



# The Kokoda Track Foundation

2011 Annual Report



They were there  
for us in our  
darkest hour...  
now it's our turn  
to lend a hand



## 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 healthcare, 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.

## One Decade Later

In 2012, the Kokoda Track Foundation is entering its 10th year of working in Papua New Guinea. The Foundation works in the vital areas of education, health, community development and microbusiness in more than 40 communities throughout the Kokoda Track catchment area and has made significant changes to the lives and livelihoods of thousands of villagers in the region. During this time, the Foundation has supported over 1,000 primary, secondary and tertiary scholarships, provided ongoing resource and infrastructure support to more than 40 schools, trained over 60 teachers and 13 community health workers for the catchment area, and constructed over 30 seed nurseries and food security projects. Our holistic, collaborative and hands-on approach has enabled us to work with communities to enable school enrollments to significantly increase, to establish and open new schools and aid posts for the region, to increase the number of paid and trained teachers and health workers for schools and aid posts, and to provide increased opportunities for employment for women and men across the region.



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## Chairman's Report

The Foundation continued its strong growth across its programs during the year, achieving a number of notable milestones.

Overall, we increased the number of our scholarships from 156 in 2010 to 300 in 2011 (and we have since increased them to 350 in 2012). Our School Resource Program increased from 25 schools in 2010 to 35 schools in 2011 (and to 40 schools in 2012). In addition, we have expanded the scope of this program to also support schools in their building, infrastructure and maintenance needs.

One of the milestones during the year was the graduation of our first cohort of Archer Leadership Scholars (funded by The Trust Company through the estate of the late Fred P. Archer) aimed at identifying and fostering the next generation of PNG leaders.

Another significant milestone was partnering with Rotary on a major furniture distribution in May 2011 to successfully deliver 80 school classrooms of furniture to 23 elementary and primary schools and 100 hospital beds to eight health centres and two hospitals in the region.

We also continued to expand our work in the vital area of training of teachers and community health workers. These will be posted into schools and aid posts in our catchment area and supported by the Foundation. During the year we also covered the salaries of 12 teachers to ensure their schools kept operating (we are paying 20 teachers' salaries in 2012).

The ever-growing problem of finding places for our students to train as teachers and health workers prompted us to embark on planning for a project to build a training facility near Kokoda. In the final quarter of the year our CEO, Dr Gen Nelson, and our in-house PNG education advisor, Petra Arifeae, combined to create a state-of-the-art syllabus for a pilot Elementary Teacher Training Course in Koko village near Kokoda as a precursor to creating our planned Kokoda College.

(The pilot course was completed in January 2012 and won high praise from PNG education authorities. Kokoda veteran Bede Tongs handed graduation certificates to 56 new elementary teachers in February 2012.)

We continued to provide drugs and resources for aid posts and the Kokoda Memorial hospital. We expanded our successful Northern Province Seed Nursery project and again responded with emergency food and supplies to the Oro Province flooding at end of 2011.

Other important projects completed during the year included: building the Milton Lay Community Hall at Koko village; building a classroom in Efogi 2 village; continuing our Pawa Givim Meri program by constructing shop fronts for the participants to sell their snacks; and embarking on our Lighting Up The Track solar lighting pilot project. (In February 2012 we partnered with our trek operator partners to deliver 3,500 lights, effectively supplying lights to every family along and around the Track.)

We conducted another extremely successful sold-out Ralph Honner Oration Dinner, attended by 20 veterans. For the first time the oration was delivered by a Kokoda veteran, Rev Peter Holloway, who captivated the crowd with a superb, heartfelt address.

We again benefited from our strong and growing partnership with the Hawthorn Hawks, who hosted the second Kokoda Match at the MCG.

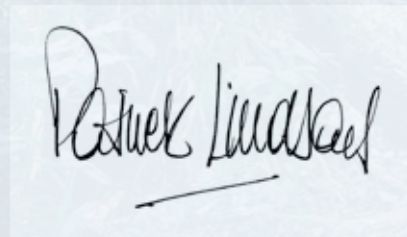
We welcomed a number of members to our administration team during the year: Kelly Leonard, Petra Arifeae and Julie Sourdois in our Sydney office and Wampi Irido, Saii Faole and Elijah Sarigari in PNG.

We continued to enjoy loyal and generous support from our core funders, The Trust Company, Bill James, Geoff Harris, the Lost Battlefield Trust, Perpetual, and Executive Excellence.

Once again, our tireless Executive Director, Dr Genevieve Nelson, led our operations with vision and great skill. She completed her 15th crossing of the Track in conducting her scholarship and projects audit in early 2012.

Our sincere thanks also to our board for their wisdom, guidance and unwavering passion and to our growing team of loyal supporters: Rotary, Paul Hanna (for his ongoing work with our website and graphic design); Mike Nelson (event management and videos); Deloitte (auditing); Blake Dawson (legal); and Cambooya (office space). There are countless individuals and organisations to thank for their generosity this year in enabling us to keep the spirit of Kokoda alive.

We believe that we have established the structures to enable us to continue the Foundation's growth in 2012 and beyond.





## January

Launch of the Archer Leadership Scholars Program; 6 recipients in 2011

## February

300 Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel scholarships announced; 12 teacher salaries supported

## March

Community Health Worker scholarships announced and students begin courses

## April

35 elementary, primary and secondary schools supported with vital school resources

## May

80 classrooms of school furniture and 100 hospital beds delivered to Kokoda catchment region

## June

Hawthorn Kokoda Game; Archer Leadership Scholars exchange program to Australia



## A “Bikpela Yia” for the Kokoda Track Foundation

## July

Seed nurseries continue distribution of improved crops and training throughout Oro province

## August

Pawa Givim Meri builds permanent snack stalls in Kokoda Track villages

## September

Deliver vital medical supplies to Kokoda Memorial Hospital and other aid posts in region

## October

Construction of Milton Lay Community Hall in Koko village

## November

2011 Ralph Honner Oration Dinner held in Sydney with 20 Kokoda veterans

## December

Development of Elementary Teacher Training course and Lighting Up the Track initiative









## Education

Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships  
School Resource and Infrastructure Support  
Elementary and Primary Teacher Training  
Furniture Distribution  
Teacher Salary Incentives  
Bisset Medal  
Archer Leadership Scholars Program  
Volunteer Teachers

## Health

Community Health Worker Scholarships  
Community Health Worker Salary Incentives  
Medical Supplies and Support Program  
Hospital Bed Distribution.

## Community Development

Lighting up the Track  
Koko Community Hall  
Village Agriculture and Food Security Projects  
Disaster Relief  
Krappers for Kokoda

## Microbusiness

Pawa Givim Meri  
Skills Training and Sustainable Livelihoods

## Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships

### THE NEED

School fees in PNG are expensive and out of reach for most families who make their living from subsistence farming.

### THE PROGRAM

In 2011, the Foundation supported over 300 students from the Kokoda Track catchment area on Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships. Students are selected who show promising academic ability and who would otherwise not be able to attend school. Students are supported for the duration of their education with tuition and boarding fees, uniforms, food and school resources.

### THE RESULT

Since its inception, the Foundation has supported over 1,000 student scholarships in PNG, releasing families from the enormous financial burden of paying school fees and giving more children access to vital educational opportunities. School enrollments along the Kokoda Track have all significantly increased, more than tripling in some areas.



## Furniture Distribution

### THE NEED

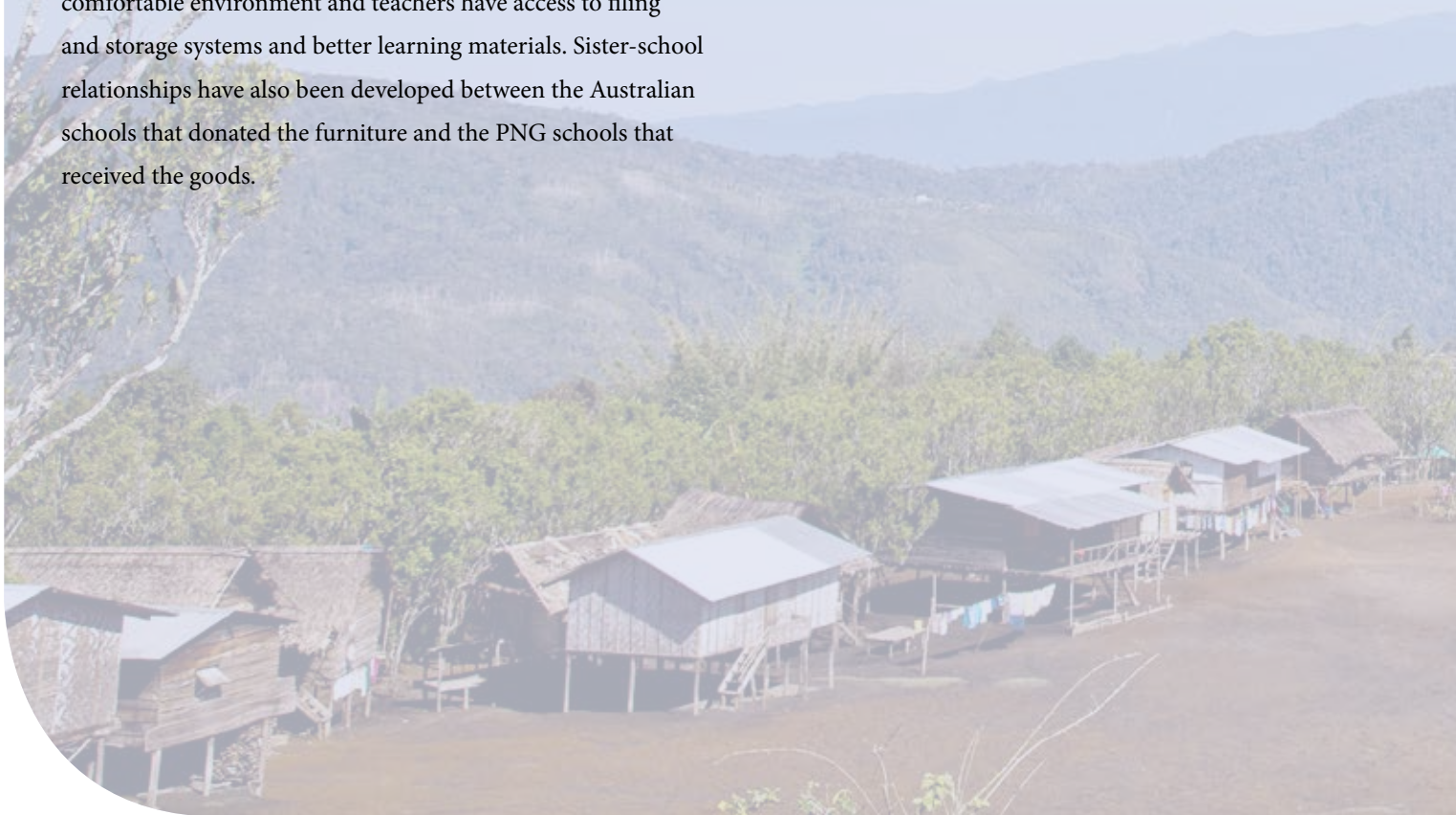
Many schools throughout the Kokoda Track region have no furniture or use furniture that is broken and uncomfortable.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation partnered with Rotary Australia on a large-scale furniture distribution project throughout the Kokoda Track region. Desks, chairs, blackboards, and cupboards were shipped from Australia to PNG and distributed by the Foundation. 80 classrooms worth of furniture were delivered to 21 elementary and primary schools throughout the region.

### THE RESULT

Schools now have classrooms filled with furniture to facilitate and assist better quality learning. Children learn in a more comfortable environment and teachers have access to filing and storage systems and better learning materials. Sister-school relationships have also been developed between the Australian schools that donated the furniture and the PNG schools that received the goods.



## Teacher Salary Support

### THE NEED

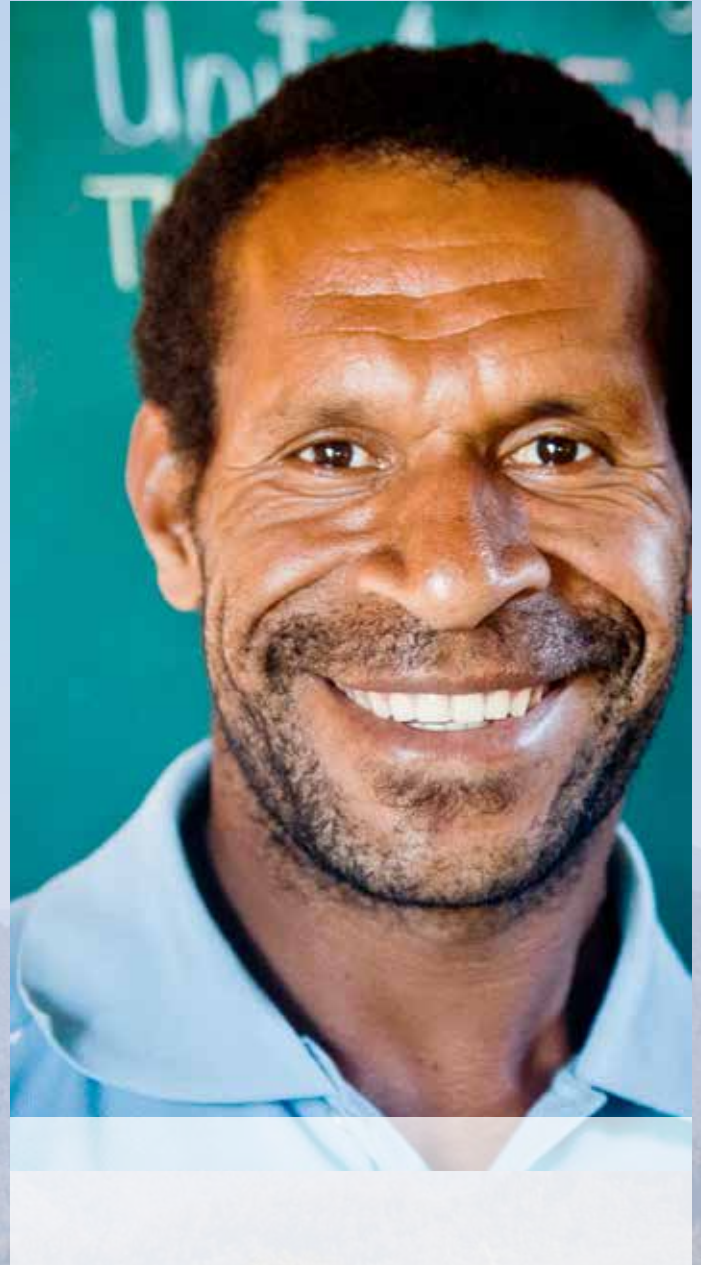
Many qualified teachers in the Kokoda Track catchment area currently do not receive regular salary payments from the PNG government. These teachers struggle to make ends meet when working full time in the classroom without being paid.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation began its Teacher Salary Support Program in 2011 and funded 12 elementary teachers with salary payments throughout the year. These teachers are all trained and qualified and work in elementary schools located along and around the Track.

### THE RESULT

Due to the Foundation's support, 12 elementary schools remained open and operational in 2011; and another 20 schools are being supported in 2012. Without the Foundation's support of the salaries, these teachers would have no choice but to leave their postings and earn their living via subsistence farming, resulting in the closure of many schools.



## Teacher Training

### THE NEED

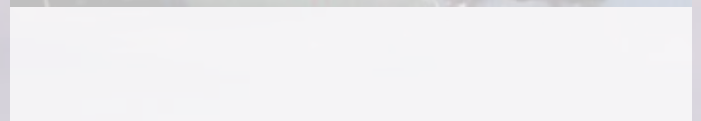
There is a paucity of elementary and primary teachers in PNG and as a result, more than 500,000 children do not attend school. There is an urgent need to train more teachers to run schools across the country.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation funds the training of elementary and primary teachers across the Track region. Primary teachers undertake a 2-year diploma at Sacred Heart Teacher's College, whilst elementary teachers are trained by the Foundation in conjunction with the PNG Department of Education. All teacher scholarships are bonded scholarships where they must return to their home village after they graduate and work in the local school.

### THE RESULT

In 2011, the Foundation developed a state-of-the-art training course and graduated 56 new elementary teachers in February 2012. The Foundation supported an additional 3 villagers to train as primary school teachers in 2011 who are completing their diploma in 2012.



## School Resource and Infrastructure Support

### THE NEED

Many schools in PNG are in desperate need of learning materials, teacher resources and stationery for students. Many also lack classrooms or operate out of classrooms that require urgent renovation.

### THE PROGRAM

Educational resources were provided to 35 elementary, primary, and secondary schools across the Kokoda Track region from Laloki at the southern end of the Track to Buna, Gona and Sanananda on the northern beaches. Maintenance and infrastructure projects were also rolled out across the Track in partnership with local communities.

### THE RESULT

This program supplied thousands of textbooks and library books, stationery items, teacher resources, and furniture to 35 schools which enabled them to remain open and provide quality education to their students. General classroom maintenance, water and sanitation projects and building assistance were also provided across the region.




## Archer Leadership Scholars

In 2011, the Foundation began its Archer Leadership Scholars Program – an opportunity for students studying across all tertiary institutions in Papua New Guinea. This is a yearlong leadership development program for exceptional PNG tertiary students who have demonstrated leadership potential. It offers successful recipients a year-long suite of activities and programs aimed at developing their leadership skills and abilities, including: support of tuition and boarding fees; educational resource grant; mentoring; community development placement; leadership course; exchange program to Australia; and work experience placements.

### Geoffrey's Story

Geoffrey Ulsimbi is 25 years old and in 2011, under the Archer Leadership Scholarship, completed his degree in Environmental Science and Geography at the University of PNG. He comes from Ulupu village in the East Sepik Province. Geoffrey completed his 3-week work experience placement (one component of the scholarship) with Oil Search where he worked in their Environment and Sustainability Department. At the completion of his placement, Geoffrey was offered a permanent, paid position with Oil Search as an Environmental Systems Officer and began his new role in December 2011. Geoffrey's story is a great example of the possibilities that the work placement, combined with the other components of the Archer scholarship, can provide the students. Geoffrey first met with Oil Search representatives when he was on his leadership exchange program in Sydney. He then used the skills that he learnt during that program and put them into practice when he returned to PNG to network with confidence and gain access to Oil Search executives. He was then able to demonstrate his skills, knowledge and great enthusiasm during his placement and the result... being offered a permanent job! Geoffrey's mentor during the year was Rod Hillman, CEO of the Kokoda Track Authority, who supported him on his leadership journey.





**“The exchange to Australia broadened my mind. It opened my mind to the opportunities out there. What we can get access to [in order to] make a change in our communities...It opened new doors that we once thought we couldn’t access. Meeting new people who are already leading an organisation, which you build a network with to connect in order to ensure a project will go ahead and make a change.”**

**(Geoffrey Ulsimbi, Archer Scholar)**

## Education Snapshot

Awarded and supported 300 Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships; significant increase in school enrollments, gender equality, and attendance and motivation of students attending Kokoda Track schools

**Supplied learning materials, teacher resources, equipment and stationery to 35 elementary, primary and high schools**

Trained 56 elementary teachers (graduated in February 2012) and three primary teachers (graduating in November 2012)

**Delivered 80 classrooms of school furniture to 21 elementary and primary schools in region**

Supported 12 elementary teachers on salary incentives program

**Built elementary classroom in Efogi 2 village and community hall (for various educational courses) in Koko village.**

Awarded 6 inaugural Archer Leadership Scholarships

**Awarded and supported 3 Bisset Medalists**

Maintenance support to five schools and renovations and additional maintenance underway in additional 5 schools

**Board of management and executive teaching staff workshops and support**

Supported three Australian teacher volunteers to undertake placement in Kokoda Track schools



## Community Health Worker Training

### THE NEED

There is an enormous need for more Community Health Workers (CHW) for the Kokoda region. Many aid posts are currently closed and hundreds of villagers go without access to basic healthcare.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation funded eight CHW scholarships in 2011 for villagers from the Kokoda Track region. CHW s undertake a 2-year diploma at a School of Nursing in Popondetta or Veifa'a. The Foundation covers the costs of their tuition and boarding fees and provides the students with a living and travel allowance for the two year period.

### THE RESULT

Four CHWs graduated in December 2011 and four additional students will graduate in June 2012. These CHWs have been engaged by the Foundation to return to villages along the Kokoda Track to operate the local aid posts. In some cases, the Foundation is building aid post facilities in new areas that currently do not have access to healthcare. The Foundation has also secured 5 additional scholarship positions for 2012.



## Community Health Worker Salaries

### THE NEED

CHWs are the cornerstone of the PNG health system; yet there is a paucity of CHWs in the Kokoda region and many aid posts are currently unstaffed.

### THE PROGRAM

In addition to training CHWs for the region, the Foundation also funds positions for CHWs to operate local aid posts. Through its CHW Salary incentive scheme, the Foundation supports CHWs who currently are not on the Government payroll to operate village based aid posts in remote areas along the Kokoda Track.

### THE RESULT

A number of aid posts have opened or are re-opening in 2012 due to the Foundation's support of CHW salaries and training. Specifically, the Foundation's programs are supporting the operations of aid posts /win haus health stops in Naoro 1, Efogi 1, Naduri, Kagi, Alola, Abuari, Manari, Boridi, Isurava, Buna, Gona, and Sanananda.



## Hospital Bed Distribution

### THE NEED

Many hospitals and health centres throughout the Kokoda Track region have no hospital beds or use beds that are broken and uncomfortable.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation partnered with Rotary Australia on a large-scale furniture distribution project throughout the Kokoda Track region. 100 hospital beds that were in excellent condition were delivered to eight hospitals and health centres throughout the region including Kokoda Memorial Hospital, St Margarets Oro Bay Hospital, Popondetta General Hospital and 5 additional health centres.

### THE RESULT

Eight hospitals and health centres now have wards filled with quality hospital beds to facilitate and assist better healthcare. Patients are able to receive treatment on comfortable beds and able to be accommodated for longer periods of time. New mothers are able to deliver from the comfort and privacy of proper hospital beds and remain in hospital for post-delivery care.



## Medical Supplies and Support Program

### THE NEED

The Kokoda Memorial Hospital and other aid posts in the region often go without vital drugs and medical resources that they require to provide basic healthcare to local communities.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation continued to support the Kokoda Memorial Hospital and other aid posts throughout the region by delivering vital drugs and medical resources directly to the CHWs and nursing staff in charge. The Foundation delivers appropriate supply kits into posts that are staffed by qualified health workers to administer them properly.

### THE RESULT

The Kokoda hospital and other aid posts have access to the vital drugs and resources that they require to operate. In 2011, one of our deliveries to Kokoda hospital allowed it to re-open its doors after it had closed one month prior due to running out of supplies.



## Health Snapshot

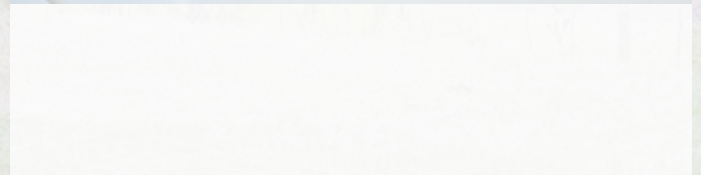
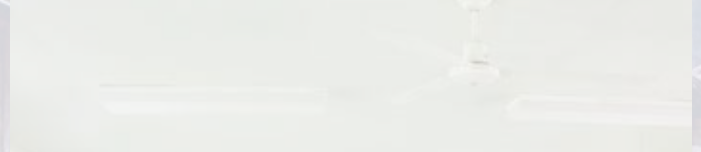
Funded and supported 8 Community Health Worker training positions and prepared 5 additional positions for 2012

Funded one CHW salary at Naoro aid post and prepared to engage 8 additional CHW salaries at aid posts in 2012

Delivered urgently required drugs and medical supplies to Kokoda Memorial Hospital

Distributed 100 hospital beds to eight health centres and hospitals in the region

Maintenance work on aid posts in region







## Koko Community Hall

In 2011, the Foundation embarked on a special community project – the building of the *Milton Lay Community Hall* in Koko village. Prior to this project, there was no community owned and based facility that could be accessed by communities, NGOs, schools, Churches or other stakeholders for the purpose of conducting training and other special projects. The Foundation engaged 12 Australian and over 30 PNG volunteers to construct the 15m x 9m community hall. The construction process was used as an opportunity for the PNG volunteers to develop vital building skills and experience and they have since applied these skills to the maintenance of the hall and to other building projects in their villages. The community hall is being used for a range of purposes including a homework club for students attending one of the four schools in the Kokoda area, a travelling and outreach library, teacher training, and microbusiness training. In early 2012, the hall was used for our Certificate of Elementary Teaching where we graduated 56 new elementary teachers for the region.

***“We are so fortunate to have a community hall in our village where we will learn... like this teacher training, the women’s microbusiness training and our children’s library will be set up in it too”***

Patricia Divini, Koko villager and teacher graduate

Special thanks to the following people and organisations for making the project possible:

### Volunteers

Milton Lay  
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## Agriculture and Food Security Project

### THE NEED

Many communities in the Oro Province are faced with food security issues after regular natural disasters. Whole communities often go without food after periods of severe flooding and cyclones.

### THE PROGRAM

The Foundation supports over 30 seed multiplication nurseries throughout the Province and imports improved strains of crops to help communities restart their food gardens. Taro, sweet potato, cassava and other fruits and vegetables are grown in our nurseries and distributed to hundreds of villages in need throughout the Province.

### THE RESULT

Hundreds of communities affected by natural disasters now have regular access to the crops they need to restart their food gardens that will survive the harsh climate. Many of our nurseries have been transitioned into microbusinesses and are distributing their seeds for free but selling their fruits at the market to earn an income to sustain the project.



## Lighting Up The Track

### THE NEED

Remote communities along the Kokoda Track have no access to any affordable and reliable source of lighting. Only 7% of Papua New Guineans are connected to the electricity grid. Villagers burn expensive and unsafe kerosene lamps or camp fires for a source of light.

### THE PROGRAM

In 2011, the Foundation prepared to distribute 3,500 solar lights to every adult living along and in the catchment area of the Kokoda Track. In February 2012, these lights were hand-delivered to all villagers along the Kokoda Track giving communities a source of light.

### THE RESULT

The solar lights have enormous benefits for all people living along the Track including: reduced respiratory and related health issues; children able to do their homework after dark; parents able to work on small businesses at night; and improved physical safety of women.





## Community Development Snapshot

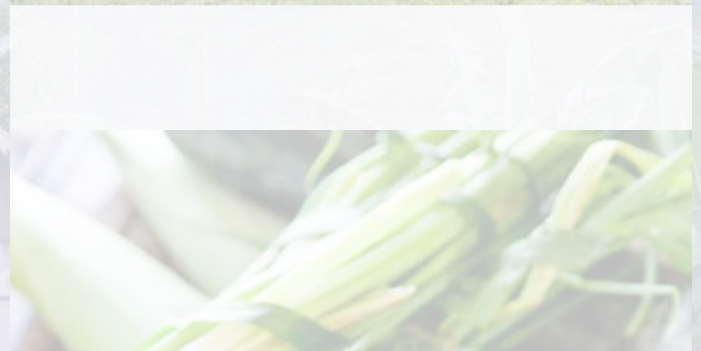
Built the Milton Lay Community Hall in Koko village

Village Agriculture and Food Security projects continued in 30 villages throughout Oro Province

Preparations for Lighting Up The Track – delivered 3,500 solar lights to every adult living along the Track in February 2012

Responded to disaster flooding throughout Oro Province in December 2011; delivered 5,000 kgs of rice in January 2012

Constructed 6 new sites in schools for installation of eco-toilets via our Krappers for Kokoda project



## Pawa Givim Meri

### THE NEED

Women along the Kokoda Track were missing out on the benefits of the trekking industry.

### THE PROGRAM

In 2011, the Foundation continued to run its exciting Pawa Givim Meri project in seven communities along the Kokoda Track – Manari, Efogi, Kagi, Enivilogo, Naduri, Koko 1 and Koko 2. Via this project, the Foundation runs small business workshops, cooking classes, and literacy training with the Women's Associations in each community and assists them to earn an income from the trekking industry. This year the women established permanent shop fronts from which they sell their food and other products to passing trekkers.

### THE RESULT

Women living along the Kokoda Track now have a regular and reliable income stream from the trekking industry. Women are using this income to support their children's school fees, community activities and to purchase staple items such as soap, oil, and other cooking materials. This is the first time that women along the Track now have a regular source of income.

## Microbusiness Snapshot

Supported seven women's groups via Pawa Givim Meri

Skills Training and Sustainable Livelihoods projects upskilling men and women in trades and agriculture







A group of children sitting on the floor in a room with posters on the wall. The children are of various ages and are looking towards the camera. The room appears to be a classroom or a community center. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the children in the foreground.

## Kokoda Track Foundation In The News

### Channel 10's 'The Project'

The Kokoda Track Foundation was featured on Channel 10's The Project in an exciting story about our Lighting Up The Track initiative. Journalist, Sam Clark, joined the Foundation up on the Track as we delivered 3,500 solar lights to every adult living along and around the Track. Sam then joined us in Koko village where we met WWII Veterans, Captain Bede Tongs and his family, who helped us deliver more lights in the region. Sam's story focused on the importance of solar lighting initiatives in developing countries and the enormous impact our lights are having in the lives of the Kokoda Track communities.

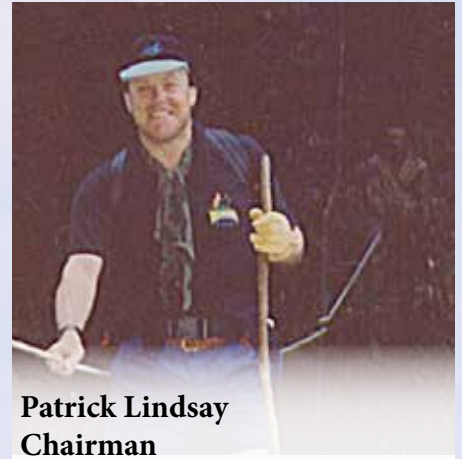
### Australian Geographic

The Kokoda Track Foundation was also featured in the July-August 2011 edition of Australian Geographic. Photographer and Journalist, James McCormack, accompanied the Foundation on a 7-day crossing of the Track and covered our Pawa Givim Meri initiatives. The 12-page article highlights the great success of the project and James tells the stories of the many women we met along the way. The story covers the establishment of the snack stalls in 5 of the Kokoda Track villages, the theory behind microbusiness and the outcomes the Foundation is already having with the women's groups.

The Foundation wishes to thank James McCormack, Australian Geographic, Sam Clark and The Project, Channel 10 for their support. For more information about these media stories and other information about the Foundation please go to: [www.kokodatrackfoundation.org](http://www.kokodatrackfoundation.org)



## Our People



**Patrick Lindsay**  
**Chairman**

Patrick is a respected author and documentary maker and has been the Chairman of the Foundation since 2006. He first visited Kokoda in 1983 and has been a passionate advocate of the story of Kokoda over the past 3 decades. He has written numerous best-selling books including the Spirit of Kokoda, the Spirit of the Digger, the Spirit of Gallipoli and Fromelles.



**Dr Genevieve Nelson**  
**Executive Director**

Genevieve was appointed the Executive Director of the Foundation in 2009 and has extensive experience working and living in PNG. She completed her doctorate in PNG examining the influences of student achievement for PNG children. She is a registered psychologist and is an adjunct Research Fellow with the University of Western Sydney. She has walked the Track 15 times.



**Elizabeth Carr**  
**Director**

After 20 years of experience in the interrelationship between employee productivity and the applications of technology, Elizabeth is now focused on the growing interdependence of the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. She has a Masters degree from Harvard University and is an expert in governance accountability and strategic policy. She walked the Track in 2009 as a journey of thanks to her father who fought in PNG.



**Graeme Carroll**  
**Director**

Graeme is the Chief Executive Office of the RSL & Services Clubs Association and has held this position for 9 years. He has an extensive background in the development of industry codes of practice and compliance, event organization and journalism. His association runs the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge through which clubs sponsor young people to walk the Kokoda Track.



**Bernie Egan**  
**Director and Honorary Treasurer**

Bernie was appointed Honorary Treasurer 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. He spent 35 years with the Reserve Bank of Australia followed by 5 years with APRA. 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.



**David Frecker**  
**Director**

David practices as a corporate and commercial lawyer. He has worked extensively in PNG and is one of the senior partners at Ashurst (formerly Blake Dawson) servicing clients in Australia and PNG. David has been a director since 2006 and continues to visit PNG periodically in the course of his work. He has walked the Kokoda Track twice.



**Yahoo Serious**  
**Director**

Yahoo is one of Australia's most original and successful independent filmmakers. He was the 1st Australian to write, direct, produce and star in a major motion picture and is now producing his 4th and most ambitious movie featuring the Kokoda campaign. He is a founding director of the Foundation and has walked the Track 5 times.



**Peter Thomas**  
**Director**

Peter is a company director and business advisor based in Sydney. He is currently a principal with TFG International and is a former senior tax partner and board member of KPMG. Peter also holds a range of board positions with government and non-government organisations across Australia. He is a founding director of the Foundation and walked the Track in 2002.



**Professor Stephen Wearing**  
**Director**

Stephen is an Associate Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney and is an expert in sustainable tourism. He has received numerous awards and grants from industry and government and has authored 10 books and over 50 refereed journal articles. Stephen has served as chair and advisor to Youth Challenge Australia for 18 years and walked the Kokoda Track in 2006.



**Salman Haq**  
**Honorary Secretary**

Salman has been the Foundation's Honorary Secretary since 2006. Salman 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 LTD. Salman visited Kokoda in 2008.

## Corporate Partners

The Kokoda Track Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank our partners and supporters for their commitment to helping us keep the spirit of Kokoda alive this year.

### Gold Corporate Partners

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The Trust Company

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### Bronze Corporate Partners

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Australian Ethical Investment

Kokoda Tribute

Naoro Kokoda Treks

Lugarno Lions Club

Pivotel

3rd Australian Infantry Battalion

39th Australian Infantry Battalion

Dentavision

Jones & Associates Dental

Provident Capital

Noyce Brothers Wine

The Rossetti Family

Frontline Kokoda

Gadens Lawyers

PNG Consulate-General

PNG High Commission

Kula Gold

Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Sub Branch

No Roads Expeditions

Campsie RSL Sub Branch

Kokoda Brothers

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