

Retiring President Brendan's Report for 2023

This is my fifth and final report as President as I hand over the responsibility to the very capable John Miller.

2023 has been a pretty impactful year with the continued opening up of projects in Cambodia and Laos as the needs of the Vietnamese communities falls away with their improving living standards.

From day one we have relied on the generosity of private donors and fundraising by our PVI members in order to undertake our projects, with every member self-funded in order to preserve money raised to obtain the maximum benefit. As a consequence, this has kept our finances consistently strong as shown by our hard working Treasurer Jim O'Shannessy in his latest report. It is vital for our projects to remain truly beneficial to local communities in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, and given to those who need our help most, in order to inspire the continued enthusiastic support from both our donors and members.

This year we supported:

- Education through school and sponsorship in Cambodia
- Micro-financing program in Vietnam
- Water filtration systems in Vietnam
- Housing in Cambodia
- Provision of solar pumps for water supply in Vietnam
- Installation of solar pump for water supply in Cambodia

Our PVI project team went to Cambodia in February to complete construction of houses under the building program aligned with KNGO (Khmer New Generation Organisation). It was a very successful operation where many local community members benefited and all project team members enjoyed the experience. The team also installed a solar pump and panels for water supply at AllKids' new Learning Centre in the South West of the country.

All PVI members have greatly contributed to our success this year but the efforts of John and Jan Miller co-ordinating the sporting fundraising events and Sandra Robinson co-ordinating the Eumundi Market car parking roster really need special mention. Their efforts have contributed greatly to our success this year.

I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the past five years. I've enjoyed the experience. We have accomplished so much together, and with your continued support, we remain committed to providing community led support to marginalised communities who will benefit from our knowledge and contributions for many years to come.

Brendan McKenna

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