



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

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Greetings Friends of Artists for Orphans,

As we are leaving for Vietnam in 4 days, I was going to send this newsletter out from there, however there is just too much news to share!

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COMES TO KYNETON AND ACCOMPANIES US TO VIETNAM



Eric Campbell (back to us) interviewing Laurens Wildeboer

THE SUNDAY AGE, 18/3/12 Poem to go home in spirit of peace

By Tom Hyland
March 18, 2012



This is what all the fuss is about. Please click the link below.

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/poem-to-go-home-in-spirit-of-peace-20120317-1vce2.html#ixzz1pRvwwnAx>

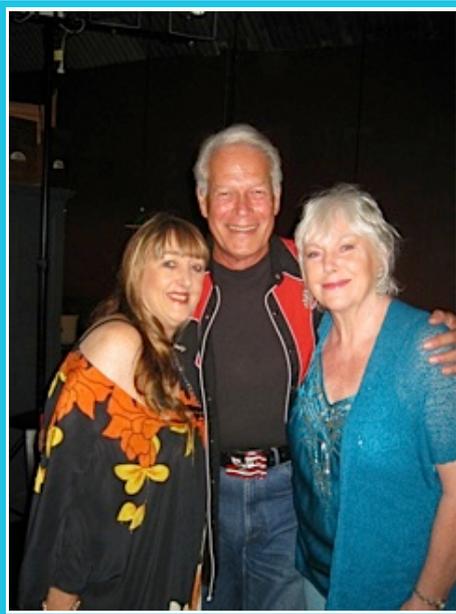
Tom Hyland of The Age travelled to Kyneton to interview my husband, Laurens about this phenomenal story. It seems to have been published nationally and also throughout Vietnam. The response has been outstanding. Laurens has had offers of talk shows in Vietnam and we have received very supportive letters, cards and email from people we have never met.

Eric Campbell of Foreign Correspondent, along with a cinematographer, is accompanying us on our journey in Vietnam. We will spend one night in Ho Chi Minh City before catching a train to Nha Trang with Foreign Correspondent, to take part in a wonderful fun day for kids from eight different orphanages. We are expecting about 350 – 400 children (orphans) all to have one big fun day. This has been organised by an Australian friend, Robert Costabile. Robert owns a restaurant in Nha Trang called Lanterns and it provides financial support for various orphanages in the province. Foreign Correspondent hope to film this wonderful event. Then we will all travel to some place just outside Ho Chi Minh City to return the poetry to the Vietnamese soldier's mother. (See above story.)

In May in Ho Chi Minh City, I will meet up with Son Michael Pham, Founder of Kids Without Borders and a delegation of Rotarians from Seattle. I am also arranging to meet with a couple of organisations dealing with child trafficking. I believe this may involve a journey to the Mekong and also the Cambodian Border. Ros Bradbury, Vice President A.F.O. will meet us in Saigon for these very important meetings.

A NIGHT IN SAIGON AT

MR. CARSI SI



If you did not attend the cocktail party generously hosted by Clare, Matt and the staff at Mr Carsisi, you missed a really missed a great night! Marcie Jones lit up the room and introduced Logie Award winning actress Maggie Millar, who also sang a song with Keith Potger of the Seekers. But then again, Keith had the entire party in a singalong by the end of the night.

Chef Matt Fegan did an amazing job of creating beautiful Vietnamese delicacies for the party. I especially remember the beetle leaves topped with banana blossoms and noodles and the coconut and lychee ice cream! I cannot thank Mr Carsisi enough. They produced and hosted this fabulous cocktail party as a fundraiser for Artists for Orphans and they did so with a smile and a generous heart. And a huge thank you to Marcie, Keith and Maggie who donated their extraordinary talents on the night!

Above; Marcie Jones, Keith Potger and Maggie Miller generously donated their substantial talents to raise funds for our orphans in Vietnam and Cambodia.

You may have noticed in the banner that we are now Artists for Orphans “Inc”. We are incorporated and have held our inaugural meeting. I am so lucky because I have managed to surround myself with highly qualified, supportive and compassionate people.

Our Committee is made up of:

Roni Wildeboer	Founder & President
Ros Bradbury	Vice President
Miranda Bain	Chair & Vice President
Adrian Plowman	Treasurer
Carol Doherty	Member
Amanda Lee	Member

NOW... the other BIG news..... ta da... ROSE WILSON, local artist and supporter of Artists for Orphans is a FINALIST IN THE 2012 ARCHIBALD. That's about as good as it gets for an Australian Artist. I am so thrilled for Rose. Below is her incredible portrait:



Laurens and I depart for Vietnam on March 29 and return early June. We are contactable by email while we are away (connections are still a big dodgy from time to time in Vietnam).

Thank you for supporting Artists for Orphans and we plan to make all our supporters very proud.

'No Challenge is too big and no donation is too small'

Kindest regards

Roni

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