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NEWSLETTER



PICCA is officially launched!

Last Saturday, about 50 friends, family and other guests gathered in the convivial atmosphere of Three Bowls Cafe at Highgate Hill in Brisbane, for the official launch of Partners in International Collaborative Community Aid (PICCA).

The nonprofit company's Directors - (from left above) Tiziana, Steve, Stephanie and Warren - explained their vision for PICCA, the sorts of projects PICCA intends to support and how PICCA will partner with communities in an equitable and respectful way. They also talked about how PICCA encourages participation from Members: in fact, the first opportunity for Members to be involved is happening on 24th May (see below)!

The Directors were thrilled by the enthusiasm and support PICCA has received to date. Many people were happy to help spread the word about PICCA - by distributing flyers, talking to their contacts who may be interested, 'liking' us on Facebook, and so on.

The ethos of Three Bowls cafe and its welcoming vibe and delicious food helped to set the tone for a very successful start to PICCA's activities. Thank you to Mo and Lyn!



24 May: Members to decide

One of the important ideas of PICCA is that Members decide what projects PICCA funds.

On Sunday 24th May, PICCA will be inviting Members to a voting event, where they will have a chance to hear about projects that are eligible and worthy to receive PICCA funding. Members can ask questions about the projects, hear from the project sponsors, and then cast their vote about how PICCA's project funding pool should be allocated.

For PICCA's first year, Directors have sourced ideas for projects (one in Sri Lanka, the other in Swaziland). For next year and beyond, Members will put ideas forward that they think meet PICCA's criteria.

Did you know...?

Sri Lanka has several sites that are important to Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Christian pilgrims.

Swaziland has the world's highest known HIV/AIDS prevalence rate - at 26.5% of a population of 1.4 million people.

How to join PICCA

PICCA welcomes more Members! It's easy to join.

Go to our website <http://picca.org.au/members/> and complete the application form, donate to the project fund (any amount over \$10) and pay your \$50 membership fee. Bank details are on the website and on the downloadable form.

Unless you say otherwise, you will receive a receipt and also be automatically signed up to the newsletter and invitations to Members' events.

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Meet two of PICCA's new Members



"I love the idea of building capacity in the community, rather than just doing things for people."

- Wanda



"I think PICCA's approach to sustainable community development provides a genuine opportunity for meaningful projects that address real needs."

- Terry