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Stretim Sindaun Project in Bougainville

PiCCA Chair, Steve Maguire and PiCCA Member, Tony Blake spent two weeks in early November in Bougainville, supporting the delivery of our 2022 project in partnership with the Hako Women's Collective in Bougainville.

The project is called Stretim Sindaun in the Hako language which refers to shaping better lives. It describes a range of activities aimed at improving livelihoods, income streams, and women's and family safety and empowerment with the community in the northern part of

Buka Island.

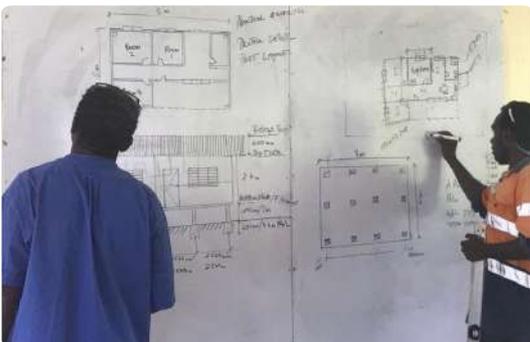
The project is in two interlinked parts. The first part is a small-scale trial, importing and marketing Rocket Stoves to explore the viability of HWC running a broader social enterprise based on this activity. The aim is over time to generate income to sustain HWC's vital (and mostly unfunded) community services including its domestic violence respite and prevention work.

The second part was designed to capitalise on the rocket stove link to provide community training programs in their use, together with training in other home-based livelihood enhancement activities such as the use of drum ovens and sewing machines as well as training in basic concepts in home design, construction and repair. The training included aspects of safety, as well as hands on use of equipment, and skills for those who wished to explore opportunities for income generation.

The project is well on the way. The first shipment of Rocket Stoves has been sourced, purchased and imported from China via Lae. Approximately half of the stoves have been sold already to eager customers. The supporting training has been delivered. In fact, the appetite for training and skills development in the community was such that the original 5-day training program was delivered to an overflowing house and repeated in the following week to cater for the excess demand. Work is now underway to learn the lessons of the import trial and to support the ongoing skills development in the community



Rocket stove and drum oven cooking workshops



Home design and development workshops



Sewing training workshops

PiCCA Training for HWC

PiCCA has been providing additional support to the HWC this year through a program of training in operational and financial management delivered weekly via Zoom by our Treasurer, Stephanie Boldeman.

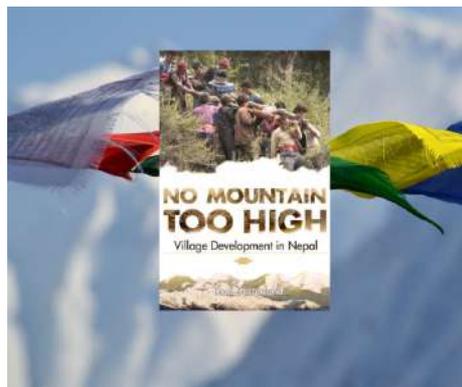
A big thank you to the women of the HWC for their enthusiastic participation. The enormous commitment of time and energy they make, including traveling long distances into Buka town each Monday to take part, is testimony to their commitment and dedication to the community they serve.

Funded by PiCCA, the training focusses on the management of finances and everyday operations and is aimed at supporting the women to deliver their vital community service and development roles, including the domestic violence respite and prevention service, the training programs in positive parenting and conflict resolution, the library and resource centre, the agricultural hub and other services.

A big thank you also to the International Foundation for Electoral Systems for assisting the project with internet support and meeting space for the women in Buka.



PiCCA Dialogue Series



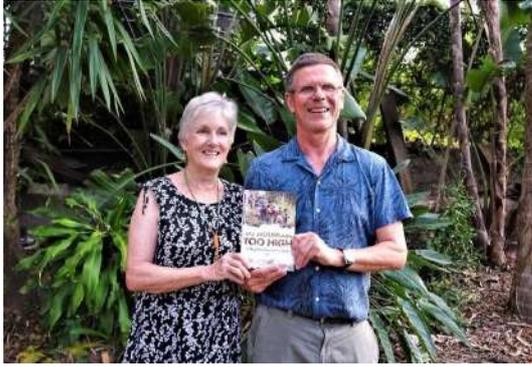
No Mountain Too High was the title of our latest PiCCA Dialogue. It is also the title of the new and enthralling book by President of the Nepal Australia Friendship Association (and PiCCA foundation member) Mr Rod Setterlund OAM.

Set over a 20-year period in the hilly region northwest of Kathmandu, the book tells the very personal story of the Tamang people living in the remote village of Tawal. It is first and foremost their story in a development partnership that helped them triumph over a long history of political neglect and social discrimination, a 10-year civil war and the devastating 2015 earthquake.

It is also Rod and his wife Deborah's personal story as volunteers with the Nepal Australia Friendship Association: the highs and lows, successes and challenges in adopting a community and market-system approach to the development partnership.

As part of our PiCCA dialogue series, Rob and Deborah engaged with PiCCA members in an inspirational and free flowing conversation about the book, Nepal, development and the lessons we can learn from the communities where we are privileged to work.

For more on the book <https://www.setterlundnepalbooks.com/>



Final Reports Received on Hygiene Projects in Vietnam

Over the last part of 2021 and the first part of 2022, PiCCA worked with our partner, Hearts for Hue, to install new 8-tap hand-wash stations and to deliver a program of hygiene, sanitation, and disease prevention training for teachers and students in 20 schools in the Huong Tra and Phu Vang areas around Hue.

In August, we received final reports. The work has been completed successfully, with some 8,000 people in the school communities directly benefiting from the project.

Importantly, the outcomes do not stop here. The Department of Education in both areas has committed to maintaining the infrastructure and to continue rolling out the training for the benefit of future school cohorts for at least 5 years to come.

Deep gratitude to Hearts for Hue, the Hue University of Medicine and Nursing, the Department of Education and the school communities involved. A very special thanks to The Phillips Foundation whose contribution enabled the project to be rolled out in the Phu Vang region.





Bougainville in Redcliffe



Our friends from Bougainville, Marilyn and Taloi Havini (mother and daughter) exhibited their work together at the Redcliffe Art Gallery as part of the competition "15 Artists 22". This is an annual acquisitive prize developed to enhance the Moreton Bay Regional Council Art Collection.



Marilyn's and Taloi's joint exhibition explored a deep spiritual connection with the raw and vibrant beauty of Bougainville's Sea and landscape.

The exhibition opened on Tuesday 11 October 2022.

U3A Presentation



A big thank you to our friends at U3A (The University of the Third Age), especially to PiCCA member Mary Denver who organised for a PiCCA presentation to be delivered to 30 keenly interested participants as part of their regular information and event series.

Board member, Warren McMillan delivered the presentation via Zoom, canvassing the origins of PiCCA , its many projects delivered over the years, and its core commitments of working in partnership with local communities, of ensuring 100% of donations received are expended in community directly on project work, and of working as a “giving circle” whose members help decide and fund our project activity.



Every year brings its own challenges and rewards. This year has been no different but at PiCCA we have been blessed by the love and support of good friends and the joy and privilege of working along side inspirational people on grass roots community projects. We love what we do and are so grateful to our members, donors, partners and followers who enable us to do it.

May we take this opportunity to extend to all the warmest greetings for this Christmas and New Year season. May 2023 bring peace.

PiCCA Board

Want to Join PiCCA?

PiCCA makes a big impact with small resources. If you want to join, all it takes is a membership of \$50 plus a donation of any size that feels right to you. What you get is the assurance that 100% of all donated monies are spent on projects that improve peoples' lives in disadvantaged communities overseas.

You can participate in the activities of PiCCA as much or as little as you like and if you wish you can help us identify, assess and select the projects we work on. PiCCA members receive regular updates to keep them informed of progress and get together from time to time, sometimes to learn and discuss and sometimes just to have fun.

[You can join PiCCA here](#)

PiCCA is a community of like-minded people providing financial and in-kind support to communities overseas. We support practical, locally developed and locally led projects that improve education, health, livelihood, food security and the participation of women and girls. PiCCA is a non-profit company supported by generous members and donors, pro bono giving and other funding partners.

We learn as much as we give, and we absolutely love what we do!

Every dollar donated goes to projects. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. PiCCA welcomes new members.



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