



## Hanoi Craniofacial Mission

A team of 14 Australian Doctors and Nurses volunteered their time to travel to Hanoi in North Vietnam in October. This was the fourth mission to this site by Operation Smile Australia.

29 children and young adults, along with their families attended the screening at the Central Military 108 Hospital, all hoping to have the chance of life changing surgery. After thorough medical examinations, 14 young lives were given that opportunity.

The following Australian medical companies donated the much needed supplies for our volunteers, and we thank them for their support.

3M Australia, Abbott, Alaris Cardinal, Ansell, Mayo Healthcare, Braun, Becton Dickinson, Bosco Medical, Coloplast, Cook Australia, Covidien, DB Health, De Fries, Device Technologies, Ebos Group, Elite Medical, Fisher & Paykel, Hoyland Medical, Hemocue, Johnson & Johnson, Kimberly Clark, Lateral Medical, Molnlycke, Multigate Medical, Promedica, Sentry Medical, Smiths Medical, Stryker, Synthes and Unomedical.

A big thank you to our team of volunteers Dr

Richard Lewandowski, Dr Alison Wray, Dr Susan O'Mahony, Dr Kathleen Cooke, Dr Jennifer Foster, Sandy Thornton, Peta McIntyre, Caitlin Hunter, Jane Barrington, Lydia Warner, Louise Jennings, Louise Spooner-Jackson, Clare Bourke and Judy Sargeant.



## Upcoming Events

### Sydney Launch

Tuesday 20 July  
The Chifley Tower

To book:

[operationsmilesydney@gmail.com](mailto:operationsmilesydney@gmail.com)

### Fashion Parade and Lunch

Friday 23 July

Brisbane Marriott

To book: 07 3163 2866

### A Night of a Thousand Smiles

Friday 23 July

Malvern Town Hall

Melbourne

To book: 03 9593 2888

### Dili Cleft Lip & Cleft

#### Palate Mission

Aug 10 to 20

USNS Mercy

### Race Day – Doomben

Saturday 28 August

BOOK NOW!

### Redlands IndigiScapes Centre

Lunch & guided tour

Tuesday 2 September

Capalaba

\$25.00 per person

### Movie Night – 'Eat, Pray, Love'

Friday 8 October

Dendy Portside

Hamilton

### Hanoi Craniofacial Mission

Sept 30 – Oct 10

### Gala Xmas Ball

'Tis the Season to Smile'

Friday 26 November

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

For more information on any of these events, please email [events@operationsmile.com.au](mailto:events@operationsmile.com.au) or call 07 3163 2866.



## Message from the Founder

Just when you think nothing much is likely to change how wrong you soon become. We are soon to shift our office to a new location in the Mater. I'm sure there will be pros and cons to this but as I've always said, "a change is as good as a holiday" which is indeed fortunate as we don't intend to take too many holidays at OSA in the near future. We have just welcomed a new board member to our already strong group. Tom Richardson comes to us as a previous supporter of OSA and a well respected businessman. I know that Tom will add yet another dimension to our leadership team. Likewise our office welcomes Heather Moore who will manage our medical programmes. This will allow us to expand our activities and also free up Heather Howard to concentrate on all of the other management issues which continue to

become more draining of our time. This will create a problem - two Heathers in the same office. Even they are now referring to each other as H1 and H2!!!

On the fund raising side, we hope to embrace new initiatives currently being used by our affiliates internationally. We are also expanding into Sydney with our photococktail exhibition, which was a great success in Brisbane last October. Our colleagues in Melbourne, Alan and Lindy Bredahl are hosting a gala ball later that same week. So this will test our travel genes but will create great opportunities for us interstate.

Our medical programmes are as busy as ever with a team leaving for Dili and the USNS Mercy in a few weeks. We have another World Care patient arriving for surgery in early September and later that month we head back to Hanoi for a Craniofacial mission. During that mission, I also hope to examine future potential sites at Da Nang in Vietnam and Davao in the Philippines. These sites will present us with new ventures and opportunities for expansion in our longest established partner countries. I am truly excited and look forward to working closely with our colleagues in both countries.

As I said earlier, just when things seem to be the same old.....

## Trivia Night

On the banks of the beautiful Brisbane River at the Brisbane Sailing Club, over 100 supporters gathered for the 2010 Operation Smile Trivia championships, again hosted by John Roach.

Teams entered into the theme - A Mad Hatters Trivia Night - and gave everyone more than a few smiles. The competition was tough again this year, with the 'Perfect Heads' team lead by Karen Barlow coming away the victors.



*Trivia Host, John Roach with another winning hat*

The judges had a tough job selecting the winning 'hat team' but The Potty Heads were the narrow winners, with the Myhatma team coming in a very close second.

A very big thank you to Dannii, Harley, Kate, Stewart, Maria and Anna for all their hard work on the night and the wonderful burgers and snags!

Operation Smile Australia would also like to thank the following companies for

supporting this event - Australian Multiplex Cinemas, Ascot Bakery, Brisbane Sailing Club, Burlington Butchers, Carseldine Nursery, Cineplex, Clancy James, Coles, Dymocks, Eco Blue Chermside, Gold Coast Bakery, Heavenly Lollies, Kedron AMF, Keith Lind Pty Ltd, Nourish, Strike Bowling and Tasty Temptations.

Special thanks to John Roach who once again did a great job as our Trivia Master.



*Our guests hard at work triviaing...*



*The winning team - The Potty Heads!*

## Tour de Thailand

Here is your chance to have a great holiday in Thailand while helping Operation Smile Australia. Last year, 3 riders from Australia participated in this ride and raised in excess of \$10,000.

Tour de Thailand 2010 from 8 to 31 December (25 nights/26 days).

Total Tour distance 1,175 miles/1900 kms; 19 days of riding and 5 days off.

Organiser, Christopher Byrd is excited to be offering this ride again. "If you don't have time for the entire trip riders are more than welcome to do half (approx. 2 weeks)"

There are still a few spaces left for the Tour de Isan in July.

**For more information - [www.tourdethailand.com](http://www.tourdethailand.com)**

## A very happy Sonny Jay

9 year old, Sonny Jay Calanuga and his Mum Tita returned home to Davao in the Philippines in early June. Sonny Jay is in grade 1 at school and has an older brother and sister plus a four month old darling little sister who he was missing terribly. During their stay in Brisbane, Emma and Joe Casado and their extended family and friends took wonderful care of Sonny Jay and Tita.

After undergoing 2 operations, an infection and 9 weeks away from his family, a very happy Sonny Jay was looking forward to showing off his new face to his school mates. With the help of a sponsorship from Lions Australia, Operation Smile Australia medical volunteers operated on Sonny Jay at the Mater Children's Private Hospital to repair an encephalocele. (This is a bulging of the brain and or its surrounding membranes through a defect in the front of the skull and/or the face.)

A big thank you to the medical team who looked after Sonny Jay – Dr Richard Lewandowski, Dr Martin Wood, Dr Phil Stephens, Sandy Thornton, Peta McIntyre, Lynette Villanes, Joan Macrow, Kristina Penaranda, Dr Livett, Dr Cameron Mackay, Mr Koo Chan, Dr Rebecca Stevens, Dr Michael Forest, Dr Brendan Cronin and all the ward and ICU staff at the Mater Children's.

Special thanks also to Dominic Kennedy and staff at Queensland X-Ray, Mater Pathology, all the lovely Mater Volunteer Services drivers who transported Sonny Jay and his Mum to and from the hospital. And lastly, our thanks go to Michelle, Tracey, Adam and Inez at Laubman and Pank at Mt Gravatt for the donation of 2 pairs of glasses.

As Max Futcher said in his Channel Ten story, "this is why they are called Operation Smile!"



Sonny Jay & Tita with OSA's Heather Moore



# Cambodia Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Mission

13 Operation Smile Australia (OSA) volunteers were part of an international cleft lip and cleft palate mission to Phnom Penh, Cambodia in March. Thanks to funding from Lions Australia, we were able to not just fund these volunteers but also supply much needed equipment to the Soviet Khmer Friendship Hospital.

The team screened 232 patients and performed 108 surgeries. On the Monday following the mission, 77 patients returned for a post-op checkup and the results have been wonderful!

OSA Co-Founder, Sue Lewandowski attended her first cleft mission and found herself working with Medical Records as well as helping with the patients, organising food and even preparing their medicine.



*Soviet Khmer Friendship Hospital in Phnom Penh*



*Preparing beds for our first patients*



*Preparing the operating schedule*

Thank you to all the Aussie team members – David Chong, Kate Cogill, Karen Hose, Heather Howard, Melissa Hozjan, Brad Kleinig, Sue Lewandowski, Joan Macrow, Anna Miedecke, Heather Moore, Johte Parker, Natalie Snide and Lydia Warner.

A special thank you to Lion Jenny Tew from The Lions Club of Cabramatta/Cabra-Vale, who, while on a visit to her homeland, came and helped out at the hospital. Jenny acted as an interpreter as well as bringing comfort to the children and their families.



*Lion Jenny Tew helping at the mission*



## Lions Update

A total of 440 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs throughout the Australia have donated funds to the Lions Australia Operation Smile Project bringing the total to over \$101,480.

As a part of this project Lions Australia partly funded a group of Australian medical volunteers for the cleft lip and cleft palate mission to Phnom Penh, Cambodia in March. During this mission the team screened 232 patients and performed 108 surgeries. Photos of some of those treated by this mission are included in this newsletter.

It was with great pleasure that the Management Committee agreed to cover the costs of the surgery for the treatment of young Sonny Jay Calanuga from the Philippines. The story and photos of this project are also included in this newsletter.

To all the members of the Lions family, thank you most sincerely for supporting this wonderful project and also for helping to improve the quality of life for 109 individuals and their families. Let us hope that through your ongoing support, we can help more children in the future.

Yours in Lionism,

David Floyd

Chairman,

Lions Australia Operation Smile Project.



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[www.ourcommunity.com.au/operationsmile](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/operationsmile)

## Bits and Bites

Thank you to the Ladies Committee of the Keperra Country Golf Club for the opportunity to address their February meeting and their subsequent donation of \$500.00.



*Staff from Mater Finance with their free dress & donations!*

Congratulations to OSA credentialed volunteers who have participated in recent cleft lip and cleft

palate missions. In February, Louise Jennings and Louise Spooner-Jackson joined a team in Guwahati in India while Sue Pitman was a team member for both Jamshedpur in March and Zhengzhou, China in April. Clare Bourke also joined the team in Zhengzhou. May also saw Johte Parker travel to Guwahati and Kelly Ince head to the Philippines. Well done and thank you to all our volunteers.

Once again, OSA was chosen as the recipient of the raffle at the Indy Lunch at the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa. Thanks largely to the enthusiasm of MC, David Fordham and the generosity of the guests, \$7765.45 was presented to OSA. Thank you to Peter Brampton and staff at Surfers Paradise Marriott.

The Blind Side was our movie night in March. Another great group of supporters, enjoyed a magnificent supper and a really inspiring movie. Thank you to all our sponsors – Bevco, Charlotte Street Delite, Devondale, Swiss Gourmet, Welsh Lady, Wine & Dine 'M Catering and Wagamama.

Staff from Mater Finance in Aubigny Place enjoy their casual dress day on a Friday, while raising money for OSA. Their latest contribution was \$68.30! Thank you to everyone who participates!

## Khmer Singing Competition!

Apart from the enormous support we have received from Lions Australia, The Lions Club of Cabramatta/Cabra-Vale also held a fund raising event in January. Club President, Jenny Tew, originally from Cambodia and her fellow Lions, organised a Khmer Singing Competition. 360 people attended the function including a Celebrity from Cambodia, Madam Dy Saveth.

An amazing \$4000 was raised from this event.

Thank you to all members of The Lions Club of Cabramatta/Cabra-Vale and to everyone who supported this event.





The registration tent at the beautiful clubhouse



About to tee off!



Suncorp Volunteers with OSA's Heather Howard



The winning team from Eastern Financial Solutions

## Golf Day

The Colonial Golf Course at Robina was the setting for this year's charity golf day in May and we had some great support from businesses in both Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The winning team was from Eastern Business Solutions (from the Sunshine Coast) with the runners-up from Professional Investment Services. Congratulations to all the players and thank you to all teams for sharing a delightful day with us!

Thank you to our major sponsors, Marriott Hotels & Resorts Qld and hole sponsors Fosters, IQ Pathology, Trumpf Med Australia and UHY Haines Norton.

A special thank you to Suncorp, who once again supported the day by allowing their staff to have the day off and volunteer for us. This is the 2nd year Suncorp have supported OSA – thank you Alison, Byron, Erica, Kate and Rob!

We would also like to acknowledge the following donors – Banana Boat, Brosnan Golf, Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, Carter & Spencer, Conrad Treasury Hotel, Continental Biscuits, Drummond Golf, Golf Gifts on Line, Greg Cooley Wines (thank you Greg and Kelli), Grinners Trophies, Handwash Cafe, Peanut Co of Australia, Repco Woolloongabba, Suncorp, Wetfix and Wetones.



## A special night!

At the recent business development conference at the Gold Coast in March, Global Business Camps helped spread the word of the work of OSA. Cricketing great, Ian Healy was the guest speaker at the dinner and told some great yarns about his days in international cricket. This is the second year that Global Business Camps have supported OSA.

The raffle and auctions which raised \$17,500 will be used by OSA in our medical programs in Asia. A very big thank you to Randall Corless and the Directors and staff from Global Business Camps.

For more information about Global Business Camps, please visit their website [www.globalbusinesscamps.com.au](http://www.globalbusinesscamps.com.au)



Operation Smile Crew (left to right) – OSA Co-Founder, Sue Lewandowski, Ian Healy, OSA's Heather Howard, Global Business Camp's Randall Corless and OSA Founder, Dr Richard Lewandowski.