



Carpets for Communit-E-NEWS

February 2010

RUGCON 2010:

CfC's Inspiration, Strategy, Planning and Celebration.

Twenty four volunteers from four states around Australia made their way to CfC's annual conference;



RugCon this January, held in Strathalbyn, South Australia. Delegates were involved in a variety of sessions including project updates, strategic planning, finance and development 101. Other highlights included team bonding games and Founding Director; David Bacon's 'Moon Rising' session, which was a time for delegates to see the bigger picture and imagine what Empowering Communities Incorporated (CfC's parent organisation) may achieve in the future. Volunteers from across Australia were able to bond and work together to further develop the project and create strategies to take Carpets closer to the goal of 2500 families by 2012.

MARKETS AND RUGS:

Market stalls have been held as per usual, but sales figures have generally been low due to low stock variety. However, the latest shipment of 458 rugs has just arrived and is in the process of being distributed across the country. In other news, Sydney volunteers are looking forward to having their first stall at Glebe Market starting Feb 13th and again on Feb 20th. A highlight for CfC in SA next month is the WOMADelaide festival on March 5th to 8th. WOMAD attracts thousands of people and has dedicated pavilions for the promotion of non-for-profit organisations. It is a great achievement for CfC to be included in this fantastic event this year. For details on other upcoming markets nationwide, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/cfcmarkets>.

NEWS FROM CAMBODIA:

CfC has reached and surpassed its goals of having 40 families and 160 children in the project by June 2010. Currently, we have 45 families and 168 children, which is a fantastic achievement. A big congratulations and thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters for helping us realise this goal, and hope that you will continue to support us as we undertake further expansion in the future. In other news, two Melbourne interns, Susan Chia and

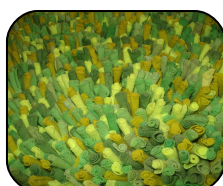
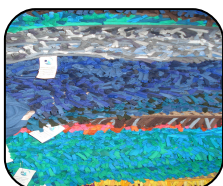
Veronica Yow, have recently returned from a visit to Cambodia, having gained important insight into the project's operation on the ground. David Bacon has also left recently for Cambodia in order to resolve some production issues.

RETAILERS:

We are pleased to announce that we have a new retailer in SA. Head Heart and Hands is owned by Lucia Simmons and is situated in the Adelaide Hills town of Nairne. (81A Main Road Nairne)

The store specialises in natural fibre Steiner inspired toys and gifts. Art and craft supplies are also available as well as short courses on a variety of craft techniques for children and adults. Stargold Puppets also perform puppet shows for children throughout the year at Head Heart and Hands. **Shop Hours:** Wed-Fri 10am -4:30pm, Saturday 11am-2pm Ph 8388 0075 or 0423 202 784

We also thank Robyn Elix and her team from Macrocarpa Wholefoods for their support and for recently stocking our carpets. It is with regret that we hear of the closure of their store in Walker Street, Mount Barker, SA this Saturday February 20th.



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