



Bikabele Cares for Kids Inc.

Providing rainbows and smiles to the world of disadvantaged, underprivileged and orphan children



THE BEAR NEWS

Welcome to the Second Edition of "The Bear News" Newsletter. We had such a wonderful response from our first issue of The Bear News and so much has happened it's time to bring you our latest news.

We hope you'll enjoy reading our Newsletter, and we welcome any feedback.

QUIZNITE RESULTS

As promoted in our First Issue, the Bikabele Bears held their second Gala Quiz Nite on 25th August and on all accounts it was a resounding success.

The Warwick Community Hall was packed to capacity as nearly 190 people tackled the questions, supported all the Raffle Fundraisers & fun events and had a great time doing it.

Mark Readings, Channel 9 Sports Presenter, again carried out the MC duties in fine style, and considering it was probably the biggest AFL weekend of football so far this year with the Western Derby etc we were very grateful to Mark for still finding time to support the night amid many other duties.

Each table was named after one of the Deaf Balinese Children currently sponsored in our Hearing Aid Program, along with three that had been selected for testing but at the time were not sponsored.

By the end of the evening simply by making some announcements these three remaining children had received the sponsorship required of \$850 each. This in itself was an amazing outcome for the evening and we sincerely thank all those who volunteered this support so willingly on the night.

The outcome was aided in one instance by Brian Coogan of Curtin FM Radio who generously donated a substantial advertising package to one group of sponsors. The other two groups of sponsors will receive a week's free private Villa Accommodation in Bali courtesy of the Wong Villa Group.

The Quiz Nite itself raised over \$3700 towards current projects including the Memorial Playground at Semara Putra Orphanage which is now fully funded and due for completion in October.

The competition between tables was very even with Table 23 'Ketut', comprising Sas Jacobs & friends, pipping some fast finishers at the post.

They will now enjoy a wonderful meal out for 8
Compliments of The Greenwood Hotel.

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The night had a real party atmosphere with everyone having fun, while in turn, helping a great cause and the total of funds raised on the night is a tremendous outcome and could only of happened because of a lot of support & work to put the event together.

We sincerely thank all the sponsors and donors of goods and services that made up the tremendous range of prizes on hand.

Please see list as distributed during the evening attached. Where possible, please consider supporting these businesses when next you need their particular service.

We also thank all the willing helpers on the night that helped set up, run the bar and sell the various raffles etc. Great effort and Terima Kasih to you all from the Bear. And of course, sincere thanks to everyone who came along and joined us, supported us and participated on the evening.

This will become an annual event so look out for the Quiz Nite 2007.



Quiz Nite 2006 in progress



And the winners are.... Table 23 : Ketut

Projects under Consideration

A Special Learning Facility for Pre School Age Deaf & Disadvantaged Children

During our last visit to Bali in early August we visited a second Orphanage catering for Deaf Balinese Children whilst looking for children to extend our current program.

We also learnt about the extent of the problem and the high percentage of babies born on the island with hearing disabilities – only now just being identified by proper hospital research by hearing experts.

We heard this through Narno Supangat of ABDI who oversees the testing & hearing aid fitting for the children in our own Hearing Aid Program.

His vision, & deep passion, is to establish the first Special Learning Facility of its type in Bali, catering for Pre School Age, Deaf & Disadvantaged Children. His vision is to encompass what we at Bikabele are doing with School aged deaf children in a pre-school environment, whereby he can train and teach children at a younger age to learn to speak before they reach normal school age, thereby helping them attain a normal learning environment during their schooling years.

This would be an enormous benefit to the individual children in them attaining a more certain and better future, as what we have found in our program to date, is that the older the child gets the longer it takes to break old habits in the way they communicate amongst themselves away from the therapy process.

This facility, if brought to fruition, would be established in Denpasar, Bali & we have indicated to Narno we would definitely look towards providing what help we can in financial assistance pending his final submission.

Narno is currently putting his plan on paper for us to discuss and we feel very positive about its prospects given that Narno plans the project to run as a non-profit facility catering only for children from disadvantaged families who normally would have no opportunity to help their children financially this way.

This could provide Bikabele with a flagship ongoing funding project enabling us to participate in something unique in Asia.

We will keep you posted in future issues of **The Bear News**.



Narno pictured testing Komang Sadewi at ABDI

Memorial Playground



...“Children Are a Gift in this World”...

You are probably all very aware of our current Memorial project to re-develop the old playground facility at Semara Putra Orphanage for Disabled Children in Bali.

You can read a little on this story on our website, if you haven't already caught up on its beginnings about the truly inspirational couple who know very much first hand and reiterated to us ...“*Children are a Gift in this World*”. A couple who so unselfishly, during their most difficult moments, immediately thought of making some children's lives brighter, while suffering their own very tragic losses of two baby boys.

As a result – and after 12 months of fundraising and planning, we head to Bali very shortly to fulfill a wish. Between the 16th and 19th October, Natalie & Jason along with some of their friends and family from Melbourne, with ourselves, and some very willing helpers from Perth & Bali will spend the time needed in Klungkung to build and re-develop the existing very old and tired playground to a brighter, more practical and safer playground to be enjoyed by the children.

We will find some local “Losman” accommodation so we can spend some valuable time, not only working on the playground, but also get a more in-depth sight into the daily lives of the children, by spending full days with them and observing, experiencing and understanding their daily routine. And at the end of it all - join the children in their new playground!!

On the 20th October a traditional Balinese Ceremony will be held at the Orphanage to bless the playground facility and wish its safe use and enjoyment by the children. The children will dance during the Ceremony as a gesture of appreciation to all present and indeed to all the many, many people who have helped to make this project and special dream possible.

During the ceremony a plaque will be laid by Natalie & Jason, the parents of Caleb & Spencer, in loving memory of their two beautiful little boys who truly have already, and are about to even more so, touch the lives of so many.

Our next issue will give a full report on this project along with some photographs of some, we are certain, very happy children enjoying their new playground facility.

****NEWS FLASH****

The July edition of The Bear News reported 10 children are participating in our own Bikabele Hearing Aid Program. We are now thrilled to announce this number has rapidly grown to 19 children!

Bear of the Month

In the First Edition of The Bear News we told the story of Ian 'Vibes' Murray & his visit to Semara Putra Orphanage and his lasting impact he had on both us and the children there.

This issue we want to share the very special and unique contribution made by a Western Australian couple who started their life of retirement by moving to live in Bali at the end of last year.

Rudy & Hansi de Beer learnt of Bikabele during a visit by us to Bali earlier this year.

Both had developed extraordinary craft skills during their working life through chosen hobbies. Rudy with timber and Hansi with leather.

In conversations that followed Rudy explained he had a range of his hand crafted wooden toys that he would dearly love to donate to Semara Putra Orphanage for the use of all the children.

When Rudy showed us the 'toys', we were amazed at not only the range and workmanship, but the pure practicality of the designs. It was like a step back in time to the days when most toys were in timber and made to last and pass on.

We saw everything in Rudy's magic workshop including Trucks & Cars, Sewing Machines, Cameras, Irons & Toasters, Games & Trapeze Artists - all working models, each waiting to give hours of enjoyment to children with so little. Each made to last.

It was easy to appreciate that with each toy Rudy had given a piece of himself for others enjoyment.

It was also easy to appreciate the sheer joy Rudy himself would receive by seeing his toys used and appreciated by these little orphans.

And so it was that at the same time Ian 'Vibes' Murray made his memorable visit to Semara Putra (as featured in 'Bear of the Month' in last issue), Rudy presented and demonstrated his toys to the children.

The pure joy in the eyes of the children as they watched Rudy work the magic of his creations was matched only by the joy on Rudy's face and the tears in his eyes.

The photos shown here can only depict a small part of that wonderful moment in time but they are a further example of the real meaning of Bikabele for both givers and receivers.

Rudy & Hansi are now committed supporters of Bikabele and its work with disadvantaged Orphans with Rudy currently helping enormously with the on site co-ordination of our Playground Project due for completion at Semara Putra late October.

So we say a sincere thanks to Rudy & Hansi our new found Bali Bears.



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Talking To God

A man was taking it easy, laying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God.

"God," he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"

God answered, "To me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God answered, "In a minute."

©www.ramondeal.com "Please be polite - LAUGH."



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Focus on a Donor

The Bear News has already told the story about children helping children far worse off than themselves and the contribution being made by **West Greenwood Primary School** to Bikabele's current Memorial Playground Project at Semara Putra Orphanage.

This issue we focus on the broad reach of the internet and how through contact between mother and daughter thousands of kilometres apart led to two disadvantaged deaf children being sponsored through our Hearing Aid Program from Europe.

Elka Murray hails from Germany, settled in Australia and married Ray, the brother of Ian 'Vibes' Murray.

Because of the Murray/Shaw families sponsorship of a child in the Bikabele Hearing Aid Program and a trip to Semara Putra during Ian's inspiring visit, Elka emailed her Mum with all the news of that trip attaching photos of her wonderful experiences.

Whatever Elka communicated to her mother in Germany certainly inspired more support and before we knew it Elka's Mum, Godula Haenlein was remitting enough Euros to sponsor two of the children met by Elka during her visit to the orphanage.

So now... Wayan Dodik, a wide eyed 10 year old boy with a cheeky smile, and Kadek Yuliantari a 20 year old shy and introvert girl with the mind & physique of barely a 12 year old, have had hearing aids fitted & are now undergoing speech therapy sessions, with the opportunity to prosper. Already we can see the change in Yuliantari as she gains confidence & joins in with others in the program, and Dodik just beams the most beautiful smile you could ever find.

So the power of instant communication via the internet with relatives & friends across the globe knows no boundaries when it comes to helping others less fortunate than ourselves.

We thank Godula for her valuable contribution from so far away and hope one day she can visit her sponsored Children, see first hand the difference she has made to their lives and enjoy that wonderful experience just like Elka has.



Godula's daughter, Elka with their 2 sponsored kids and their carer

Bear Bits...

For a bit of lighthearted reading and just in case we need further proof that the human race is doomed because of stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods...

On a Myer hairdryer: "Do not use while sleeping". *(Darn, and that's the only time I have to work on my hair).*

On a bag of Chips: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. *(The shoplifter special?)*

On a bar of Palmolive soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap". *(And that would be how???)*

On some frozen dinners: "Serving suggestion: Defrost". *(But, it's just a suggestion).*

On Nanna's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom): "Do not turn upside down". *(Well...duh, a bit late, huh!)*

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating". *(And you thought????...)*

On packaging for a K-Mart iron: "Do not iron clothes on body". *(But wouldn't this save me more time?)*

On Boot's Children Cough Medicine: "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication". *(We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction accidents if we could just get those 5 year olds with head colds off those forklifts.)*

On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness". *(And...I'm taking this because???)*

On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only". *(As opposed to...what?)*

On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for the other use". *(Now, somebody out there, help me on this. I'm a bit curious.)*

On Nobby's peanuts: "Warning: contains nuts". *(Talk about a news flash!)*

On an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts". *(Step 3: maybe, uh...fly Delta?)*

On a child's superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly". *(Apparently!!!)*

On a Swedish chainsaw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals". *(Was there a lot of this happening somewhere?)*



So long for now friends – we hope you enjoyed The Bear News!

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Greenwood Deli & Takeaway	\$20 cash donation
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Warwick Grove Florist	\$10 Gift Voucher
West Coast HiFi, Rockingham	Sony DVD Player
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Wish Upon A Cake - Julia Kerns	Baby Novelty Cake - Gift Pack
Unliver (Shane Melbourne)	Boot Barbie, Backpacks, Tosca Carry Bag, Thai Massage Lotions, 3 Cookbooks, 7 Exotic Body Mist / Pencil Case sets