

# PROJECT VIETNAM INC



## President's Annual Report 2020

Brendan McKenna, PVI President, 2020

2020 will be a memorable year for our Vietnam team members as we scrambled back home amid cancelled flights and COVID19. Eventually, everyone made it home, survived two weeks isolation and our projects in both Cambodia and Vietnam were completed successfully.

We have recently invested our resources with local partners who have a community focused approach, excellent reporting practices and a thorough understanding of how to implement effective projects in their local areas. By working with these carefully chosen partners we have been able to work more efficiently and multiply the impact of our contribution.

We had 18 members participate in the Phong Nha, Vietnam project and a record 18 team members volunteer in the project in Bospo Village, Cambodia.

Key undertakings:

- Construction of 10 simply styled houses for the very poor living in the local village of Bospo, Battambang, Cambodia
- Renew ceilings in 4 classrooms in Hung Trach Primary School, Phong Nha
- Prepare and paint internal and external walls of Hung Trach Primary School



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Total cost of Cambodian projects: \$22,895.00 (includes scholarships and sanitation)

Total cost of Vietnam projects: \$8,350.00 (includes water well)

Total amount raised for 2019: \$32,280.00

Once again, this past year has seen many people contribute to the success of the 2020 projects in Vietnam and Cambodia and we thank them all: our members, donors, partners, project leaders and volunteers and Roger Peters for providing, through Mitre10, the ladders, platforms and tools. They were well used on both projects. Fundraising has been very consistent and well co-ordinated throughout the year. Special thanks in this department to Jan and John Miller for enacting the sport event opportunities and Peter Macdonald for enabling our participation in the Eumundi Markets carparking. Many of our members, and non-members, have volunteered their time consistently to undertake this work at these events and their effort is very much appreciated by all at PVI.

Next year's building projects have yet to be decided and, because of the current COVID19 health risks, will not be considered until later in the year.

Membership has always been the foundation of our organisation and has remained steady over the year with 65 current members. We urge everyone to maintain their financial support in this regard as every cent raised is allocated to a purposeful project in either Vietnam or Cambodia and undertaken, or supervised, by our members.

Once again, I would like to thank all our members right across the Country and overseas who dedicate their time researching projects, attending meetings, managing communications, maintaining the financial accounting and volunteering their time at our fundraising projects. It really goes without saying, your efforts are priceless and appreciated by PVI.

I hope, like me, you are inspired by our enthusiasm and plans to provide opportunities for those less fortunate to live fulfilling and healthy lives and you remain keen to participate in the PVI story.

