional development opportunities for local teachers and staff. Building local capacity remains a key strategic focus.

Finally, every dollar raised goes directly to supporting Grace House. Thanks to your ongoing generosity, within just twelve months we will have covered the running costs of two classrooms. This is a remarkable achievement and a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together.






NEWS FROM GRACE HOUSE

Building Staff Capacity at Grace House

Grace House places a strong focus on strengthening the skills, knowledge, and leadership capacity of our team to better support the children and families we serve. It has been a been a busy couple of months. Project Manager Loung participated in an NGO Network meeting with the Ministry of Interior, gaining important knowledge about the new online registration system for NGOs and organisational compliance requirements. This helps ensure Grace House continues to operate effectively and in line with government expectations.

Staff members engaged in several valuable professional development opportunities. Our team participated in Financial Management training delivered by WRC, building practical skills in budgeting and responsible decision-making, including understanding the difference between needs and wants. They also completed their annual First Aid update. Our Assistant Social Worker attended training on Meaningful Child Participation and Child Rights, strengthening knowledge of child protection, safeguarding, and empowering children to have a voice in decisions that affect their lives. The training reinforced the importance of creating safe, respectful, and supportive environments where children can thrive.

In addition, four staff members attended EdCam training focused on teaching methodologies, presentation skills, values and character development, communication, and innovative ways to use coding to support English language learning. These new approaches will help enrich student engagement and learning outcomes.



MEET THE STAFF – Rouen Borey

A Passion for Inclusion

We are delighted to introduce one of our dedicated Disability Unit team members, who has been part of the Grace House family for many years, firstly as a student and since 2017, a staff member.

Borey's journey into disability support began when she was just 19 years old. Seeking employment to help support her family through financial challenges, she accepted an entry-level position working with children with special needs. What started as a job soon became a calling. Over the next two years, she gained a deeper understanding of the daily challenges faced by people with disabilities and the misunderstandings they often encounter in society. Through these experiences, she developed patience, compassion, and a strong commitment to helping others.

Today, Borey is motivated by the opportunity to support children with disabilities to build meaningful friendships, participate in their communities, and live fulfilling lives.

She is passionate about challenging common misconceptions and helping others understand that children with disabilities deserve acceptance, respect, and opportunities to thrive. Borey encourages people to learn more before making judgments.

What she loves most about Grace House is its commitment to providing opportunities for children and families, supporting staff wellbeing and development, and creating positive change within the local communities.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to all those who attended the luncheons at Caloundra and Toowoomba and those who popped into Bunnings for a sausage. We've had a lot of fun sharing the Grace House story and really appreciate the support. . Congratulations to all our Caloundra and Toowoomba Luncheon Raffle Prize winners listed on the next pages. Our Bunnings teams have continued with a further 2 BBQ's and there are 3 more to go before Christmas. If you are in Toowoomba and can help, let us know. Since our last Newsletter we have generated the following funds

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles: $2954

Caloundra Luncheon: $2220

Toowoomba Luncheon: $3018

Containers for Change: $83.60



Grace House Cambodia Charity – Containers for Change - Member number: C11772108



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Share your Fundraising efforts with us.

Akun Tom Tom

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Monday 30st November at 7.00pm. Please forward any items for discussion. We look forward to seeing you all either online or in person. Thank you so much for your support and stewardship of Grace House.



Caloundra Luncheon Raffle Winners

No	Prize	Donated by	Winner
1.	Prosecco	Duncan Macfarlane	Roy Schlusser
2	Harbourlights Homemade gourmet pack	Gillian Meyers	Lee Buckley
3	Bodia Spa package	Gillian Meyers	Fiona Heiner
4	Co-Op Café voucher with honey	Unity College	Anne Chambers
5	Prosecco & Picnic Rug	Angela Brodrick	Kristy Williams
6	Butterfly Pea Tea and Silk Scalf	Gillian Meyers	Tracey Ruzou
7	Co-Op Café voucher with honey	Unity College	Robert Graham
8	Cambodian chocolate and tea towel	Gillian Meyers	Cass Neilson
9	Artist Tamara Venn Framed Print	Gillian Meyers	Roz (Ang James's Mum)
10	Co-Op Café voucher with honey	Unity College	Lee Buckley
11	$50 gift voucher	Karen Harrison	Wendy
12	Cambodian chocolate and tea towel	Gillian Meyers	Andrea Hookam
13	Butterfly Pea Gin and handmade coasters	Gillian Meyers	Jenny Marshall
14	Co-Op Café voucher with honey	Unity College	Beryl Meyers
15	Cambodian Water hyacinth basket/bag	Gillian Meyers	Erin (Ang James's Sister)
16	Cambodian Chocolate and Krama Scalf	Gillian Meyers	Natalie Benson
17	Co-Op Café voucher with honey	Unity College	Alison O'Keefe
18	Harbourlights Honey and tea towel	Ian Meyers	Kerry Baxter
19	Sparkling wine	Craig Mathison	Carli Hunter

Lucky door prize – Reed diffuser donated by Sisi Macfarlane. – Annabelle Seizer

Toowoomba Luncheon Raffle Winners

No	Prize	Donated by	Winner
1	Cambodian Scalf & mosquito spray	Gillian Meyers	Tracey Wright
2	Bag with collagen eye patches	Cathy Aitchison	Narelle Wiseman
3	Cambodian bracelet & Earrings & Loco Love chocolate	Danielle Gleeson	Jill Binnie
4	Tea towel & honey	Gillian Meyers	Jenny Sardoni
5	2027 Calendar	Jenny Langton	Emily Whiting
6	TukTuk tea towel and cashews	Ann Brownlie	Jenny Langton
7	Framed Tamara Venn Pineapple Print	Ann Brownlie	Teresa Woolacott
8	Harbourlights Homemade pack	Gillian Meyers	Ann-marie Kuhn
9	Silver earrings	Piseth @ Garden of Desire	Sharon Phillips
10	Bag with collagen eye patches	Cathy Aitchison	Eva & Rick Graham
11	Cambodian scarf and coasters	Ann Brownlie	Susie Musgrave
12	Yoga mat	Cathy Aitchison	Janet Meibusch
13	Cambodian bracelet earrings, glasses case	Danielle Gleeson	Emily Whiting
14	Peace Lily pot plant	Kerry McIntyre	Emiline Williams
15	Silver Necklace	Piseth @ Garden of Desire	Helen H
16	Botanica creams with collagen eye patches	Cathy Aitchison	Gillian Meyers
17	Framed Tamara Venn Ginger Flower Print	Ann Brownlie	Karen Freenat
18	Handmade basket with cashews and mango	Ann Brownlie	Teresa Woolacott
19	2027 Calendar	Jenny Langton	Clare Watson
20	Water Hyacinth handbag	Ann Brownlie	Veronica
21	Cambodian bracelet & Earrings & Loco Love chocolate	Danielle Gleeson	Emiline Williams
22	Bodia Spa pack with handmade basket	Ann Brownlie	Annette Rowlings
23	Nutrimetics pack	Annette Rowlings	Susie Jepson
24	Malaysian chocolate with collagen eye patches	Cathy Aitchison	Grace Murray
25	Wine	Annette Rowlings	Laurel Korn
26	Silver bracelet	Piseth @ Garden of Desire	Annette Fuller
27	Cambodian earrings, pencil case and candle	Danielle Gleeson	Veronica
28	Sparkling White	Craig Mathieson	Jenny Sardoni

Lucky door prize – Rose donated by Ann Brownlie – Tracey Wright

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REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS INVITATION

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of **Grace House Charity Inc.**, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for those living within the community (rural villages near Siem Reap Cambodia) to build a brighter future for Cambodian children providing sustainable, quality education and family support by:

- fostering the value and love for learning and education
- improving learning conditions and teacher training
- strengthening family and community support

As a member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the direction and impact of our work, stay informed about our projects, and play an active role in shaping our future. Membership is open to individuals who share our commitment to compassion, service, and community development.

To proceed with your application, please click on the link below to confirm the following.

☐ I support the purpose of Grace House Charity Inc.
☐ I agree to comply with the constitution of Grace House Charity Inc.

☐ I agree to pay the annual membership fee of $50.00. This gives you voting rights, regular newsletters and advance notice of fundraising functions.

You will also be required to enter personal details for the Member database. Please check these details carefully before submitting.

The Rules of Membership require a Proposer and a Seconder. Many of you will have met and know the Chair (Ann Brownlie), Treasurer (Craig Mathieson), and Secretary (Gillian Meyers) of the charity. Please use the names you know as your Proposer and Seconder on the Forms link.
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/9eRCpCEYd9?origin=lprLink

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Grace House Charity Inc
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SUPPORT GRACE HOUSE:

- Become a member
- Follow Grace House Community Centre on Facebook and Instagram.
  - Like and share the Grace House Community Centre posts
- Hold a fundraising event
- Help at our Bunnings BBQ days.
- Collect “containers for change” at home or in your workplace, and have the funds go to Member number: C11772108
- Donate to Grace House Cambodia Charity Inc. All funds go directly to Grace House Cambodia
  - BSB 638-260 A/c # 16879465
  - Please provide name/email for receipt
- Volunteer at Grace House Community Centre