



2010 Annual Report

The Kokoda Track
Foundation



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Executive Summary

The Kokoda Track Foundation has built a strong and consistent reputation as a reputable and compassionate organisation

The Kokoda Track Foundation is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation that works with the communities living along and around the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Established in 2003, the Foundation works in education, health, community development, and microbusiness across two provinces in PNG – the Central Province and the Northern (Oro) Province. 2010 has been a year of enormous growth for the Foundation and we have expanded both the number and reach of our programs to more than 40 villages and communities in the broader Kokoda Track catchment area.

Our motivating aim is to repay the selfless help given to Australia dur-

ing WWII by the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' and the people of Papua New Guinea by helping to improve the lives and futures of their descendants. We do this by harnessing the goodwill of many Australians who have a desire to lend a helping hand to our nearest neighbour. They were there for us during our darkest hour... Now it's our turn to lend a hand.

The Kokoda Track Foundation has built a strong and consistent reputation as a reputable and compassionate organisation seeking to address the most pressing needs of the Kokoda Track catchment communities. It is recognised by elders and community leaders as an organisation that delivers on its commitments and seeks

community support and involvement in all aspects of its programs.

The Foundation is committed to transparency and ensuring its administration costs are kept to a minimum. All of our programs are designed to empower communities and enable them to improve their livelihoods. Our vision is to develop an "exemplar program" which we will document for potential replication throughout the country. The Foundation's programs are effective, self-sustaining, capacity-building, and rely on minimal administrative inputs. We hope to replicate these programs in other areas throughout PNG to ensure that more communities have access to basic health and education services and are able to gener-

ate income and improve their livelihoods.

This report outlines the activities and achievements of the Kokoda Track Foundation in 2010 and gives readers an insight into where and how we are working with local PNG communities.

Chairman's Report

The Foundation made significant progress during the year, substantially extending both our support base and our PNG programs. We added a range of exciting new programs and we have doubled our scholarship recipients to more than 300 as we move into 2011.

We were gratified to see our vision steadily turning into reality throughout the Kokoda corridor. In particular, we were greatly encouraged by the success of programs like the Northern Province Seed Restoration Program, which helped communities in the Oro Province to recover from the 2007 Cyclone Guba by rebuilding and replenishing their devastated food gardens. During the year, the program had advanced sufficiently to enable us to hand its ownership to the local communities. We welcomed a num-

ber of new key partners during 2010, including the Hawthorn AFL Club, the Trust Company and Geoff Harris, while we continued to enjoy enthusiastic support from our core supporters, including Bill James, staff at the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Rotary, Blake Dawson and Deloitte.

Some of the year's highlights included

Growing our Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel scholarship scheme from 156 to 300 angels and providing primary, secondary and tertiary students in PNG with the opportunity to get an education that they otherwise would not have.

Forming a ground-breaking partnership with Rotary to deliver more than 80 classrooms full of school furniture (from Sydney schools following the Federal Govern-

ment's "Building the Education Revolution") to schools through the Kokoda region.

Expanding our School Resources Program from 25 to 35 schools.

Underwriting the training of 8 community health workers and providing emergency drug supplies to Kokoda Memorial Hospital and aid posts along the Kokoda Track.

Expanding our Krappers for Kokoda program to schools along the Track.

Creating and developing a vibrant alliance with the Hawthorn AFL club, under which the Hawks have committed to support the Foundation with a portfolio of fundraising activities, including an annual "Kokoda Game" to be held at the MCG.

Securing the support of the Trust Company (through the Estate of the late Fred Archer) to create the first of the an-

nual Archer Leadership Scholarships, an intensive leadership program aimed at identifying and nurturing the next generation of PNG's leaders.

Expanding our "Pawa Givim Meri" microbusiness program, aimed at empowering village women's groups to establish snack stores for trekkers and locals along the Track.

Enjoying a 'sold-out' Ralph Honner Oration Dinner, at which AFL great and leadership advocate, David Parkin, addressed a packed house, which included 17 Kokoda veterans and Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel, Faole Bokoi.

Implementing a volunteer program under which visiting Australian teachers and health workers provide their skills to villages in the Kokoda region.

We believe our results

"We look forward with confidence to continuing the Foundation's growth in 2011"

show that our program “template” is working. We have adapted each of our programs to meet the specific needs of the communities we serve and we are delighted with the responses of these communities in building and strengthening our partnerships with them.

Our constant aim is to deliver the maximum impact on the ground from each dollar of funding. Over the year we have been able to ensure that every dollar donated to the Foundation was used in the most efficient and effective way to bring lasting change to the Kokoda Track communities.

The driving force in our success has been our outstanding Executive Director, Dr Genevieve Nelson. Our special thanks to Genevieve for her energy, vision and leadership, both at home and on the ground in

PNG.

My sincere thanks also to our board for their teamwork and passion and to our faithful supporters: Rotary (especially Graeme Boler); Paul Hanna (website and graphic design); Mike Nelson (event management and videos); Deloitte (auditing); Blake Dawson (legal); and our enormous army of volunteers and supporters for helping us to keep the spirit of Kokoda alive in 2010.

We look forward with confidence to continuing the Foundation’s growth in 2011 as we build on our existing programs and seek new ways to help improve the lives of our nearest neighbours.

Patrick Lindsay
Chairman, Kokoda Track
Foundation

Our Mission

The Kokoda Track Foundation is an Australian philanthropic organisation which aims to repay the selfless help given to Australia during WWII by the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' of Papua New Guinea by helping to improve the lives and futures of their descendants. It does that by assisting with their education and health-care, by trying to protect their environment, by

helping to foster the growth of an eco-friendly trekking and tourism industry from which they can benefit, by working to keep the story of Kokoda alive, and by seeking to identify and foster the next generation of PNG leaders.

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Our Work

Papua New Guinea

The Kokoda Track Foundation works in the vital areas of education, health, community development, and microbusiness in more than 40 communities throughout the Kokoda Track catchment area. The communities that we have been working in in at least one of these areas in 2010 are:

Buna	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program
Popondetta	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program
Doboduru	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Ilimo	Northern Province Food Restoration Project) -Sariri (Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Ambasi	Northern Province Food Restoration Project, Disaster Relief
Magure	Northern Province Food Restoration Project, Disaster Relief
Kateieda	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Papaki	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Awo	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Embogo	Northern Province Food Restoration Project, Disaster Relief
Erero Care Centre	Northern Province Food Restoration Project, Disaster Relief
Dombada Care Centre	Northern Province Food Restoration Project, Disaster Relief
Banderi	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Berebona	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Sakarina	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Manau	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Emo/Pongani	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Gona	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Sanananda	Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Martyrs	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Northern Province Food Restoration Project
Waju	Volunteer Project, Village first aid kits, Mosquito net distribution
Gorari	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program
Kebara	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program
Kokoda	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Pawa Givim Meri project, Volunteer project, Krappers for Kokoda, Hospital Medical Supplies project
Kovello	School Resource Program; General Community Consultations, Volunteer project)
Isurava	School Resource Program; Teacher Salaries
Alola	School Resource Program; Teacher Salaries
Kagi	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Pawa Givim Meri project, Village first aid kits, Krappers for Kokoda
Naduri	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Pawa Givim Meri project, Community Health Worker Scholarships
Enivilogo	Community Health Worker Scholarships, Pawa Givim Meri project, Teacher Training identification
Efogi	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Pawa Givim Meri project, Community Health Worker Scholarships, Volunteer project
Manari	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program, Pawa Givim Meri project, Teacher Training identification, Krappers for Kokoda, Volunteer project
Agulogo	Krappers for Kokoda
Naoro 1	Pawa Givim Meri, Teacher Training identification
Naoro 2	Pawa Givim Meri, Teacher Training identification
Ofi Creek	Krappers for Kokoda
Ua-Ule Creek	Ua-Ule Creek (Krappers for Kokoda)
Sogeri	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships (2 schools), School Resource Program (4 schools)
Mt Diamond	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program
Laloki	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program
Edevu	Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, School Resource Program

Our Work

In Education

Education is a fundamental human right.

Every child is entitled to it. Sadly, too many children in PNG go without an education or complete small fractions of their schooling due to expensive school fees, lack of teachers, and the closure of many schools throughout the country. Student enrolment in primary school in PNG is low and below most countries in the region. Enrolment figures for secondary school are even lower than for primary schools and it is estimated that only 1.5% of children who begin primary school will graduate from high school in PNG. Secondary school fees are extremely expensive and almost

always out of reach for families who make their living via subsistence farming. There are also very limited places in secondary schools and entry is competitive due to the lack of schools and the paucity of teachers operating throughout the country.

The Foundation has been working in the vital area of education since its inception in 2003. We are convinced that targeted investment in education will lead to real changes in the lives of many disadvantaged communities throughout PNG and we are developing and testing a suite of programs that are proving to be of enormous benefit to the villages

in which we work. All of our education programs are developed in direct consultation with PNG communities and utilise a broader perspective that seeks to find long-term, sustainable solutions that will enable more people to access this fundamental human right.

When starting work in a new school, we work in close consultation with the school board, principal, teachers, students, and the community to ensure that our support is targeted in the most useful way. We work with these stakeholders to ensure that any investment in school fees, resources, furniture, and training is culturally appropriate

and will result in long-term solutions for the community. Training is a key focus of all of our programs and we endeavour to build the capacity of the school, its staff, and the broader community as well as provide access to education that is free from corruption.

In 2010 we have funded our Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship Scheme, School Resource Program, Furniture Distribution, Bisset Medal, and initiated our Teacher Training program.



Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships

In 2010 the Foundation significantly increased the number of students on Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships to 156. School fees are very expensive in PNG especially for families who make their living via subsistence farming. Families who are supported via the Foundation's Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship program consistently tell us about the great help the scholarships are to their children, their family, as well as the broader community. Families who are not burdened with school fees are able to use any income earned from selling their crops at the market or via the trekking industry for

other purposes including community projects (such as building houses, purchasing generators etc) and personal goods (such as purchasing oil, salt, and soap).

Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship students are selected on the basis of very strict criteria:

Academic merit

The students must be in the top 15% of their class

Effort and participation

Students must work hard in all schooling activities and be active participants in the classroom

Gender Equality

An equal number of male and female students are awarded scholarships

Family Need

Family need and socioeconomic background are considered in the selection of scholarship students

In 2010 we also rolled out our Adopt an Angel program for all of our Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel recipients. This program enables Australians to sponsor a child who is on our scholarship program and to commit to supporting them for their entire education. A number of our students have since been adopted and developed letter-writing relationships with their adoptive parents in Australia. Our 2010 scholarship students attend the following schools:

“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family”

Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General

“Such a big dream cannot be achieved unless it is supported. So thank you very much for supporting my dream. I am going to study very hard until I reach my goals. I really acknowledge your hard work and it is through you that we are really enjoying our lives here at school”.

(Junior, Grade 9, Efogi Village)







JUNIOR'S STORY

Junior is an exceptional student and is achieving wonderful results at school this year. Junior was first awarded a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship when he was attending Efogi Primary School in his home village along the Kokoda Track. Last year, he graduated as Dux of Efogi Primary School and he is continuing on a scholarship at Mt Diamond Secondary School in Port Moresby.

Junior is an orphan and lost his parents when he was much younger. He was looked after by a guardian during his time in the village but his guardian could not afford to pay expensive schools fees for Junior and his other children. Without the scholarship, Junior would not be able to complete his schooling. He is now boarding at Mt Diamond and is completing his Grade 9 studies this

year. Junior's favourite subjects are Maths and English and he wants to become a pilot when he finishes school. "Such a big dream cannot be achieved unless it is supported. So thank you very much for supporting my dream. I am going to study very hard until I reach my goals. I really acknowledge your hard work and it is through you that we are really enjoying our lives here at school".

PETER & DENNISE'S STORY

Junior is lucky enough to have been adopted via the Foundation's Adopt an Angel program by Peter and Dennise Rossetti and their family who live in Melbourne, Australia. "When we were invited to sponsor a child in Papua New Guinea through the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships, it was with great excitement that we scoured the photos and short stories. The problem was that when we were looking at the large number of worthy candidates we decided that one was not going to be enough. I went through the list and selected 4 young people who tugged at my heartstrings... A couple of the children were in family situations where mental illness had a huge impact. A couple of others were orphans. To Peter and I to be able to provide the opportunity for these children to go to school and achieve

or strive to fulfil their potential is of the greatest enjoyment. We love receiving their letters describing how they are going at school and their dreams for the future. Junior especially sends the most wonderful pictures of aeroplanes.

However, for Peter and I we don't want the young people to feel that they are obligated to us in any way. They have earned the scholarship and it is up to each of them to use the opportunity to achieve their dreams. We are just happy to help. In a small way we can perhaps help them to a better future for themselves and their country."

DIANE'S STORY

Tamicah was adopted by Diane McEwin from Sydney, Australia who now pays for her school fees every year: "I walked the Kokoda Track in 2009 and I fell in love with Efogi. Walking late one drizzly afternoon, I saw many, many boys, of all ages, playing football in

the dirt clearing in the centre of the village but wondered 'Where were the girls and young women?' A short while later, I saw a young girl and two women carrying a baby, walking along and each carrying large bunches of vegetables. I approached them and asked my question. Their faces broke into lovely smiles and they said that it is usual for the girls, after school, to help the women collect the food from the garden and prepare for dinner. The people in the villages don't seem to have much but they were proud of their communities, their villages were neat and clean and the people were smiling and welcoming to the trekkers. When I returned home to my bustling Sydney lifestyle, I reflected on the opportunities my children have had living in Australia, particularly the benefits

of a good education. I knew of the work of the

KTF in helping those living along the Kokoda Track and read about the 'Adopt an Angel' program. When I read Tamicah's profile, I wanted to help her to continue with her schooling. Her mother, a single mum, is a subsistence farmer in Efogi. Tamicah writes me very sweet letters full of thanks and appreciation and I can write back, giving her encouragement and a few extra things to help her at school. I get a sense of satisfaction that my small donation can give a young person a good start in life. I look forward to seeing Tamicah finish her schooling... and beyond".

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Peter & Dennise Rossetti

KENS' STORY

Kens is 13 years old and is completing his Grade 6 education at Edevu Primary School this year. Kens' parents are subsistence farmers and Kens is the second of six children in the family. His parents struggle to earn a living and cannot afford to pay for his school fees. Kens wants to become a doctor when he finishes school and his goal is to become the first doctor working along the Kokoda Track. "Education is important every day of my life and I would like to thank the Australian contributors for their support of children like me and our education".

JASMINE'S STORY

"A few years ago I made a promise to myself that I would commit to helping young people reach their educational goals. This journey started for

me in May 2010 when I saw Kens' gorgeous photograph and read his inspirational bio. His smiling photo was a picture of hope for me. Kens' is only in Year 6, but he already has a goal to become the first doctor along the Kokoda Track. The opportunity to help make this dream a reality was something I could not pass by. Since making the decision to invest in his future I have had the opportunity to write and receive letters, send gifts, and I am hoping to visit Kens sometime in 2011. This will no doubt be a life changing experience for me. Joining the Adopt an Angel program has been one of the most rewarding decisions of my life and I am very proud to be a KTF supporter."



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TAMICAH'S STORY

Tamicah is from Efogi village - about halfway along the Kokoda Track and was awarded a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel scholarship in 2009. She completed her Grade 4 schooling at Efogi Primary School in 2010. Tamicah lives in Efogi village with her Mum who is a single mother of seven children. She cannot afford to send her children to school and makes her living off the land. Tamicah's favourite subjects at school so far are Mathematics and Bible Studies and she wants to become a nurse when she finishes school.



In Memory Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships

Kokoda plane crash, 2009

Matthew Leonard Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship

Matthew Leonard was a well respected and loved member of the Malvern East fire brigade who worked part time for Melbourne- based tour company No Roads Expeditions. Matt was developing a great love and passion for the Kokoda Track and its wonderful people, and his family and friends have established the Matthew Leonard Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship to honour Matt and his growing passion for the Track. This scholarship was awarded to Jordan Ghavo from Kagi village and will support him to complete his studies all the way through to University.

Hannah Kinross Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship

Hannah Kinross was an adventurous young woman who was deeply passionate about helping and giving to others. In memory of Hannah and her desire to help others, her parents have established a special scholarship via the Foundation to help children from the Kokoda Track with a particular focus on improving the welfare and livelihoods of young Kokoda Track women. The recipients of Hannah's scholarship are Saeve from Kagi village and Delma from Efogi village. The two girls are both completing their secondary schooling in Port Moresby and Hannah's scholarship will support them until the end of Grade 12.

Kingsley Eroro Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship

Kingsley Eroro was a well loved and respected Orokaiva man from Kokoda village who enjoyed helping the local community whenever he could. Kingsley believed in the importance of family, education, and a better future for the people of Kokoda and was dedicated to finding pathways for young Orokaiva people. Kingsley's scholarship has been awarded to Michael Kenda from Kokoda village. The funding for his scholarship to date has come from the generous support of the Kinross family. Michael is completing his Grade 8 studies at Kokoda Primary School this year and the scholarship will support him throughout the rest of his education.



SCHOOL RESOURCE SCHEME

Schools along the Track are often under-resourced and all too often their Government subsidies do not arrive on time for them to appropriately provide for their teachers and students. The Kokoda Track Foundation's School Resource Scheme is made available to schools early in the schooling year and can be accessed at their discretion throughout the year. Via the scheme, the Foundation has provided 25 elementary, primary, and secondary schools with urgently needed school resources in 2010.

Schools are empowered to make their own decisions about what they need and principals and teachers draw from an account established in their name throughout the schooling year. Schools tend to use their funds to purchase textbooks, reading books, teaching materials, stationary, furniture, and academic and sports equipment. The Foundation strictly audits the scheme to ensure that the materials ordered are appropriate for student learning and are delivered to the schools safely.



WHAT DID OUR SCHOOLS PURCHASE?

Below is a snapshot of the school materials purchased by our 25 elementary, primary, and secondary schools via the Foundation's School Resource Scheme.

Maths textbooks	37	Highlighters	217	Double adaptors	8	Envelopes	5220
Maths teacher manuals	11	Markers	1280	Generator set	2	Binders	34
Language textbooks	61	Ball pens	3627	Extension leads	10	Clocks	28
Language teacher manuals	9	Pencils	2824	Tarpaulins	2	Flash drives (4GB)	9
Language readers	32	Pencil packs	31	Axes	4	Diskettes	30
Reading/library books	19	Crayons	1760	Spades	8	Diskette file boxes	20
Lecture books	13	Sticker sheets	4	Screwdriver sets	2	Batteries - homework	150
Dictionaries	41	Stencil lettering	9	Cooking Cauldron	2	Maps	6
Science textbooks	7	Contact clear vinyl	2	Sharpeners	201	Foldback clips	180
Social Science books	33	Parchtone cover	4	Staplers	80	Chalk (box of 100)	135
Social Science teacher	7	Recordable CD's	170	Staples (boxes of 5000)	80	Paint brushes	289
Health textbooks	6	Binding machine	1	Staple removers	48	Watercolour paint sets	40
Other textbooks	10	Trimmers	3	Blackboard erasers	98	Powder paint sets	13
Other teacher manuals	4	Letter trays	6	Thumb tacks	9954	Cutters	43
Atlases	3	Padlocks	5	Paperclips	14600	Blades	40
Exercise books	3808	Laminating pouches	6	Blu tack packs	15	Stamp inks	9
Note pads	158	Computer mouses	2	Pencil cases	6	Stamps	20
Graph pads	8	Laminating machines	2	Book ends (pairs)	4	Volley balls	8
Spiral notebooks	27	Cutting mats	3	Printer Ink Cartridges	40	Rugby balls	3
Account books	20	Classroom Chairs	12	Photocopy paper pack	344	Weather wheels	1
Display book	151	Classroom Tables	5	Certificate paper pack	37	Classrooms Corkboards	9
Executive folders	8	Back packs	9	Carbon paper (pack)	2	Whiteboards	1
Expanding files	12	Duster	5	Crepe paper	40	Calculators	17
File folders	477	Umbrella's	3	Cartridge paper sheet	500	Tape rolls	261
Flip charts	20	Sewing Machines	8	Butcher paper packs	2	Glue tubs	210
Manilla folders	1650	Material packs	414	Paper circles	100	Erasers	970
Lever folders	100	Spanner ring set	2	Paper squares	120	Rulers	749
Document bags	81	Garden forks	8	Diaries	50	Ruler blackboard	16
Magazine files	7	Kitchen knives	8	Globes	4	Whiteboard markers	180
File fastener boxes	9	Garden hose	2	Photobooks	2	Maths equipment sets	42
Data envelopes	7	Grass knives	4	Hole punches	9	Correction pens	319
Post-it notepads	76	Garden rakes	14	Optix boards	180	Scissors	173



Bisset Medal

In 2009 the Kokoda Track Foundation started its Kokoda Scholars program and awarded the first Bisset Medal to Benjamin Wakip from Sogeri National High School.

Each year, the top graduating student from the Foundation's Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship program will be awarded the Bisset Medal and will be supported throughout their tertiary studies with a range of leadership, educational, and community-oriented opportunities. They are provided with mentoring

opportunities, work experience, voluntary work, full tuition and boarding, university textbooks and resources, and an opportunity to come to Australia on student exchange.

The Foundation's 2009 Bisset Medal recipient was Benjamin Wakip. Benjamin topped the country in many of his subjects in the HSC and is now undertaking a Bachelor of Computer Science at the University of Technology in Lae. Benjamin's 2010 mentor is Karen Mitchell – the

ex-principal of the Port Moresby Grammar School and education expert who has advised groups including AusAID, the World Bank, and Exxon Mobil. Karen has been coaching Benjamin throughout the year and providing him with important support and guidance. Benjamin also completed two work experience placements during his end of year university holidays with the Business Coalition Against HIV/AIDS and NASFUND.

In 2010, Magas Iori was

awarded the Bisset Medal as the top KTF graduating student. Magas completed her Grade 12 at Sogeri National High School and is planning on studying to become a Primary School Teacher. Magas received excellent grades during her senior high school years and the Foundation will now support her through her tertiary studies under the Bisset Medal program. Magas will undertake a 2 year diploma of primary teaching followed by a year of work experience in Australian schools.





“When I sit back and ponder about the fact that I was and will ever be... the first recipient of the Kokoda Track Bisset Medal, when I think of all the struggles I went through before receiving this golden opportunity...it is as if I sense a tremendous responsibility coupled with an obligation to do the ultimate best I can to keep the Kokoda Spirit alive in PNG. In keeping the Kokoda Spirit alive, it is my intention as a Bisset Medallist to excel in all walks of live, to be a role model for future PNG citizens who aspire to be

the next Bisset Medallist... I want you to know that I will do the best I can under all circumstances to perform to the best of my ability. I know there are hundreds of young, intelligent individuals out there who may have been and who possess the potential that the Foundation is earnestly seeking to develop. Nevertheless since I have been granted this once in a lifetime opportunity I count this an honour and a privilege to be offered such a blessing.”

Furniture Distribution

Schools in PNG are often run down and without the most basic materials that they require to operate their classrooms. Many of the schools that we come into contact with are without basic chairs and desks and students must sit on the floor during their classes and when completing homework.

In 2010 the Foundation formed an exciting new partnership with Rotary that will send furniture and hospital beds to schools and hospitals in need throughout the Track

catchment area. We are currently coordinating the transport and distribution of 240 classrooms worth of furniture to schools in the region as well as 90 hospital beds for Popondetta and Kokoda hospitals. Over 1,000 desks and over 2,000 chairs are part of what's being distributed to schools desperately in need of furniture and other educational materials.

Rotary have formed a partnership with the NSW Department of Education and have

organised and funded the collection and shipping of second hand furniture from NSW schools to partner organisations in a number of developing countries throughout the world. The Kokoda Track Foundation is one of the PNG partners and is coordinating the distribution of the furniture once it arrives in PNG. The furniture is being distributed to a number of elementary and primary schools in the Track catchment area and is relying on a large scale volunteer

effort from individuals and groups in the region. Higaturu Oil Palm have been instrumental in assisting us and are providing the trucks and labourers free of charge to the project and helping us deliver the furniture to where it is most needed.

The Foundation is also facilitating sister-school relationships between the Australian donor schools and the PNG recipient schools. These schools will write to each other during 2011 and develop a bond of both education and support.



The Foundation would like to thank Graeme Boler and his support network at Rotary and Hansen Yuncken for their instrumental role in this great project.

Teacher Training

This year the Foundation has begun preparations for its Teacher Training Scholarships which will commence in 2011. The Foundation has formed a partnership with Sacred Heart Teacher's College at Bomana which has recently opened and is

the only college in the Central Province. The Foundation has identified and assisted seven students to submit applications for the Diploma of Primary Teaching and if accepted into the program we will support them on bonded

scholarships in 2011. Successful recipients will complete a 2-year diploma at the college and will then return to their home village and teach in the local elementary or primary schools. Qualified local community members are

the essential ingredient to keeping local Kokoda Track schools open and functioning.

Exceptional Scholars

In 2010, the Foundation received a request from Madeline Lemeki for support. The Foundation often receives individual requests for support outside of the schools and students that we are already helping. On this occasion we were convinced that investing in Madeline was actually investing in a whole community and region in PNG. Madeline is from Saga village in the Kokoda region and completed her primary schooling at Kokoda Primary School. She excelled in her primary, secondary, and tertiary studies and in 2010 was accepted into the

PhD program at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. Madeline's PhD topic is timely and important and her research is focusing on the evaluation of HIV prevention programs in Papua New Guinea. Madeline has two young children who she looks after as a single parent. Madeline was successful in being awarded an AusAID scholarship that covers the expensive tuition fees for an international student studying in Australia. However her stipend was not enough for her to live in Australia and she contacted the Foundation for

additional support fearing that she would have to drop out of the program and return to Kokoda. The Foundation supports Madeline with a fortnightly allowance to enable her to survive and provide for her children during her 4 year PhD program in Brisbane. 2010 has been a productive year for Madeline and she has already completed course in Evaluation in Public Health, Anthropology of Health, Introduction to Epidemiology, and Health Behaviour Interventions: Concepts and Applications. She

has also submitted her ethics application – an enormous task and achievement during the first year of a doctoral program. The Foundation is extremely enthusiastic about supporting Madeline and believes that her research is vital and will inform the Foundation's own future health programs and investment in HIV prevention. Investing in bright, motivated women from the Kokoda Track region will have a multiplier effect and will go on to bring many benefits to her family and wider community.



Volunteer Teachers

2010 was also the first year of our exciting new volunteer program and three Australian teachers volunteered a number of weeks of their time to working in the Kokoda Track schools. The schools along the Track reported that this was the first time that Australian volunteer teachers had committed to helping them run their classrooms and professional development training from teachers.

In June 2010, Greg Egan spent a month volunteering as a teacher in Efogi Primary School and Manari Community School. Greg is from the Australian Catholic University and decided after walking the Track in

2007 that he wanted to do something practical to "give back" to the wonderful people of the Track. During his volunteer placement, Greg spent time both teaching in the classroom and running teacher in-service workshops with the teachers at both Efogi and Manari schools. The village chief from Manari said "We are overjoyed with Greg's presence in our school and village. It has been over 20 years since the trekking industry began in this area and such an arrangement has never been done before. The people of Manari and Efogi are very happy".

In August 2010, teachers' Trish Davies and Bev

Matthews of NSW Australia, volunteered their time in Kovello Elementary School and the elementary and infants schools in Kokoda village. Trish and Bev spent a number of weeks living in the villages where they ran workshops for teachers and women's groups. These workshops were designed to build the skills and capacity of local Kokoda Track teachers and the key emphasis was on playful teaching. While they were there they also provided the villages and schools with a range of donated educational supplies. School goods included reading books, exercise books, and stationary items and

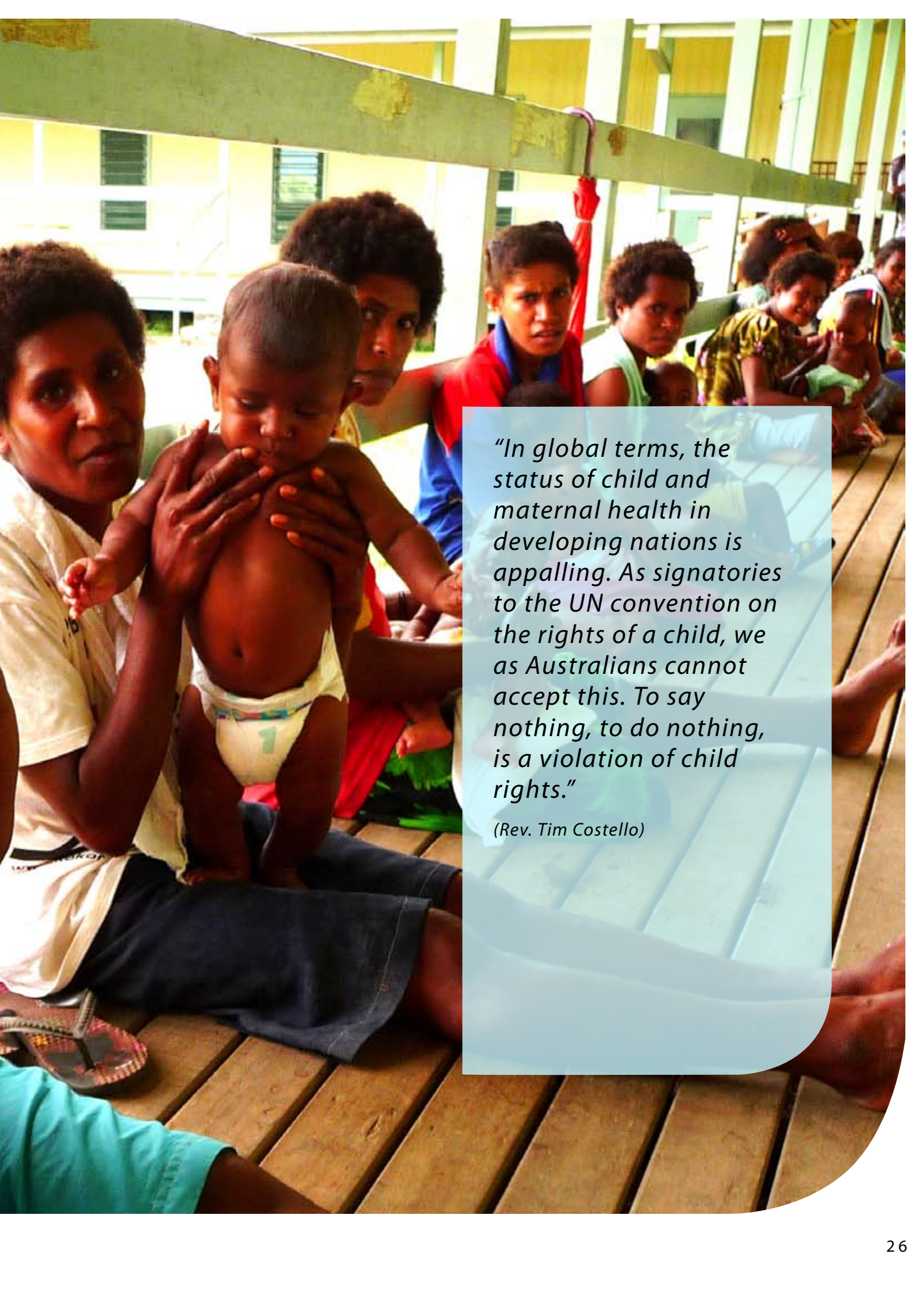
were delivered to Kebara Primary School, Gorari Primary School, Kokoda Infants School, Kovello Elementary School, Waju Elementary School, Kokoda Elementary School, the Kokoda Skills Training Centre, as well as a range of Women's Groups and the Kokoda Memorial Hospital.

"It was great to see so many helpers come and lend us a hand to distribute the supplies from our trucks... it was a real community effort" said Trish Davies. The Foundation will continue to coordinate and support Australian volunteer teachers to work in the Kokoda Track catchment.









“In global terms, the status of child and maternal health in developing nations is appalling. As signatories to the UN convention on the rights of a child, we as Australians cannot accept this. To say nothing, to do nothing, is a violation of child rights.”

(Rev. Tim Costello)



A young child with curly hair, wearing a red t-shirt with a graphic, is holding a green apple. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Our Work in Health

Access to basic primary healthcare is a fundamental human right. Yet many communities in Papua New Guinea (PNG) do not have access to the most basic of health services, including basic health checks, antibiotics, malaria treatment, inoculations, maternal health, and HIV testing. Villagers living within the catchment area of the Kokoda Track often have to walk for many days to access their nearest health facility or health care provider.

The Kokoda Track spans two districts: the Sohe district in Oro Province and the Hiri District in Central Province. Health statistics released by the National Research Institute of PNG in April 2010 are alarming:

- There are 0 health officers and 26 nursing officers in the Hiri District. This means that each nursing officer theoretically must provide healthcare to 3,030 people each. This is impossible.

- There are 12 health centres across the entire Hiri district. This means that each centre is theoretically responsible for providing health services to 6,565 people. • There are 0 health officers and 13 nursing officers in the Sohe District. This means that each nursing officer must theoretically provide healthcare to 5,007 people each. This is impossible.

- There are 7 health centres across the

entire Sohe district which means that each centre must provide health services to 9,299 people.

Alongside these alarming figures of limited health resources are the alarming figures of the health crises confronting the country:

- Malaria, tuberculosis, typhoid, and pneumonia remain the largest causes of death in PNG

- HIV/AIDS became the leading cause of death in PNG hospitals in 2000. PNG is responsible for 99% of the HIV infection rates throughout the entire South Pacific region.

- Over the past 20 years, the child mortality rate has not demonstrated any improvement in PNG. This is the case

in only 4 countries in the world. All other countries have improved.

The Kokoda Track Foundation believes that the solution to this health care crisis is to invest in grassroots health initiatives that build the capacities of local communities to address their health issues. The Foundation is therefore working with local resource providers, training institutes, and communities to provide health care via trained Community Health Workers who have sufficient access to the drugs and resources required for the local community.

Community Health Worker Scholarships

The Kokoda Track Foundation believes that the solution to the health care crisis in PNG is to invest in Community Health Workers (CHWs). CHWs are vital to the successful running of village aid posts, and for the majority of communities throughout PNG, aid posts are the only health facilities that are available to them. CHWs are qualified to run village-based aid posts and can treat a wide range of

health problems that commonly occur in the village including malaria, pneumonia, infections, wounds, HIV testing, tuberculosis testing, and childbirth complications. CHWs complete a 2-year diploma at one of ten CHW colleges throughout the country – two of which are prioritising positions for KTF scholarship students. In 2010 we are supporting four Koiari students on bonded scholarships who are

training as Community Health Workers. In 2011 we will expand this project to the Oro communities of the Track and into the broader catchment area. At the end of their diploma the students will return to their home village and work in the aid posts along the Kokoda Track. Our scholarships are bonded for 4 years under an agreement between the students, the KTF, and the communities and this agreement

states that the students must return to their home village after they graduate to run and manage the village aid post. We also have secured an agreement with the PNG Provincial government that ensures that a position will be available for each of our graduates so that they will receive a Government salary when working in the village aid post.



"It came without expectation, but anyway I just accept it as an opportunity in life. I really wanted to help my community because it is important that we live a healthy life. It means very, very important that I never expected of it. But thanks to KTF scholarship for making this precious opportunity available. I come from a family where we never succeeded but anyway it's an opportunity for me to stand out for my poor family and do something." (Lance, Efogi Village)

"I want to be a community health worker because I want to help my local people to live in a healthy environment and live a healthy lifestyle to keep them safe from diseases. It means that when I am sponsored by KTF I must go back and help my local people along the track. I am the 8th of 10 in the family and we are all Adventist. My mum died and we are looked after by our dad." (Rex, Naduri Village)





COLLIN- ENIVILOGO VILLAGE

“My village is right up in the remote area where there’s no basic health service. Therefore, I want to be trained and become a community health worker to serve my people and also people living along the famous Kokoda Track and PNG as a whole. It means of what our great grandparents who have helped the Australians during World War 2 by carrying their packs etc. This has built a great relationship between the Australians and PNGs, especially the people of Koiari. I’m proud to receive a KTF scholarship. We are five in the family, two boys and three girls. Two died and we are left with three. My religion is Seventh Day Adventist.”

Kokoda Memorial Hospital

The Foundation has continued its support in 2010 for the Kokoda Memorial Hospital in Kokoda village. The Kokoda Memorial Hospital is the only hospital servicing the Kokoda Track catchment area – the next closest hospital, Popondetta General Hospital, is a 4-hour drive away and often cut off from Kokoda village during

the wet season due to flooding. Common medical situations faced by the staff at the hospital include malaria, dangerous birth deliveries, and injuries as a result of the harsh environment (e.g. accidents and machete wounds).

The Foundation donates resources and medical supplies to the Kokoda Memorial Hospital where

nurses and community health workers provide medical assistance to those in need. The hospital is given an account with a large medical supplier in Port Moresby and orders the drugs and supplies that they require to run the hospital. Staff at the hospital are empowered to make their own decisions on what supplies they require

and the Foundation ensures that these supplies are delivered safely to the hospital. The Foundation's support of the Kokoda Memorial Hospital enables the nurses to continue responding to the health needs of the local communities.

Village Aid Post Supplies

In 2010, we have also supported villages along and around the Kokoda Track with medical supply kits for aid posts and health centres. These kits provide invaluable resources to the local communities and are used by villages in the treatment of numerous health problems. Health workers access these pre-packaged kits from our resource suppliers, Johnstons Pharmacies in Port Moresby. After a detailed audit of all aid posts along the Kokoda Track, the Foundation

is aware of a number of villages that have "fallen through the cracks" in terms of medical supplies.

All too often, drugs and medical supplies that are supposed to be funded by the PNG Government do not make their way to the aid posts. The Foundation funds a range of resources via its aid kits including:

- Antibiotics
- Oral rehydration salts
- Malaria treatment & nets

- Pain killers
- Contraceptive Pill
- Condoms
- Antiseptics
- Bandages & adhesives

We will continue to focus our energies on those aid posts that are in desperate need of supplies as well as work closely with other organisations to ensure that no villages are missing out on vital health supplies.



Health Volunteers

In 2010, the Kokoda Track Foundation also supported a volunteer nurse to spend some time working in the Waju aid post in the Oro Province. Waju is located approximately 30km north of Kokoda village and is extremely

remote and in need of medical assistance. Kathy Brookes from South Australia delivered one of the Foundation's Village Aid Kits to Sister Anita - the Community Health Worker who runs the aid post - which will last the village 4 to

6 months. Prior to this the village had run out of supplies and the aid post had closed. Kathy also delivered mosquito nets to the families in the village and ran malaria-awareness workshops with the community. Kathy spent her week

assisting Sister Anita who sees on average 30 patients per day and attends all the birth deliveries for all surrounding villages.

"All of the villagers suffer from malaria contracted as babies and many were presenting with pneumonia. They had no antibiotics left to treat it so the antimalarials and antibiotics I brought were much needed."





Our Work in Community Development

The Foundation has been working with its on-the-ground partners throughout the Kokoda Track catchment area to help local villagers improve a range of aspects about their communities. The Foundation believes firmly that the local villagers are indeed the experts of their own lives and our programs attempt to add value and assist communities to achieve better outcomes that they have identified

themselves. Via our in-depth community consultation processes – that take place throughout the year in the villages along the Track (which are entered by foot... not by chopper!) – the Foundation asks local communities how we can be of most assistance. Over the years, we have received numerous requests, many of which we have been able to respond to.

In 2010, the Foundation has responded to some of these requests via its Northern Province Food Restoration Project, Disaster Relief in the Oro Province, and Krappers for Kokoda programs.



Northern Province Food Restoration Project

In November 2007, the Northern (Oro) Province (including the Kokoda district) was declared a natural disaster zone as a result of the devastating effects of Cyclone Guba. More than 350 people were killed by torrential rains, flooding, and high seas and nearly 150,000 people lost their homes and food gardens from the resulting flooding. The majority of communities in PNG survive on a subsistence based lifestyle where their main source of food and income comes from the village garden. The devastating effects of Cyclone Guba were therefore extreme and cost hundreds of thousands of Oro citizens their livelihoods. After the Foundation responded to the initial disaster, it established and funded the Northern Province Food Restoration Program to help a large number of communities re-establish their food gardens. Three years on, the program is continuing to operate

throughout the Province and provides improved strains of agriculture and training in new planting techniques to local communities to help them build gardens and nurseries that are resistant to drought, pests and other disasters. Our on-the-ground partners, including local schools and Churches, operate our mother seed multiplication nurseries and import improved varieties of agriculture from the National Agriculture Research Institute. These varieties are multiplied and then distributed to satellite nurseries throughout the province where they are again multiplied and then distributed to household gardens – often in remote areas only accessible by sea. Training is provided at the mother and satellite nurseries to local community members in new planting techniques and experts are also sent out to particular villages and households on request. Hundreds of thousands of seedlings

(including taro tubers, cassava suckers, and sweet potato cuttings among others) have been distributed throughout the province and training has been provided to thousands of community members. In 2010 the project began moving into the community owned and managed phase whereby the mother and satellite nurseries are being passed over to the local schools and villages in which they are situated. The Foundation will continue to support this transition in 2011 and many of the nurseries are being transformed into microbusinesses. One of our mother nursery sites is at Doboduru Community School which is now responsible for managing the nursery. The school has allocated a plot in the nursery to every student (and their family) enrolled at the school and the student learns to look after the plot during their Making a Living classes at school (part of the PNG primary

level curriculum). The student and their family also tend to their plot on weekends and during their free time. The school distributes the seedlings that are produced by the nursery to surrounding villages free of charge as part of the overall attempts to ensure that villages throughout the province have access to improved strains of agriculture. In addition to this, the school has established a small food market which it sells the produce at (fruits and vegetables). The school has been using the profits earned from this business to purchase items for the school such as textbooks and stationary. The school's next goal is to earn enough money from the market to build an extra classroom, a teacher's house, and water tanks for the school and the Foundation will work with them towards this goal in 2011.

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Disaster Relief

The Foundation has responded to a number of natural disasters since working in Papua New Guinea and has the ability to respond quickly and effectively to the greatest needs of the community when the disaster hits. This year, the Foundation responded to more flooding that was experienced by the Oro Province. This Province

is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and in the past years we have witnessed cyclones, floods, and droughts affecting the region. Two years after Cyclone Guba washed away bridges, schools, health centres, and food gardens in the Oro Province, the local communities were hit with more torrential rains and severe flooding. In December

2009, the Foundation responded to the calls of Oro communities which were hit by severe flooding, once again destroying food gardens and contaminating clean food and water supplies. The Foundation responded immediately with funding for food and water supplies which were delivered by our on-the-ground partners, the Anglican

Response to Oro Disaster team. The funds were used to purchase and distribute rice, tinned fish, and clean water to the worst affected areas, particularly in the Ijivitari district. The Red Cross also responded to the disaster with emergency health care and the Foundation and the Red Cross were the only two organisations to respond to the disaster.





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Krappers for Kokoda

Another crucial area that local communities asked the Foundation for assistance with was improved access to water and sanitation facilities along the Track. Over the past 10 years we have witnessed exponential growth in trekker numbers along the Track, peaking at almost 6,000 trekkers in 2008. The sanitation implications of this growth are enormous and the Foundation received many reports of unhygienic sanitation practices of both trekkers and porters during the trekking season. Communities particularly asked for assistance with improved sanitation options in village campsites and elementary and primary schools along the Track.

The Foundation has installed 7 composting toilets in schools and campsites along the Kokoda Track at the following locations: Ua-Ule Creek, Ofi Creek, Agulogo, Manari, Kagi, Kokoda Skills Training Centre, and Iarowari High School.

In 2011, the Foundation will spend a year monitoring the toilets that are located in campsites to ensure that the composting eco-toilet is the best model for the Kokoda Track campsites. In 2011 we will also be focusing our energies on schools along the Track and will install 6 additional composting toilets in Manari Community School, Efogi Primary School, and Kavovo

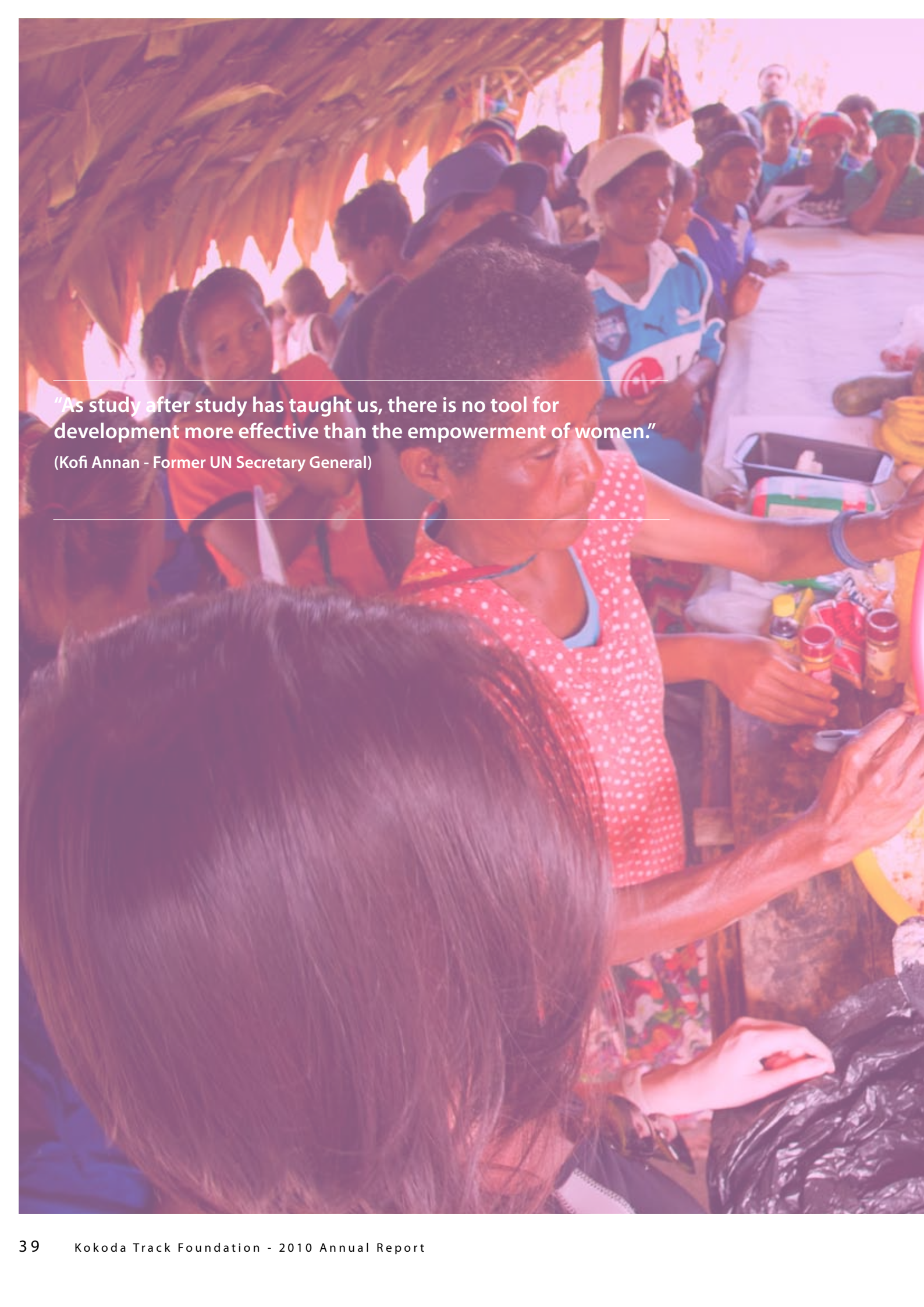
Primary School. Two toilets will be installed in each school – one for boys and one for girls – giving each student added incentive to go to school each day.

Studies throughout the world emphasize how important it is that girls are given the privacy of their own gender-specific toilets in schools and that the poor state of sanitation in poor and remote areas is often one of the biggest predictors of female student dropout rates. The Foundation's composting toilets are clean, fresh, and hygienic and provide a private and secure area for children to go to the toilet. The composting chambers of the toilets are built underneath

a structure made out of bush materials that has fresh air circulating through it via a solar-powered fan and an open – but private – window overlooking a secluded vista.

Local communities assist with the installation of the toilets and the building of the bush material structure and are then trained in how to maintain the toilets and use the compost on the garden. The composting Krappers protect all surrounding waterways from leaching waste as they contain everything within them and convert it into compost that is safe for the gardens.





“As study after study has taught us, there is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.”

(Kofi Annan - Former UN Secretary General)

Our Work in Micro-Business

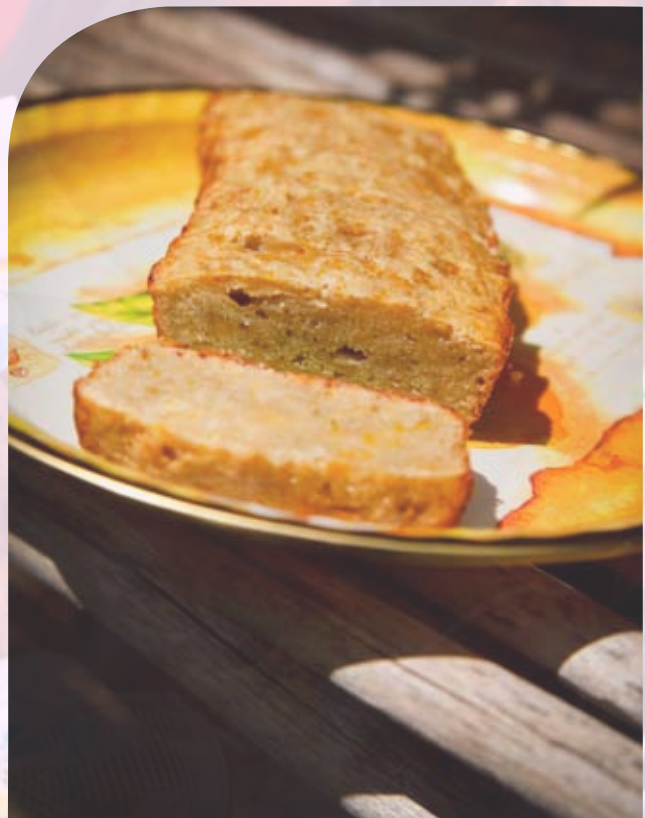
2010 has been an extremely exciting year for the Foundation as we have moved into the vital area of microbusiness. Research and case studies from nations all around the world tell a very clear story. The empowerment of people through microbusiness, microfinance, and capacity building will enable whole communities to get out

of poverty. The aim of the Kokoda Track Foundation has always been to develop a "template" for and a "way of working" with the Kokoda Track communities which helps them to improve their livelihoods and escape poverty. Our vision is to one day replicate this template throughout other parts of PNG. Microbusiness is

a vital component of this template and it enables communities to earn their own income and improve their livelihoods resulting in communities that are independent from outside assistance.

The trekking industry along the Kokoda Track presents us with a unique opportunity to empower the local communities to benefit

from this financially. The Foundation is actively working with community groups and helping them to form bridges with the trekking industry that will enable them to earn an income and improve their livelihoods.



Pawa Givim Meri



The Kokoda Track Foundation's Pawa Givim Meri project is working with women's groups along the Kokoda Track, helping them to establish snack stores and catering services to earn an income from the trekking industry. Via this exciting initiative, the Foundation is running small business workshops and cooking classes with the Women's Associations in the Track communities. Only women at this stage have been invited to participate. Currently most of the profits from the trekking industry return to Australia or are made by the men along the Track via portering and guesthouse services. This project works only with women's groups along the Track, empowering them and building their capacity so that they can earn an income from passing trekkers. The Foundation has engaged a PNG national - Wampy Irido from Manari village - who is working in four of the Track communities - Manari, Efogi, Kagi, and Naduri - and is delivering the small business training and cooking classes to the women's

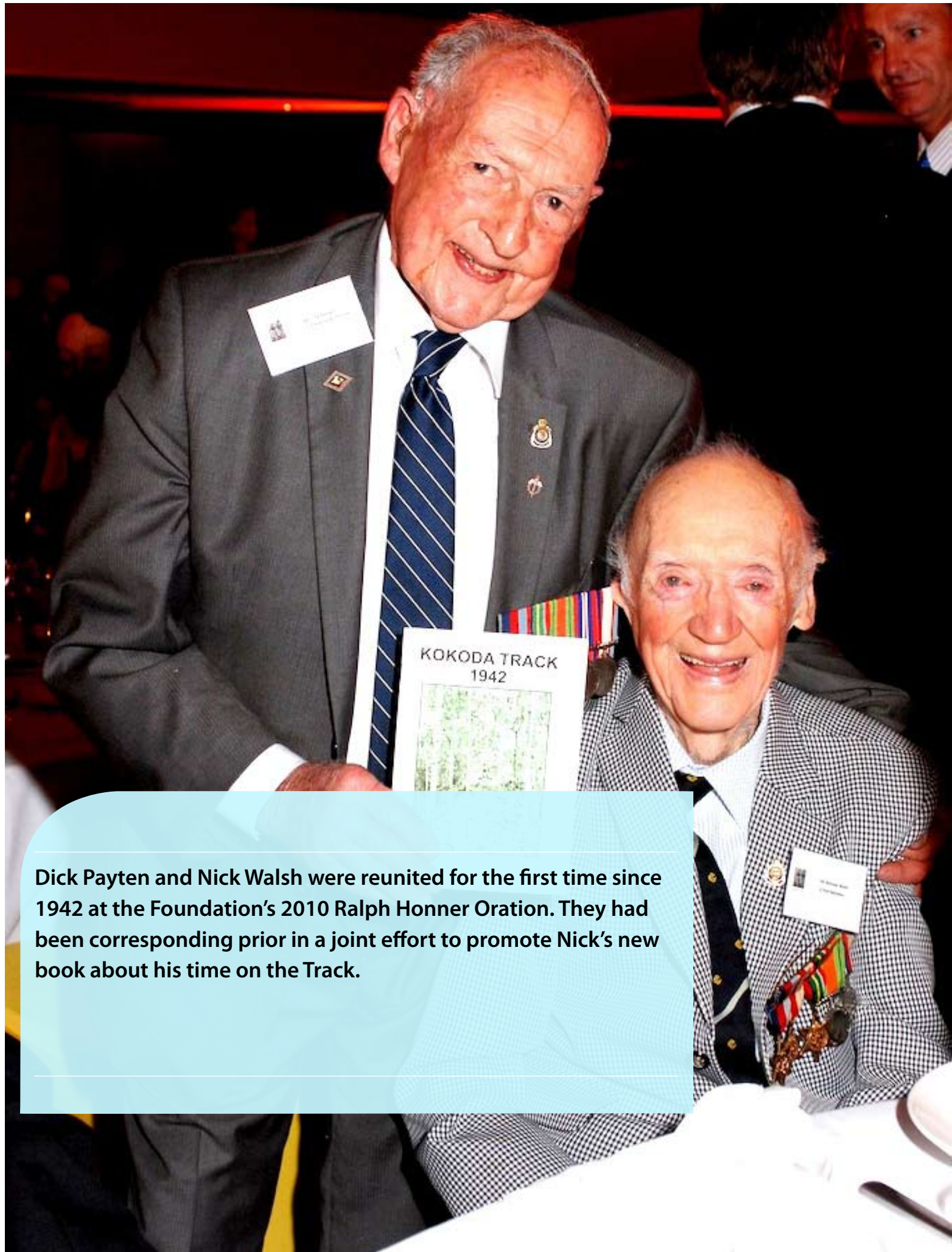
groups. The women's groups are establishing snack stores in their villages that will sell healthy and nutritious snacks to trekkers and villagers. The Foundation is funding the purchase and delivery of the staple ingredients for the snack stores (e.g., flour, sugar, salt, oil, spices) and the equipment and training the women require to establish their businesses; but the snacks utilise as much local produce as possible. Our ultimate goal is to build these stores into self-sustainable businesses that will one day provide full catering services to trekkers crossing the track. All of the stores and services, including the ingredients, training manuals, and cooking equipment are owned entirely by the women's associations in the communities. These groups collectively decide what to do with the profits earned and most groups are using their profits for social purposes such as school fees and community needs.



“For the first time ever, the women along the Kokoda Track are now earning an income from the trekking industry”

(Dr Genevieve Nelson, KTF)





Dick Payten and Nick Walsh were reunited for the first time since 1942 at the Foundation's 2010 Ralph Honner Oration. They had been corresponding prior in a joint effort to promote Nick's new book about his time on the Track.

Ralph Honner Oration 2010

The Kokoda Track Foundation held its annual Ralph Honner Oration Dinner on Friday the 29th of October at the Kirribilli Club in Sydney. Three hundred and thirty guests were joined by 17 World War II Kokoda Veterans and one Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel to raise vital funds for the work of the Foundation in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The night was an overwhelming success, raising more than \$50,000 for the Foundation's education, health, community development, and microbusiness projects along the Kokoda Track. David Parkin delivered the 2010 leadership oration and reflected on his life-changing experiences when he walked the Kokoda Track in 2007. He spoke passionately about the leadership qualities displayed by many of the Kokoda diggers, including Lt. Col. Ralph Honner and called for greater acknowledgement of the Kokoda campaign and other

aspects of Australia's relationship with PNG in the Australian school curriculum. Other highlights of the night included a special tribute to the late Stan Bisset who passed away on the 5th of October 2010. Stan's widow – Gloria Bisset – was one of the Foundation's special guests at the dinner and she awarded the 2010 Bisset Medal to Magas Iori. Magas is the Foundation's top graduating high school student and with the Foundation's support will undertake a diploma of Primary Teaching next year. The Bisset Medal is a Rhodes-style scholarship for PNG students and supports their tertiary studies and provides volunteering, community development, work experience, mentoring, and exchange opportunities for recipients. This year's Ralph Honner Oration Dinner was a spectacular evening and the Foundation is extremely grateful to all who came along and supported

the Foundation so generously. All profits raised from the dinner will be directed to supporting our life-changing programs in PNG. They were there for us in our darkest hour... now it's our turn to lend a hand.



Board of Directors

Patrick Lindsay - Chairman

Patrick is a respected author and documentary maker and has been a passionate advocate of the story of Kokoda since he first visited the village in 1983 and first walked the Track in 1992. He has walked the Track three times. He has written numerous best-selling books including *The Spirit of Kokoda ... Then & Now*, *The Spirit of The Digger*; *Back From The Dead*; *The Essence of Kokoda*; *The Spirit of Gallipoli*; the *It's Never Too Late* series; *Cosgrove*, *Portrait of a Leader*; *Heart of Champion*; *Fromelles*; and *Kokoda Spirit*. Patrick has been chairman of the Foundation since July 2006.

Dr Genevieve Nelson Executive Director

Genevieve, a founding director of the Foundation, is a registered psychologist who completed her PhD in Papua New

Guinea examining the psychological influences upon student achievement outcomes for students living in rural, village, and urban settings. She is an expert in education in PNG and has spent many months living in the local communities along and in the catchment area of the Track.

Genevieve is also an adjunct research fellow with the University of Western Sydney and has published extensively across a range of research areas. She has walked the Kokoda Track 12 times.

Yahoo Serious Director

Yahoo is a founding director of the Kokoda Track Foundation, and has walked the Kokoda Track 5 times. He was the first Australian to write, direct, produce and star in a major motion picture and has earned an international reputation as one of Australia's most original and successful independent filmmakers. In 1989

he was on the cover of Time magazine and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters at Newcastle University for his contribution to cinema arts and received the Celebrated Filmmaker Award from Harvard University for his acclaimed worldwide hit *Young Einstein*. Serious Productions is currently producing Yahoo's fourth and most ambitious movie featuring the Kokoda Track Campaign.

David Frecker Director

David practises as a corporate and commercial lawyer. He has worked extensively in PNG, including for five years early in his career as a government lawyer, and is one of the senior partners at Blake Dawson, servicing clients in Australia and PNG. From his past experience of working within and for government, he has a good understanding of governmental instrumentalities and agencies and well-honed legislative

drafting skills. David continues to visit PNG periodically in the course of his work. He has walked the Track twice.

Peter Thomas Director

Peter is a company director and business adviser based in Sydney. He is currently a principal in TFG International Pty Limited, a boutique consulting and advisory firm, with clients in both the private and public sectors. Peter is a former senior tax partner and former board member of KPMG. Peter holds a range of board positions including those with Innovation Australia, Indigenous Business Australia, the Australian Solar Institute, the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation, the SAMI Group, the Albert Music Group, the Blueearth Institute, and the CatholicCare Foundation. He walked the Track in 2002.



Professor Stephen Wearing
Director

Stephen is an Associate Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney and has received numerous awards from Industry and Government for his work in the Leisure and Tourism fields. He has served as Chair and Advisor to the Board of Youth Challenge Australia for 17 years and has also served on a number of steering committees including the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre. He is a Fellow and Life Member of Parks and Leisure Australasia, and has been editor of the Parks and Leisure Australasia Journal for 10 years. He has authored 10 books in the field of leisure and tourism and over 50 refereed papers. Stephen walked the Kokoda Track in 2006.

Graeme Carroll
Director

Graeme is the Chief Executive Officer of the

RSL & Services Clubs Association, an industry body representing the interests of RSL and services clubs in NSW. The Association runs the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge through which clubs sponsor young people on life changing treks retracing the footsteps of our diggers. After starting out in a career in journalism, Graeme has gained over 20 years experience in media relations, including a stint as a Ministerial Press Secretary, and he has an extensive background in the development of industry codes of practice and compliance, event organisation, music copyright and industry associations.

Bernie Egan
Director and Honorary Treasurer

Bernie was appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Foundation in 2006 and director in 2009. Bernie developed his passionate interest in PNG and the Track when he walked it with

one of his sons in 2006 in memory of his late father-in-law. Bernie spent 35 years with the Reserve Bank of Australia followed by 5 years with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. Since 2008 he has consulted to Ernst and Young and undertaken a number of missions with the International Monetary Fund. He is currently an advisor to Promontory Financial Group.

Elizabeth Carr
Director

Elizabeth Carr is the chair of the Macular Degeneration Foundation. She has had 20 years experience in the inter-relationship between employee productivity and the applications of technology to increase profitability in the IT & Finance Industries. Elizabeth is now focused on the growing inter-dependence of the private, public and not-for-profit sectors and undertook a Masters degree at Harvard

University, specialising on issues of governance, accountability and strategic policy in this area. Elizabeth is currently a consultant on Public Private Partnerships. She walked the Track in 2009 with family and friends as a journey of thanks to her dad who fought in PNG in WWII.

Salman Haq
Honorary Secretary

Salman has been the Kokoda Track Foundation's Honorary Secretary since 2006. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Salman's career spans over 20 years including positions with Touche Ross & Co and Goodman Fielder Limited. Salman visited Kokoda in 2008 with the Foundation's board of directors.



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The Kokoda Track Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank our partners and supporters for their commitment to helping us keep the Kokoda Spirit alive this year. Your support enables us to carry out our vital work in PNG and we wish you a 'Bikpela Tenkyu' from all the communities in the Kokoda Track catchment area.

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“You stated that the Kokoda Track Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation. However what you are investing in for the young Papua New Guineans is profitable and I believe will bring a great change to their lives as well as myself”

Magas Iori, Bisset Medallist, Kokoda Track Foundation

2010 has been an extraordinary year for the Kokoda Track Foundation. We have built a strong and consistent reputation as a reputable and compassionate organisation seeking to address the most pressing needs of the Kokoda Track catchment communities. We are recognised by elders

and community leaders as an organisation that delivers on its commitments and seeks community support and involvement in all aspects of its programs. We strive to minimise our administrative expenses and have a track record of using donated funds effectively and efficiently. Our vision is

to create an ‘exemplar program’ that can be replicated throughout other parts of PNG and we are excited about the future of our work in this wonderful country.



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