

## *President's Annual Report 2022*

This year continued to be impacted by the fallout of Covid 19 and as a consequence, no work teams were able to participate in any projects in either Vietnam or Cambodia. However, with travel restrictions easing in the latter part of the year, we were grateful two of our members, David Williams and David Findlater were able to visit Cambodia and touch base with our collaborating NGO's, visit the families we had previously assisted with housing and assess the general condition of the homes we had constructed. They were able to identify new areas of investment and lay the groundwork and identify needs, for our PVI volunteer building team for 2023. This was a very worthwhile reconnaissance trip and we thank them for their time and effort.

Ian Bath also took the opportunity to visit Vietnam and connect with members of our collaborating NGO and one of our sponsors, Geoff Goss from Chem.Supply. It is recognised how important ongoing communication is with our partners and sponsors and we thank Ian for fostering these relationships.

Looking back over the year, even with varying ongoing Covid restrictions, we have continued to invest in our project commitments and meet our goals. This is thanks to our memberships remaining strong, enthusiastic fundraising support and donations from our sponsors. Once again, fundraising has been very solid with the ongoing participation in the sporting events organised by Jan and John Miller and Eumundi carparking organised by Sandra Robinson. These events have provided a strong and steady supply of reliable income not experienced in the past and we must acknowledge and thank the organisers, all our members (and non-members) who consistently help at these events.

2022 saw financial investment in:

- Housing funding
- Water filtration systems
- Laos Permaculture project
- Microfinancing facilities
- Female welfare needs
- Education via school support and sponsorship of individuals

Looking to the future we must in 2023 primarily address:

- recruitment of new members into the PVI organisation
- identification of worthy participants and community focused projects where our money can be best distributed for the maximum benefit
- fostering our collaboration with NGO's operating effectively in both Vietnam and Cambodia.

I want to conclude by thanking our members, sponsors and committee who generously support PVI with both time and money. We all recognise our task is made far easier by your contributions and acknowledge the financial donations we receive from our sponsors are vital to the ongoing success of our projects. Therefore, I'd like to express our extreme gratitude to the June Canavan Foundation, Geoff Goss from Chem-Supply in South Australia and Nathan & Rose Kemp in Western Australia who make it possible for us to extend our efforts further into worthwhile community projects. Thank you all for standing strong with us in 2022.

It has been a productive and enjoyable year, with our team continuing to work collectively to achieve effective outcomes. It will be exciting to see our first team of volunteers in three years visit Vietnam and Cambodia and the size of the team, twenty-six, indicates our members are excited to be a part of the PVI story.

### **2022 Committee Members**

<i>President</i>	<i>Brendan McKenna</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Sandra Robinson</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>David Williams</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Jim O'Shannessy</i>
<b><i>Management Committee</i></b>	
<i>Membership and Vietnam Team Coordinator</i>	<i>Ian Bath</i>
<i>Vietnam Project Manager</i>	<i>Ron Toohey</i>
<i>Cambodia Project Coordinator</i>	<i>David Williams</i>
<i>Cambodia Project Manager</i>	<i>David Findlater</i>
<i>Newsletter and Triathlon Coordinators</i>	<i>John and Jan Miller</i>
<i>Car Parking Coordinator</i>	<i>Sandra Robinson</i>
	<i>Terry Kerr</i>
	<i>Jackie McKay</i>
	<i>Peter McDonald</i>
	<i>Florence Teillet</i>

Brendan McKenna  
 President  
 September 2022