



Bikabele Cares for Kids Inc.

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



THE BEAR NEWS

G'day everyone and welcome to the 5th Edition of "The Bear News" Newsletter.

The Bear has had a wonderful start to 2007 - please read on to find out what's been happening in Bear Town.

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A great start to 2007 ..

Well, what a wonderful start to the New Year...

We've recently had a wonderful week with one of our Bali Bear's, Ketut Hendra Suyadi, visiting Perth.

This was the trip of a lifetime for Ketut, something he always dreamt of doing – and with a combination of a reward from his employer, Cathay Pacific, whom he now is permanently employed for, and some great support from some wonderful people in Perth... he finally made it here.

As we know, there were some last minute date changes, but everything worked out fine in the end, with Ketut having a most enjoyable time and was so pleased to be able to catch up with so many of his Aussie friends and family, and was simply touched by everyone's kindness to him.

To all of you who helped to make his trip so enjoyable, we thank you – Ketut certainly felt very welcome. And as you know, Bikabele couldn't do what it does in Bali with our children, without Ketut and his father, Wayan's wonderful volunteer work, to keep things ticking along in our absence.

And, to make the week that was, just that much more special, we had the wonderful opportunity of meeting up with our sponsor of 2 children in the Bikabele Hearing Aid Program, Godula Haenlein, all the way from Germany.

If that hasn't been a great enough start to 2007 for the Bear, how about the news that we have another 4 sponsors in our Hearing Aid Program. That is four more lucky kids in Bali who are very soon going to learn of the gift of sound with thanks to some wonderful people who have opened their door to a brighter future.

To all our wonderful supporters, family & friends we thank you very much. Of course, Bikabele Cares for Kids wouldn't be anything without you all!

Bill, Kay, Bev & Leanne
The Crew at Bikabele

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Ketut's Visit to Perth

We'll give you a little run down on Ketut's visit, what he was able to do, see and experience here. As you could imagine, life in Australia is so much different than on the island of Bali.

Thursday 1st Feb:

Ketut arrived during the morning, after a very long trip via Hong Kong overnight – having worked a full day before catching his plane on Wednesday afternoon.

We gave him a fairly quiet introduction to Perth, with a drive around initially, a quick visit to Burswood and then a drive through the City, to be met with his comment of "...So, where are the people?". His first impression of Perth! And also he noticed a distinct lack of bikes on the roads, after only seeing 2 bikes on his first day in Perth.

We headed off to Hillary's Marina for lunch (the size of the club sandwich was almost too much for him) and a pleasant walk around the Marina and surrounds.

After a quick stop off at Compac Marketing (Bikabele's major Administration sponsor), a sign company in Joondalup, and seeing he was totally exhausted, it was time to bring him home to Leanne's, where he went for shower and a quick one hour's sleep – not to re-appear for 14 hours.

Friday 2nd Feb:

Ketut's first full day in Perth, saw him catch the train from Joondalup to Perth City, a stroll through the city, taking in London Court, followed by a ferry ride across the River. From there we spent about 4 hours at the beautiful Perth Zoo, where Ketut took in every bit of information he could on every animal, with his favourites being of course, the koalas and the kangaroos.

Friday evening Bill & Kay hosted a BBQ night where Ketut was joined by many friends for a very pleasant evening. The whole concept of inviting family and friends around to your house for a meal and a drink, was something Ketut hadn't experienced before and he said when he gets home he will invite some friends to his house. And, what's more, he loved the BBQ'd sausages (not to mention Kay's special Nasi Goreng rice dish). Thanks to all who came along, it was a great night for Ketut and us all.

Saturday saw us take a trip along the river, via Nedlands, with a quick drive into UWA, and through Perth's wealthier suburbs, and on to Fremantle. We had a nice stroll around Fremantle, through the markets, and of course, fish & chips at Cicerello's, before a short visit to the Maritime Museum. We returned home via the coast with stop offs at Cottesloe Beach and Scarborough, before heading off out for a lovely relaxed evening picnic at Kings Park and from where we saw the lights of Perth.

Sunday saw us hit the road for our trip south...stopping off firstly at Mandurah, then onto Bunbury where we joined some family & Bikabele supporters for lunch. Then it was back on the road with a stop at the Busselton Jetty before heading to Dunsborough and stopping in at Harewoods Café, an original farm house with a lot of old machinery and artifacts dating back many years.

We traveled onto Yallingup for a brief visit to one of WA's famous surfing beaches before heading to Margaret River. Once here we caught up with Ray & Elka Murray and family and had the perfect

opportunity to meet our German sponsor of 2 children in the Bikabele Hearing Aid Program, Elka's mother, Godula Hainlein. After a lovely evening meal with Ray, Elka, Godula and family and a stay-over in a nice little cottage, the Monday saw us take in the Boranup Forest, a visit down Lakes Cave before calling into two of the lovely wineries in the region to give Ketut an understanding (& a taste) of the local wine and it's industry. Then we headed back toward the city taking in a detour to Boddington on the way back to show Ketut an Australian grain and sheep farm, arriving back late evening to Perth.

Tuesday was time for a bit more leisurely pace and a trip into Perth again, this time to take in the WA Museum for a few hours and the Perth Mint.

Wednesday was another reasonably relaxed day with a visit to Whitfords Shopping Centre where Ketut managed to get a Nasi Goreng lunch much to his delight at the foodhall, and a brief call in to both a Library and a Nursing Home.

That evening we had a lovely get together of Bikabele's for a farewell dinner at the Greenwood Hotel which was thoroughly enjoyed by Ketut and us all.

Thursday, Ketut showed up in traditional Balinese dress to meet and address the children of West Greenwood Primary School for their assembly. Ketut was able to tell all the children in his speech of the appreciation for their fabulous fundraising and support to the Semara Putra Orphanage in Klungkung and let the children know, that children helping other children not as well off as themselves is a wonderful thing.

Following the school's assembly Ketut shared some time with the older primary school children where they had a fabulous time showing Ketut half a dozen games that Australian schoolchildren play, so that he could go home to Bali and show the orphanage children the game. Games included such things as hangman and marbles, etc. This was just a wonderful experience not only Ketut, but also the children to have the opportunity of this personal interaction. The children then shared an Aussie morning tea with Ketut, and after some photos Ketut had to say his farewells to head off to the airport, where we had to sadly see Ketut's wonderful trip come to an end.

Ketut was so appreciative of having the opportunity to come to Australia – just a dream come true, to catch up with so many Bikabele family, many whom he had previously met him in Bali over the last 3 years. To go to the school and interact with the children was surely a very fitting highlight to finish off with in Australia and in Ketut's own words of thanks to us, "this trip was a great moment for me".

Thanks again to those who helped to finance Ketut's trip, and to everyone who made the effort to come along to join Ketut at one of the functions held during his week here.



Ketut cooking his first BBQ



Bill & Ketut with Bikabele sponsor from Germany, Goldula Haenlein



Ketut at the zoo with Kangaroos in the background



West Greenwood Primary School kids teach Ketut to play marbles



GrapePicking Fundraiser

The 2007 vintage of Oranje Tractor Wines could be the best ever, after a group of Bikabele supporters picked grapes at the winery over a two day period during the WA Labour Day long weekend.

Oranje Tractor Winery is a family run, organic winery, situated 10km's out of Albany in the State's south west owned and run by Pam Lincoln & Murray Gomm. We were last year offered the opportunity by Pam & Murray to participate in some grapepicking as a fundraiser, with their preferred method of offering the grapepicking out to community groups for an opportunity to raise funds to help their club or charity along. Our gun grapepicking group included people from Perth, Toodyay and Albany, and a couple of "WWOOFers" from Italy and France.

After a night out tasting the gourmet delights of Albany, the group congregated at 8am for a half day pick of Reising grapes on Sunday, interrupted only by an absolute scrumptious country morning tea of home baked pies and sausage rolls, scones, jam & cream etc. Not to mention the beautiful lunch which followed after completion of our days picking.

Having had so much fun, and being identified as pickers of true potential, Murray invited us back to pick their exclusive Pinot grapes the following morning. Despite the end of the day feeling, the group unable to raise the energy to deny their willingness, took the opportunity to make an early start on the Monday morning to further top up our fundraising dollars and help out on the next day's pick.

It is our belief that over the two days enough money was raised by our pickers to sponsor a child in for testing, fitting of two hearing aids and speech therapy in our Bikabele Hearing Aid Program. We announced this to the group upon completion on the Monday that this is how we'd like to allocate the grapepicking funds, and we would call the child our Oranje Tractor child given the great fundraising opportunity offered to Bikabele by our hosts, Pam & Murray of Oranje Tractor Winery along with the wonderful efforts of all our pickers, all which were greatly appreciated.

If you get the opportunity, try out one of their delicious wines, but in particular, the 2007 Reising and 2007 Pinot are sure to be Award Winning vintages.

You can read more on Oranje Tractor Winery at www.oranjetractor.com and learn about the WWOOFers at www.woof.com.au

To Pam, Murray and everyone who picked, including the locals and the travelers – **our sincere thanks. Cheers!**





Some of the smiles you've given "our kids"



Bikabele still aims to assist in establishing a School for the Deaf, for pre-school aged children, which will be run on a non-profit basis to help young deaf children in Bali be able to progress into the mainstream schooling system from a very early age and give them every chance to go onto a normal lifestyle which they'd otherwise not have the opportunity.

If you are aware of any Corporates that may be willing to support this worthy cause, please introduce them to us, or to the Bikabele Swara-Swari Institute cause for consideration ...

"DONATE A BRICK CAMPAIGN"

Our Swara-Swari Institute fundraising program aims to raise A\$22,000 by way of a 'Donate A Brick' Campaign which will fall into four categories.

Gold Donors – Major Corporate Sponsors
\$2000 upwards (20 Bricks or more)

Silver Donors – Corporate Sponsors
\$1000 - \$2000 (10 Bricks or more)

Bronze Donors – Corporate, Groups or Individuals
\$500 upwards (5 Bricks or more)

Individual & Family Donors
\$100 per brick

Our Goal – 220 bricks

We are not asking our existing supporter base to again extend their generosity but only to let the word out to all potential new donors that may be interested in being part of this wonderful journey.

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Bear Bits...

You gotta love kids' honesty!

Why God made Mums

Answers given by 2nd grade School children to the following questions!!

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring
3. God made my Mum just the same like he made me. He Just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you Your mother & not some other Mum?

1. We're related
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?

3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your Mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a clot.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between mums & dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home & dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mum do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.