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Challenge for Change

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The count down is on – only 14 weeks until departure.

Get fit, get active and support women and their families **in Asia and the Pacific.**

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1. Congratulations and Thank You

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work in getting so many end of tax year donations. We were overwhelmed with the response and the paperwork! Your donors should now have received their tax-deductible receipt and a letter thanking them for their contribution.

2. Departure Taxes

As you know departure taxes are payable on top of your fundraising efforts. The amount for Melbourne departures will be \$A272 and the amount for Sydney will be \$A290. These may fluctuate by up to 10% but we will keep you updated.

Don't forget to budget this when saving for your spending money. Please note these are payable to Intrepid when you arrive in Cambodia.

Queensland and Tasmanian participants will need to make their own way to either Melbourne or Sydney. Please let me know which point you would like to depart from by Thursday 2nd August. I will then be able to let you know when you should arrange to arrive at Melbourne or Sydney airport.

3. Travel Insurance

It is time to start thinking about arranging travel insurance for the trip. I suggest organising this as soon as possible as you will be covered in the unfortunate situation of an accident or illness (e.g. if you break your leg!!!)

Please make sure that your policy covers you for the following:

- Emergency repatriation and full medical cover
- 24hr emergency assistance
- Personal liability cover
- Coverage for cancellation, curtailment, loss of luggage and personal effects
- Cover from the departure date until you are back home

Please send a photocopy of your insurance to Charity Challenge, PO BOX 64, Flinders Lane, Victoria, 8009. We need a copy of this to let you come on the trip.

4. Payment Schedule

Time to start banking your hard earned funds. Just a reminder that **at least \$2,500 needs to be banked for each participant by Monday 24th September**. Please contact Kathy ASAP if you have any concerns about meeting this deadline. Please note that as per the booking conditions you will be liable for 50% of the trip component from 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the trip regardless of if you attend (this is why travel insurance is so important).

5. Training

Enclosed is a suggested training schedule. It really is time to start getting on your bikes. Congratulations to Megs, Joy and Greg for joining Kathy in Melbourne on Sunday for a 30km ride along the Yarra in such beautiful weather. The coffee at the end was a well deserved highlight.

The next Melbourne training ride will be Sunday 26th August. Other states may like to organise a training ride at the same time. Please let us know if you would like us to coordinate if from the IWDA office.

It can be hard to get out and about in winter so try to attend some spinning classes – these are hard work but the effort really pays off.



6. Passport Details

We require your passport details by Thursday 9th August. Please email these through as soon as possible. Please let Kathy know if you will have any difficulty completing this by this date.

7. Trip Extensions

Included in this pack is a trip extension form. If you would like to stay longer in Cambodia after the trip please fill out this form and return to Intrepid no later than Monday 6th August. You may extend your trip by **up to 35 days from the date of departure**. The cost for this is \$100 and is payable to Intrepid.

8. Liquor Licenses

If you are planning on selling alcohol at an event don't forget to organise a temporary liquor licence. In Victoria these are available online at www.consumer.vic.gov.au (click on liquor) and the cost \$56.80. Allow at least 10 days for the payment to be processed and your certificate posted.

In NSW visit <http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au> and in QLD visit <http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au>

9. Fundraising Suggestion

This newsletter's fundraising tip comes from Anna Stone, IWDA Overseas Project Manager. She suggested using EBay as a way to sell donated gifts, recycled clothes, furniture and appliances that you no longer use. If you have any contacts with major sporting teams it may be worth asking if they will sign a jumper for you. Have a look at the website www.ebay.com.au and click the sell link.

10. Upcoming Events

There are lots of great ideas in the pipeline at the moment. Once they are confirmed we will email you the publicity flyers and put them on the website.

Greg, Ben, Belinda and Dean will be hosting a **wine tour of the Mornington Peninsula on Saturday 1st September**. The cost will be \$65 and includes the bus, lunch, welcome drink and some sparkling company. Tickets are available from Belinda on 0419 558 857 or Greg on 0407 004 887.

Cara, Amelia and Bec Ampt will be selling goods at the **Camberwell Market on Sunday 9th September**. If you get the chance drop in for a stroll and a coffee and say hello.

Emma Rose from QLD will be hosting a **trivia night on Saturday 15th of September**. They have had some fabulous raffle prizes donated and are looking forward to a good turn out and some great trivia.

Jess and Pete will be hosting a **cocktail party in Surrey Hills, Melbourne on Saturday 15th September**. Details to follow shortly.

Michelle D'arcy from Sydney will be hosting a **lingerie party on Friday 28th September starting at 7pm**. Profits from the sale of items will be donated to IWDA.

11. Recent Events

Dinner with a Difference

On July the 8th Cara and Amelia held their first Dinner with a Difference at Deelish, Collingwood.

Cal Gleeson, Andrea Mandalis and band provided lovely music and guests enjoyed a delicious vegetarian meal cooked by Amelia. The night was enjoyable for all and raised over \$2,000. They are planning a "Goodbye" dinner in late October just before they leave, and would be delighted to have you there.

A very special thank you to Diane Fernando and all at Deelish, Jenny Davidson, Cal Gleeson, Frances O'Reilly, Brenna Glazebrook, Tim Andrews, Joe's Garage, Dan Gleeson, Andrea Mandalis and band and all the people that came.



Trivia Night

Belinda Bianco, Greg Oliver, Dean Anderson and Ben Carroll held a trivia night on Saturday 14th July at Holy Redeemer Hall, Surrey Hills. Tickets were \$20 each and the evening was hosted by a professional "Trivia Master".

The night was a huge success with more than 160 guests competing in trivia, dance offs and the hilarious Baywatch inspired competition.

Guests were also able to sample the 2001 McLaren Vale Shiraz that will form the basis for their wine drive commencing next week. **Over \$4000 was raised from the evening.**

12. Participant Profile

Every newsletter we will profile one of you as a chance for everyone to get to know each other a little more before November!

Mary Davidson

Occupation:

Owner of fine stationery business in Melbourne called Paper Impressions.

Also the key fund raiser for a Tanzanian sustainable development project called JITUME located in the poorest and semi-arid Mpwapwa district.

We have 2 granddaughters (5 & 3) whom I care for with some frequency



Photo: Mary Davidson and her daughter Jenny Davidson, ER Manager at IWDA.

Why are you doing this?

I wish to do another cycling trip. Having had 6 months of treatment last year when I could not exercise, it is making me train to be fit again. I am also interest in IWDA's work.

What are you most excited about?

A new culture for me.

What are you most nervous about?

Nothing at the moment. Wait until the time is closer!