

JHAG CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

prem pathshala

Ten brand new computers have been installed into the computer room. Funds to purchase the equipment were raised by students, parents and teachers of Mount Stuart Primary School in Hobart.

Chris and Ebi Haas from Tasmania visited Prem Pathshala in February 2009 when it was just a construction site. It was a pretty desolate place at that stage, but if they visit again, they will be amazed at the vibrant life that resonates from having 150 small children actively and eagerly participating in lessons, six days a week.

Now the children's lessons take on a whole new dimension. Children who had no chance of ever attending school can now learn computer skills. The world is their oyster as these lucky children start their journey into the technological age.

I-India Project Australia is indebted to Chris and Ebi Haas, Veronika Henry and the team of people from Mount Stuart Primary School, especially Kinder children and families who worked so hard to raise the funds for this extraordinary contribution to the quality of teaching at Prem Pathshala. Thank you to the school and local community for supporting the Bollywood event.



Chris and Ebi Haas' visit to I-India in February 2009

Bollywood Night at Mount Stuart Primary School

Equipment arrives and is installed

Lessons begin

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fundraising

The Rotary Club of Five Dock presented a cheque of \$1000 to Celia Barnett, President of I-India Project Australia.

On the 7th June, after the screening of a short film about I-India's work with the street children and the Jhag Children's Village, Celia Barnett spoke about I-India Project Australia's work to members of Five Dock, Haberfield and Drummoyne Rotary Clubs. Peter Kommander introduced Celia and afterwards Gail Foster thanked her kindly and presented her with a bottle of wine.

At this special joint meeting, Celia was presented with a cheque for \$1000 from the Club by President Michelle Lombard. This large donation was the result of a great deal of effort from the members throughout the 2009/2010 year at various events and activities.

I-India Project Australia is profoundly grateful to Michelle Lombard and The Rotary Club of Five Dock for this large and extremely welcome donation, which will have a significant impact on the lives of the children of the Jhag Children's Village.



President Michelle Lombard and Celia Barnett



Celia with Gail Foster and President Elect Jane Ruston



Peter Kommander



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paul harris fellowship award

At the annual Rotary Club of Five Dock Changeover Dinner on the 28th June at Castel D'Oro Function Centre in Five Dock , Renate Barnett, Secretary of I-India Project Australia was honoured to receive the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

The award is "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

The award was established in 1957 to honour Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International. Paul Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905. The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs including educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations and shelters for millions of people globally. It enables Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.



President Michelle Lombard, Renate Barnett and Peter Kommander



President Michelle Lombard congratulates incoming President, Jane Ruston