



ANNUAL REPORT 2021





OVERVIEW

With pandemic, war, and catastrophic natural disaster the backdrop to our times, it might seem an understatement to say it has been a difficult year.

PiCCA however remains guided by a simple philosophy, applied since the beginning. There is always something that can be done. The world may seem ever daunting in the magnitude of its challenges. At the same time, we know it is full of people of courage, commitment and compassion who strive always to find better futures. We know this because we have been privileged to have met so many of them, to have worked alongside of them and to have shared their hopes and supported their efforts to build better futures for their communities.

In 2021 together with our trusted partners and the support of our wonderful members, we were able to deliver discreet but successful project outcomes in Vietnam, Nepal and Bougainville. It is our ambition to continue to work together with these communities, where we can, into the future. With Covid restrictions starting to lift, it is also our ambition to work with new partners as well, to again cast our gaze across the globe to identify those communities where our small contributions can make big impacts in improving outcomes in health, education, employment, food security, and women's participation and safety.

We are deeply grateful to all who enable PiCCA to do this work. To our members, donors, partners, friends and supporters, a heartfelt thank you. Your support, your resilience and your generous spirit reaffirm our optimism and our faith in humanity. This report

outlines what we have been able to achieve in 2021. Ideally, we look forward to a time when PiCCA and the wide world of aid and development are all redundant. Knowing that is some time off, we hope you will continue to support us into 2022 and beyond. There is always something that can be done.





OUR PROJECTS

Vietnam

Vietnam was the centre point of our major project work in 2021. We worked with partners Hearts for Hue (H4H) in three separate projects in Quang Nham, Huong Tra and Phu Vang.

Quang Nham

We finalised our 2020 project in the village of Quang Nham, building hygienic latrines and wash houses for 15 disadvantaged families in this remote community. The project trained participants in building techniques so they could assist in the construction of the facilities and also provided extensive hygiene and sanitation training across the village. The project was successfully delivered in its entirety and a comprehensive final report received from H4H in the first half of 2021.





OUR PROJECTS

Huong Tra and Phu Vang

We initiated two new school hygiene projects in each of these regions outside Hue. The first project worked with 10 schools in Huong Tra and was funded directly by PiCCA members. The second worked with another 10 schools in Phu Vang and was made possible with funding from The Phillips Foundation.

The construction stage of both projects was completed by the end of 2021 with the combined 20 participating schools equipped with new hygienic wash stations, already well in use by the children in the schools.

Both projects also involved a significant training element in which the entire populations of the school communities are participating in training on matters pertaining to hygiene, sanitation, disease prevention and home-based care. Initial training programmes had been conducted in both areas by the end of 2021 with subsequent programs continuing to be rolled out over the first 6 months of 2022.

All in all, around 8,000 school children benefit from these projects in the first year.

An agreement with the local Departments of Education will see the infrastructure maintained and the learning from the training continuing to be promoted through the school communities for at least 5 years to come.





OUR PROJECTS

Nepal

In 2021, PiCCA worked with partner Nepal Australia Friendship Association (NAFA) to provide for the fit out of a new childcare and community centre building run by the Butterfly Foundation in Pokhara. The fit out has been completed with PiCCA support providing both new kitchen items and childcare centre learning materials. A discreet project assisting the Butterfly Foundation in difficult times (its programme has been severely disrupted by Covid).

The Foundation will soon be back in full swing however providing its holistic service to help children from severely impoverished families in Pokhara. Part of PiCCA's contribution together with NAFA was to develop a practical set of child protection guidelines which could be operationalised through policy, staff training, recruitment and so on. These guidelines have been developed and are to be integrated into the Butterfly Foundation's policy and practice.





OUR PROJECTS

Hako Women's Collective, Bougainville

Our partnership with the Hako Women's Collective (HWC) continued quietly behind the scenes.

In 2021 we worked extensively on providing assistance and advice on capacity matters in the Collective itself, as it continues to grow and deliver new projects to the benefit of the communities on the island. In close consultation and collaboration with the women, PiCCA Treasurer, Stephanie Boldeman, developed a series of practical guidelines directly based on the day to day of HWC practice in finance, management, and service delivery. From 2022, PiCCA will work to deliver a year-long program of training based on these guidelines to assist HWC develop the skills and expertise to successfully manage and deliver on its expanding program.



Additionally, we assisted the HWC develop a comprehensive application to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Direct Assistance Program for enhanced infrastructure and security measures for the Meri Seif Haus (the domestic violence support facility run by HWC). Regrettably the application was not successful but PiCCA is

now exploring other ways to deliver essential components of this work.

Also quietly bubbling along were ongoing discussions with HWC about a potential social enterprise project looking at the importing and on-selling of environmentally friendly rocket stoves. The option to support a pilot project testing the potential of this idea has been incorporated into a broader proposal for empowering women and families and PiCCA is examining this project idea for potential implementation in 2022/2023.

Ongoing Impact of past project work

Not funded by PiCCA, but here below is a picture of the new village market building in Hanpan on Buka Island. The building is the first stage of a construction envisaged to also include public toilets and washing facilities. The building was delivered by the Bougainville Government partially as a result of the survey of participants conducted as part of our last funded project there, the backyard farming and agricultural hub project in 2019.





NOT YET PROJECTS

Ethiopia

We had been exploring the possibility of a project in Ethiopia in conjunction with local Ethiopian community representatives and a community of parents in Ethiopia wishing to construct a school to serve their remote community. Good progress had been made until Covid travel restrictions intervened. Subsequently political tension and violence in Ethiopia erupted into open warfare and the immediate prospects for peace were not good. This put any thoughts of project development on hold. We were able offer some advice to the Ethiopian community group here on the process of applying for DGR status to assist in their fund-raising activity. This is an inadequate response we know, and our hope remains for peace for the people of Ethiopia and that we can reengage with the school construction project in the future.



Vanuatu

PiCCA has been in dialogue with the Secretary of the Luganville Mamas 4 Change Development Association (LM4DCA), a newly established NGO in Espiritu Santo, Samna Province, Vanuatu. The Association has proposed a project to improve sanitation facilities for women's homes in Luganville and surrounding areas and to increase women's skills in sustainable home management technologies. The project's vision is 'Mamas are Happy', and the Mamas have requested PiCCA's support to achieving this vision. LM4DCA has been constituted and a Management Committee appointed, and is arranging its registration and other legal formalities. PiCCA has been providing limited technical advice as well as moral support to this process, but without raising expectations around funding. It is hoped to engage further with LM4DCA with a view to progressing a possible project together.





OUR COMMUNITY

Yoga Fundraiser



In September 2021, PiCCA member and Yoga instructor, Carina Aloni, ran one of her Yoga workshops as a fundraiser for PiCCA. Participants in the workshop donated their workshop fee specifically to support PiCCA's partnership with the Hako Women's Collective. Consultation with the women in Bougainville revealed that there was an urgent need for an independent water supply for the Meri Seif Haus. It was agreed that the funds raised by the Yoga workshop would support the instalment of a water tank to enable this.

Acupuncture Clinic Fundraising

Clients of the Ashgrove Acupuncture and Massage Clinic have been regular donors to PiCCA for some years now. PiCCA member, Maurizio Bontempi who owns and runs the clinic shares the PiCCA story at every opportunity and many of his clients share in his commitment to the PiCCA vision. This year, as every other, PiCCA received generous donations from many of Maurizio's clients.





OUR STORY TELLING

PICCA Dialogue

with the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

In August, 15 participants gathered (online) for the second of our PiCCA Dialogues. Attendees actively engaged in a powerful and riveting discussion on the risks, early warning indicators and prevention of atrocity crime led by Nikki Marczak from the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect.

Subsequent to the presentation we met with Nikki and others from the Centre who discussed with us possibilities for collaborative work in parts of the Pacific where we might find ourselves with common cause. A clear area where such opportunity might arise was identified in our shared concern for the participation and safety of women. An open discussion at this point, but one we will keep an eye on to see where potential projects might be developed in partnership between us and the communities where we may work together in the future.





OUR STORY TELLING

Movie Making

In February 2021, we premiered a movie on PiCCA projects from 2015 to 2020. The movie made from video clips and photographs from our visits to project sites and from material sent to us from our partners, was edited pro bono by film maker Elissa Henderson. Colin Tyrus, former head of Victoria’s ABC Radio News provided the voice over.

The movie can be seen on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wIAyGiYd4k>

Also in the latter half of 2021, we made another short movie of our interviews with Marilyn Havini AM, from the Hako Women’s Collective, while she was on a visit to Australia. In it, Marilyn tells us of her personal journey to Bougainville and the hopes and aspirations of the community to which she has dedicated her life. The movie was screened for the first time in April 2022. The editing on this one was provided pro bono by Claire Brazil from Paramount Videos. The movie can be seen on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBzjJTgUiWc>.

Our deep gratitude to all who contributed to the making of both movies.



Some social media data 2021



Facebook Followers: 663

Facebook posts: 25



Newsletter editions:: 2



Blog updates: 12



YouTube Videos: 2



Members messages 16



OUR BACK OFFICE

Web Presence

The internet is an amazing resource, enabling us to research, connect, communicate and interact with partners across the globe and to store terabytes of data should we ever need such expansive memory. At the same time, it is a place of hacks, scams, bots and phishing risks forever knocking at the door. Helping us maintain the architecture and integrity of our web and social media presence, we are very grateful to Mario Bono who for a very underquoted fee, provides us with his expert guidance and support on top of regular maintenance chores and backups of all our data. Thanks also to our web hosts Serversaurus.



New Funding Guidelines

We spent a fair bit of time in 2021 reviewing our policy on funding, particularly in relationship to what elements of a project we fund and don't fund. As a result, we developed a new set of guidelines which provide greater clarity both to those who submit project proposals to us and to ourselves as we make decisions on what projects we will support, and on what elements of projects can and cannot be funded by us. The guidelines can be viewed upon request.

Money Transfer Overseas

In 2021 we established a money transfer account with StoneX, a financial services company that provides secure end to end financial transactions. Amongst the advantages of this new way of transferring funds to overseas partners are increased levels of security, risk management, transparency and accountability in transactions. In addition, we save on bank transfer fees and receive reliable and favourable conversion rates to local currencies.



OUR GRATITUDE

Our Gratitude

Our deep gratitude to all who have supported PiCCA. Thank you so much to:

- ◇ Our members, 29 generous, supportive and caring people who are the reason PiCCA is able to do its work.
- ◇ Our project partners in 2021: Hearts for Hue, Hako Women's Collective, The Butterfly Foundation, Nepal Australia Friendship Association.
- ◇ Our Australian Funding Partner for the School Hygiene project in Phu Vang, The Phillips Foundation.
- ◇ Our Donors and other supporters: The Country Women's Association of Bangalow, the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society, the Ashgrove Acupuncture and Massage Clinic, Carina Aloni Yoga.
- ◇ Our movie makers, Ellie Henderson, Colin Tyrus and Claire Brazil.
- ◇ Our Web Master Mario Bono.
- ◇ Our Auditor Simon Hancox of Grant Thornton.

Thank you!

And most of all thank you to the people in the communities where we are privileged to work. Thank you for your wisdom, guidance and advice and for inviting us to walk along side of you in solidarity and hope.

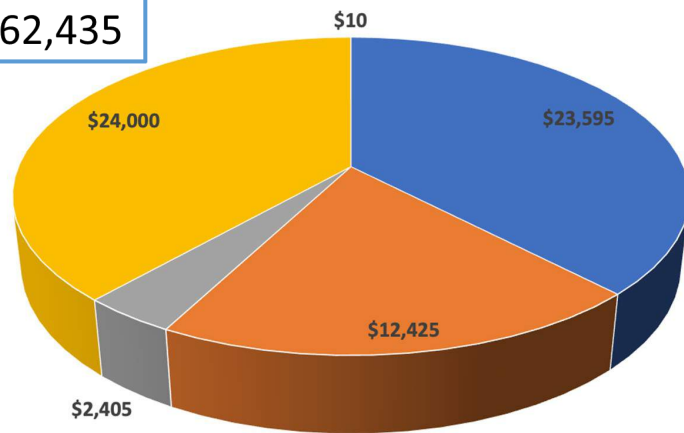


OUR FINANCES

This Financial Overview presents a simplified version of PiCCA’s finances for the 2021 financial year, using figures calculated on a cash accounting basis. (Grant Thornton’s audited financial statements are prepared on an accrual accounting basis.)

Income: PiCCA Overseas Aid Fund

Total \$62,435



■ Member donation ■ Director donation ■ Non-member donation ■ Fundraising ■ Bank interest

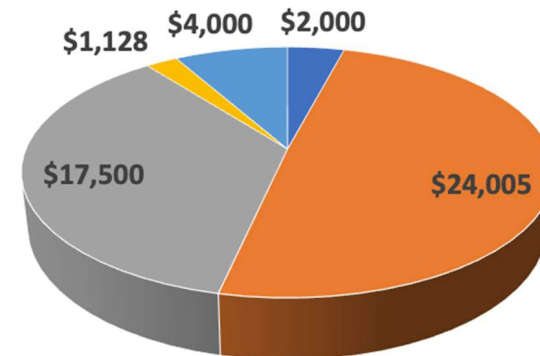
During 2021, the income to the PiCCA Overseas Aid Fund was boosted by a generous grant of \$24,000 from the Phillips Foundation, as noted earlier in this Annual Report. PiCCA members donated approximately 60% of the remainder of income to the Fund.

Expenditure from the PiCCA Overseas Aid Fund during 2021 comprised:

- \$2,000 as the final tranche of PiCCA’s 2020 sanitation project in Quang Nham, Vietnam
- \$24,005 to the school hygiene project in Huong Tra, Vietnam (directly funded by PiCCA members)
- \$17,500 as the first tranche of funding from The Phillips Foundation for a school hygiene project in Phu Vang, Vietnam
- \$1,128 to the Hako Women’s Collective in Bougainville PNG, for infrastructure works to their Safe House
- \$4,000 to the Butterfly Foundation in Nepal supporting the fit out of a new childcare/community centre in Pokhara.

Expenditure: PiCCA Overseas Aid Fund

Total \$48,633



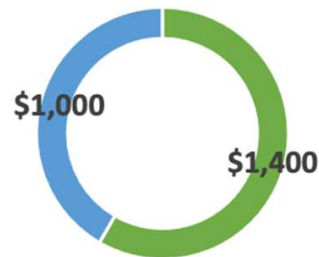
■ 2020 Sanitation ■ PiCCA school hygiene
 ■ Phillips school hygiene T1 ■ HWC Safe Haus
 ■ Nepal Butterfly Foundation



OUR FINANCES

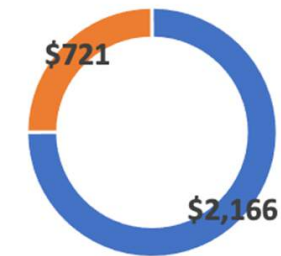
During 2021, PiCCA received \$2,400 income for administration, the majority from membership fees. Administration expenses during 2021 comprised web services and insurances.

Administration Income



■ Membership fees ■ Director admin contribution

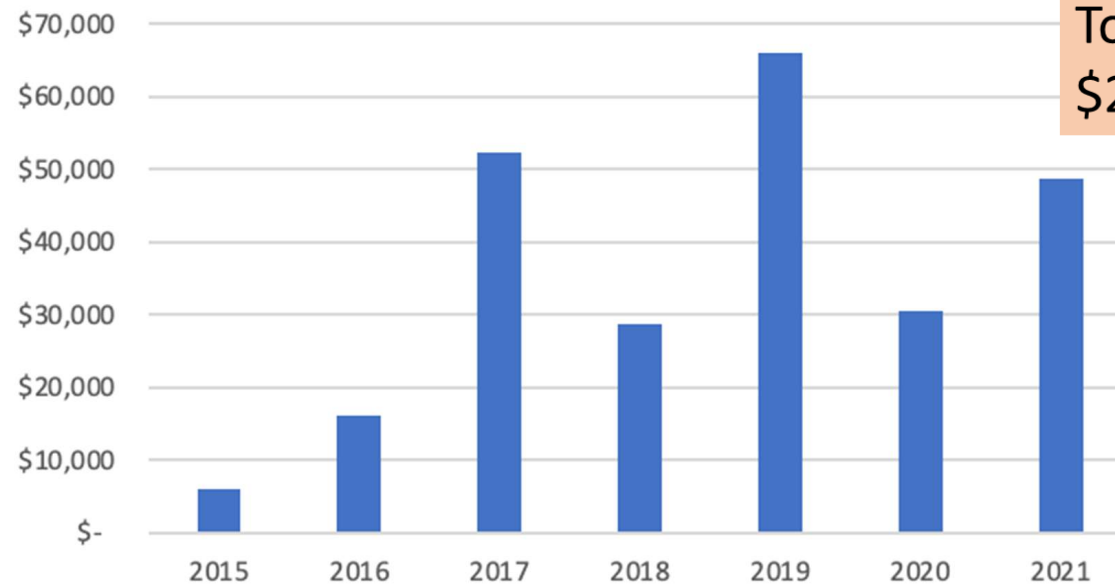
Administration Expenditure



■ Insurances ■ Web

Since PiCCA's inception in 2015, PiCCA has supported community development projects around the world totaling almost \$250,000 .

PiCCA Annual Expenditure on Projects since 2015



Total =
\$248,140



ABOUT PICCA

Partners in International Collaborative Community Aid Ltd is an Australian not-for-profit. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country and their ongoing connections to land, sea and community in Australia. Our small group of members (currently 29) is passionate about improving education, health, livelihood and food security for people in developing countries.

We find local organisations in developing countries with wide support and a clear purpose, then work with them by contributing funding and in-kind resources for a specific project. Mostly our projects are one-off but are housed within a broader community plan.

PiCCA is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is registered to fund-raise through the Queensland Office of Fair Trading.

The PiCCA Overseas Aid Fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient, meaning all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. 100% of the funds donated go to projects. No donations go to support PiCCA's administration expenses which are covered in part by the membership fee, and in bigger part by Directors in both cash and in kind.

Donations, new members and general enquiries are very welcome.

PiCCA is overseen by a Board elected by its members: Stephanie Boldeman, Steve Maguire, Tiziana Miceli, Warren McMillan and Terry Parker. The Board operates collectively to the best of its capacity to ensure that PiCCA continues to deliver on its vision, on its promise to its members and on its commitment to the communities it serves.



Warren Mcmillan



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