



HELP + CAMBODIA

2025 Annual Report

2025 has been a productive year with a number of important accomplishments.

The trip to Cambodia last November was a fabulous experience for all 10 participants and a few were moved to sponsor as a result. In addition to many interesting tourist activities the team spent time at DCC school meeting and interacting with the students and observing classes. The visiting team donated new school uniforms and school supplies for each student of DCC. As always, the students were very excited and grateful to receive these gifts. In Siem Reap the team facilitated the building of a house through Heartprint's Building Program.

This was made possible by generous funding from Sunrise Rotary. Additionally, the team donated period pants and a number of work tools which were collected before the trip and taken over. Whilst visiting Heartprint the team had the opportunity to participate in workshops with the students. They also visited a rural location where an elderly care program is undertaken by Building Community Cambodia.

Our newest committee member Emma, ably assisted by Darren, launched into revamping our Social Media platforms and our online presence has benefitted greatly from this.

A promotional postcard was created by Kath displaying information about Help Cambodia, social media and contact details which is being used to publicise our organisation. Kath also spoke at Koorungal Rotary, Wagga Wagga Rotary and Probus meetings to advocate for Help Cambodia's projects.

We currently support 107 students at DCC and 6 students receive support through the university scholarship program. There are also 3 DCC graduates at university who are funded through government scholarships. Past

university graduates have achieved employment in their chosen fields which indicates to us how valuable our support is. Without the educational support from DCC and HELP Cambodia, university would not be possible for these students let alone securing well paid employment.

A successful movie premier night was held in May. We had a good attendance and ticket sales plus a lucrative raffle raised significant funds for our cause.

Private funding and funds from Wollundry Rotary were secured to support the Mother House Project which is a Building Community Cambodia initiative. The funds were to provide the bathroom, kitchen and communal area for the facility. When completed it will see a number of impoverished elderly people housed in a clean, safe facility in their rural location.

The actively communicating sponsors continue to receive interesting email updates on the lives of their sponsored students. This regular email communication through a monitored email address assists students with their English reading and writing, an extremely valuable skill for them to practise.

Arrangements for this year's Cambodia visit are now finalised, and the 15 participants have a packed schedule of fun and inspiring activities to look forward to. We wish them well on their upcoming adventure.

Finally, a big thank you to the committee for their valuable contributions throughout the year. Additionally, appreciation goes to our reliable sponsors and supporters who contribute to the success of DCC and other partner organisation projects. With ongoing support, we are able to continue enhancing the lives of many Cambodian people.