



Artists for Orphans  
*We can't help everyone, but we can make a difference*

# ARTISTS FOR ORPHANS

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Dear Friends

Our two months in Vietnam was wonderful however it is great to be home in Kyneton and we are enjoying the cold weather! So many exciting things are happening for Artists for Orphans. (AFO)

In addition to the aid we personally delivered in Vietnam; lap-tops, clothes, food, ointments, personal hygiene products, toys and sweets etc, funds donated by AFO are paying for medical tests for children with Hydrocephalus, equipment for children with Cerebral Palsy and more air conditioning for the ill children at Go Vap Orphanage.

I received a wonderful letter from Co Loan, Director of Go Vap Orphanage expressing her gratitude for the help we have given Go Vap Orphanage. This lady is a very compassionate director. Her English is much better than my Vietnamese. For three weeks I thought I was saying "hello" when I met new people but apparently I was saying "Bring me a bowl of rice soup". The Vietnamese are so polite, they never said a word. Its all in the inflection apparently.

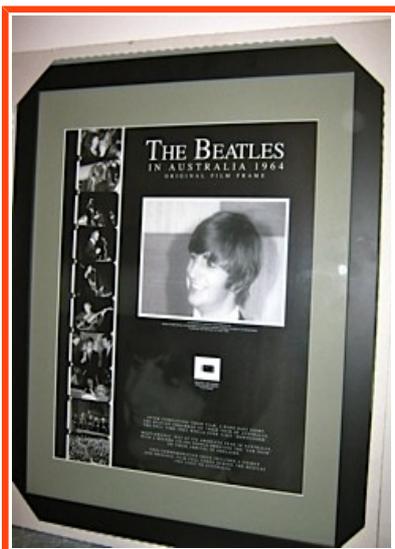


## **STEPPING STONES WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME**

We are in the early stages of setting up a work experience programme for the older kids in the orphanages in Saigon. I approached MM Soft Co., Saigon, (the software company who donated our website) to take on older kids who are interested in computers, and the founder My, who is very keen to help us out, kindly agreed! Transport is a problem for the disabled kids so we will pay for transport for them. This programme will only work because I have amazing support from our friend and partner, Son Michael Pham, Founder of Kids Without Borders. Son is making the arrangements because he has fluent Vietnamese.



**MEET ONE OF THE BIG KIDS:** Please meet a remarkable young man named Loi. Loi resides in the Tu Du Peace Village in Saigon. If you remember, Tu Du only houses children and young people affected by Agent Orange, but Loi is exceptional because despite his many handicaps, (no legs and one good arm) he has swum in the paralympics.



**ARTISTS FOR ORPHANS ART AUCTION** Our committee is busy organising our **2012 Artists for Orphans Art Auction**.

### **FANS OF THE BEATLES!!!!**

As well as beautiful artwork from AMAZING artists, we have also received not one, but two unique pieces of beautifully framed Beatles memorabilia (pictured.) These are Original

and unique 16mm Black and White film frames. One is of Ringo and the other is Paul. Thank you so much to a couple of mates, Brendan and Brad from Triple A Events. There will be lots of other surprises, so watch this space!

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**THE KYNETON BOWLING CLUB** kindly offered to place a shopping trolley in the club's foyer so members and guests can donate children's clothes and toys in good condition. This will remain in the club's foyer and then passed onto us at their **Community Night on July 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please put this date in your diary and come along and enjoy the Kyneton sense of community! Also please don't throw out that old lap top. If it works, we can use it!



**MIRANDA BAIN.** I very much enjoyed seeing one of Artists for Orphans Vice Presidents, Miranda Bain PHd, step into her new role as President of Woodend Rotary Club. Miranda is more commonly known at the Human Dynamo! Congratulations Miranda! I think Rotary and Artists for Orphans are very fortunate.

**Governor Nullarbor Nellie (Clarence Ormsby), Lady Gwyneth, Lady Shirl and Sir Bazza** were part of a group of grand parents who set an Australian record having the most grand parents in concert on the Nullarbor with their ukulele orchestra; a fundraising event for Agent Orange kids.



**Clarence Ormsby** of NSW is a

Vietnam Veteran who does a lot of work making people aware of Agent Orange and raising funds for Agent Orange kids. Clarence has been so supportive of Artists for Orphans, he even wrote a letter to our local paper about us.

Well Colourful Clarence has been busy fundraising again and has sent us another donation for \$500.00. Thank you Clarence, this money goes such a long way in Vietnam!

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**Big Chookas to Peter and Sandie Chaldjian!** They have been such great supporters of Artists for Orphans and have also played Santa Claus early this year and donated \$400.00 to Artists for Orphans. I am so grateful for their generosity!

**THE GREEN GECKO PROJECT:** <http://www.greengeckoproject.org/>

Louise Otten, fabulous local artist, is holding an art auction to raise funds for the kids in Cambodia at: **THE PIG & WHISTLE, on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm.** All the painting will be auctioned. There will be

music and finger foods. The paintings are a series of portraits of local characters and a series of kids Louise met on her travels in Asia. Have a great day and help the kids in Cambodia at the same time. See you there!



Our website has been updated so do drop in. <http://www.artists-for-orphans.com/>

Thank you everybody for your support. Remember, no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Kindest regards

Roni Wildeboer

Founder

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<http://www.kidswithnoborders.org/home1.aspx>

<http://www.mmsofts.com/default/home>

**A WEE JOKE-** I took the wife to a disco in Sunbury last weekend. There was a slick looking guy on the dance floor giving it everything he had; breakdancing, moonwalking, back flips, the works. My wife turned to me and said, "See that guy.....15 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down." I said, "Looks like he's still celebrating!"

That's when the fight started!