# **Carpets for Communit-E-NEWS**

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# **NEWS FROM CAMBODIA:**

For the next 12 months our Development Guru aka: Mr Clay Nayton will be doing valuable volunteer work on the Ground in Cambodia. This is a crucial turning point for CfC to take another step forward! Clay is providing vital information to volunteers back in Australia which is already helping to improve systems and the way we can help families to help themselves. He is also writing a blog about some of his adventures: 'It's great; mango trees, rice paddies, cows- all I really need. The first day here Heng and I weren't feeling too well so we both went to the hospital. It turns out that my lung infection had turned to pleurisy, whilst Heng had picked up Dengue fever...' Read more at:

http://wordpress.carpetsforcommunities.org/blog/

This Blog is a sneak peak from our new website that is still under construction.



www.ryapike.com photo courtesy of Ryan Pike

## **RETAILERS:**

You should check out some of our newest retailers including:

Grok - Military Rd Neutral Bay Junktique - Glebe Point Rd Salawai - Hunter St Newscastle Fabric of Life - Melbourne St, SA

# WHAT'S ON?

Volunteers are hosting a **Carpets Party** Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm at Notre Dame University in Fremantle WA. <u>carpetparties@carpetsforcommunities.org</u>

**ELECTIONS:** There are many formal roles volunteers can take up. We have currently opened up applications and applications will close early September. Contact our National Volunteer Coordinator for more info. Kerstine.alba@carpetsforcommunities.org or visit www.carpetsforcommunities.org/volunteer

# **RUG TRIP:**

### FILM FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

With over \$23,000 raised last month, we can certainly say our film festival was a success! Thank you once again to all who supported, attended or sponsored this event in 3 states across Australia. This month we acknowledge the generosity of some of our inkind sponsors across Australia: B.D Farm Paris Creek, Petite Pastille Dessert, Nippy's, Lonely Planet, Kidman Flowers, Lotus Floating Health and Relaxation Studio, WEA, Bliss Organics, Adelaide City Council's Fair Trade Team, Prestige Print, Flinders St Snap Printing, Bon Doi, Bodhi, Reverse Garbage, Cambodian Kids Foundation, Bopha Devi, 3Fish, Loop Bar, Obon, Nature's Cradle, Food Connect Adelaide and The Waste Not Want Not Shop. See our blog for more info

about where the funds are going <a href="http://wordpress.carpetsforcommunities.org/blog/wh">http://wordpress.carpetsforcommunities.org/blog/wh</a> ere-the-fundraising-money-is-going/:

### **VOLUNTEER UPDATE:**

This month we farewell-ed our very first intern-Frank Acquah from Ghana. After twelve months

in the CEO role, Frank leaves the CfC family and is off to study further in Sweden. We wish Frank well and are immensely grateful for his efforts.

Rundle Street Market is not the same without our favourite smiling



Abel + Frank (above) and Kerstine (right) enjoy the Barossa with friends.

volunteer-**Abel Silva** who has returned to Brazil. Thank you Abel for your time with us!

We also wish intern Liudmila Volcovici all the best for her next adventure. Liudmila took our

Queensland chapter forward during her internship as QLD Regional Development Manager.

Laurens Koppelaar from The Netherlands also leaves us this month after his 3 month internship in Sydney which focused on fundraising.



Laurens Koppelaar

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