



The Kokoda Track Foundation

2013 Annual Report



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WHO WE ARE...

The Kokoda Track Foundation is an Australian philanthropic organisation which aims to repay the selfless help given to Australia during WWII by the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' of Papua New Guinea.

OUR VISION...

To be a trusted, caring and creative organisation contributing to a flourishing Papua New Guinea, whose people enjoy liberty through unfettered access to healthcare, education and human rights and thrive as a respected nation in our region.

OUR MISSION...

To work to improve the wellbeing and futures of the people of Papua New Guinea by assisting with education and healthcare, by respecting customs and environment, by improving livelihoods, by keeping the story of Kokoda alive, and by identifying and fostering the next generation of leaders. We do this without discrimination and irrespective of religion, race or political affiliation.

OUR VALUES...

Our organisation is guided by five values:

Integrity - The resources at our disposal are not our own. We ensure that we act with the utmost integrity in all scenarios, in our aid and development work in Papua New Guinea, and in our fundraising, marketing and administration in Australia.

Perseverance - We understand and respect the challenging environment of working in aid and development in Papua New Guinea. We are committed to improving the lives and futures of our nearest neighbours and with patience, perseverance and creativity do everything in our power to deliver on that commitment.

Ingenuity - Whether it is our aid and development work in PNG, or our marketing and fundraising activities in Australia, we always strive to be as resourceful and creative as possible. We overcome hurdles and work towards solutions with optimism and ingenuity.

Mateship - Our mission is based on the strong bond forged between Australia and Papua New Guinea during the Second World War. The people of Papua New Guinea are our nearest neighbours and our friends. Our supporters entrust us to honour this friendship in the same spirit of the mateship that was at work during the Kokoda Campaign.

Compassion - We work alongside communities, seek a thorough understanding of their needs, and respond with programs and initiatives in partnership with people. We do this with empathy and compassion.



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Chairman's Report

The Foundation had one of its most eventful years in 2013. We made record progress on many fronts: our scholarships; our projects in education, health, community development and microbusiness; and our fundraising. But, at the same time, we encountered some testing obstacles, particularly in our efforts to build the Kokoda College.

We awarded another 330 scholarships and supported 40 schools with the educational resources they need to operate. We built the Naduri Elementary School and Enivilogo Elementary School and we are working on new classrooms in Buna, Sanananda and Manari.

We funded the salaries of 25 committed elementary teachers, allowing them to keep open the schools along and around the Track and to provide access to a high quality education to children in remote communities.

Similarly, our dedicated health workers have operated aid posts along and around the Track providing vital healthcare to very remote communities, often for the first time. And we have been able to expand our programs in microbusiness, agriculture, food security and solar lighting during the year.

This progress was possible because of the continued generosity of our funding support base, highlighted by the 2013 Ralph Honner Oration Dinner, which was a sellout, and with the proceeds from the auctions raised around \$80,000 after expenses.

A combination of logistic and bureaucratic bottlenecks and weather temporarily slowed our progress in constructing the College campus. Nevertheless, we are confident that we will be able to complete the campus during 2014.

Our selfless and tireless team - led by our CEO Dr Gen Nelson and supported by Vera, Petra, Jonathan and Rebecca in Australia and Saii, Wampy, Grayson, Theo, and Elijah in PNG - met the challenges, often working long hours hampered by frustrating communication difficulties.

Petra Arifeae and her husband Charles answered our call at the eleventh hour to rush to Kou Kou to take command of the College campus creation after the unforeseen withdrawal of our project manager. They drew on their wide experience - Petra as a

school principal and Charles as an engineer - and they performed magnificently under great pressure. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

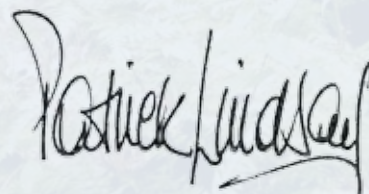
The year in prospect is an exciting one. We believe that the Kokoda College project will be a 'game changer', bringing with it wide-ranging benefits for the Kokoda catchment region. Once established, it has the potential to benefit the nation as a whole.

In anticipation of establishing the College, we put funds aside in 2012 that were spent in 2013. For this reason, the Foundation recorded a surplus in 2012 and a deficit in 2013.

Our Executive Director, Dr Gen Nelson, is taking maternity leave. We wish her, James and their baby daughter, Emilie, well. Gen plans to take a six-month leave period and then return to her role.

Gen managed her pregnancy during a tumultuous period for the Foundation. She has handled the pressure with aplomb. In her absence Bernie Egan is taking the reins with our team all stepping up to share additional responsibilities.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Foundation in 2013. Your generosity has once again kept the spirit of Kokoda alive and in action.



Patrick Lindsay
Chairman



Executive Director's Report

2013 has been another year of great inspiration for both myself and the Kokoda Track Foundation. Every day we are inspired by the communities along and around the Kokoda Track in which we work. We are inspired by the commitment and dedication of our teachers and health workers who sacrifice so much to see their communities thrive and prosper. We are inspired by the children who receive our scholarships and who are achieving the most extraordinary results - both in their own lives and in impacting the lives of those around them. And we are particularly inspired by the generosity and goodwill of the many individuals and organisations which make it all possible.

This year, we once again relied on the generosity of financial and in-kind contributions from individuals, organisations, corporate partners, NGOs, schools, philanthropists and many others across both Australia and PNG. Thank you, our valued supporters, for continuing to show us your overwhelming generosity. You have displayed enormous vision for our nearest neighbour and your trust in and support of the Foundation provides us with our lifeline and enables us to continue to grow and reach more people throughout the region.

The strong support and confidence placed in us by hundreds across our two countries enabled us to continue embarking upon our biggest project ever - the creation and construction of the Kokoda College. There are currently more than 500,000 school-aged children across PNG who cannot go to school due to the lack of teachers. Based on these numbers, PNG urgently needs to train 12,500 new teachers before it can contemplate offering universal primary education. In health, the rate of maternal and child death in PNG is staggeringly high - among the highest in the world - and the main contributing factor to this is the lack of primary healthcare and maternal and child health services available for PNG's rural poor.

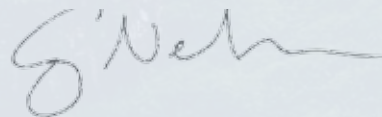
The key to breaking the cycle of infant and maternal mortality in PNG and to provide universal access to education, is to give rural communities access to basic aid post facilities and elementary schools. Crucial to these facilities being able to properly operate are qualified and committed community health workers and elementary teachers. The Foundation's Kokoda College project is hoping to break this cycle. From next year, the Kokoda College will operate a School of Education, that will train elementary and primary teachers, and a School of Health, that will train

community health workers. It will be one of only a few PNG Colleges based in a rural area and will have the capacity to train and graduate 80 teachers and 30 community health workers every year. After graduation, these professionals will be posted into their home villages and will operate the remote schools and aid posts across rural PNG - bringing these vital services to where they are needed the most.

2013 was the real beginning of this exciting initiative. We began constructing the College campus, we developed and piloted the innovative learning program and curriculum to be run out of the project, and we worked alongside local communities to build the vision for a healthy and educated rural Kokoda Track catchment region. We look to 2014 and beyond with much hope and anticipation and we know that the best is ahead of us.

I also continue to draw great inspiration from the amazing team behind the Kokoda Track Foundation - our dedicated board, our hard-working and motivated Sydney staff, and our team of project officers, teachers and community health workers in PNG - the nuts and bolts of our organisation. Thank you to all of you for your extraordinary commitment to keeping the spirit of Kokoda alive and for always going beyond the call of duty.

In 2014 I am embarking on my biggest personal journey to date as my husband James and I became first-time parents in January. As I take a brief period of maternity leave, I am very conscious of just how lucky we are in Australia to have access to high quality child and maternal health services. Bringing these services to the developing world has to be one of the greatest and most pressing challenges of our time. The Kokoda Track Foundation is at the coalface of making this a reality for our friends in PNG.



Dr Genevieve Nelson
Executive Director



Our Work Across PNG

EDUCATION

Fostering Quality Education for Children

Every child in PNG should have the opportunity to get an affordable and quality education. We believe in creating educational opportunities for all children and since our inception have supported over 1,700 scholarships for children to go to school. In our region, enrollment rates have doubled and girls and boys are now attending school in the same ratio.

Investing in High-Quality Teachers

We know that high quality and committed teachers are vital to improving the educational outcomes of children in PNG. We have developed a state-of-the-art teacher training program and have trained over 60 elementary and primary teachers for the Kokoda Track region. We also fund 25 of these teachers on our salary program and support them through mentoring.

Building Educational Capacity in Communities

Our educational programs are committed to building the capacity of teachers, schools, and communities and work to ensure that schools are properly resourced. This year we have expanded our School Resource and Infrastructure program and have built and resourced vital new classrooms and supported teachers to operate them in the remote Track villages.

Looking to the Future: Kokoda College

There is still a large shortage of elementary and primary teachers across PNG resulting in hundreds of thousands of children missing out on an education. The Kokoda College will be a state-of-the-art teaching facility that will train and support the best quality teachers for the Kokoda catchment region - before widening its scope and producing teachers for the nation.

Investing in Community Health Workers

Community Health Workers are the cornerstone of the PNG rural health system. The Foundation has supported the training of community health workers for the past 5 years. Once the CHWs graduate, they are posted to their home village to operate the aid post or health centre. KTF supports the postings of 8 CHWs and provided ongoing mentoring.

HEALTH

Promoting Healthy Communities

Healthy communities are vital for a healthy society. We believe that every community should have access to primary healthcare that is affordable & within reasonable walking distance. Our investment in community health workers, aid posts, health centres and the Kokoda hospital promotes healthy communities in our region and our Brighten a Smile program is helping villages for the long-term.



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LIVES & LIVELIHOODS

Improving Child and Maternal Health

New Health Landscape: Kokoda College

Investing in Agriculture and Food Security

Lighting up the Track

Responding to and Preparing for Disasters

Empowering Women and Communities

PNG continues to have some of the poorest indicators of child and maternal health of anywhere in the world. Through our investment in community health workers, midwifery mentoring and support, and regular outreach and awareness patrols, women and infants in our region now have free and reliable access, and are seeking access, to quality healthcare.

Despite our efforts to train and post community health workers in our region there is still a severe shortage of these professionals and limited training facilities available nation-wide. Via our Kokoda College initiative, we will offer state-of-the-art training for our remote communities and will graduate significant health workers for the Oro & Central Provinces.

Oro Province in PNG is regularly affected by natural disasters especially flooding and cyclones. Via our food security and agriculture projects we have operated seed multiplication nurseries and distributed improved crops throughout the Province to help communities through disaster periods. We also conducted training with community members on new planting techniques.

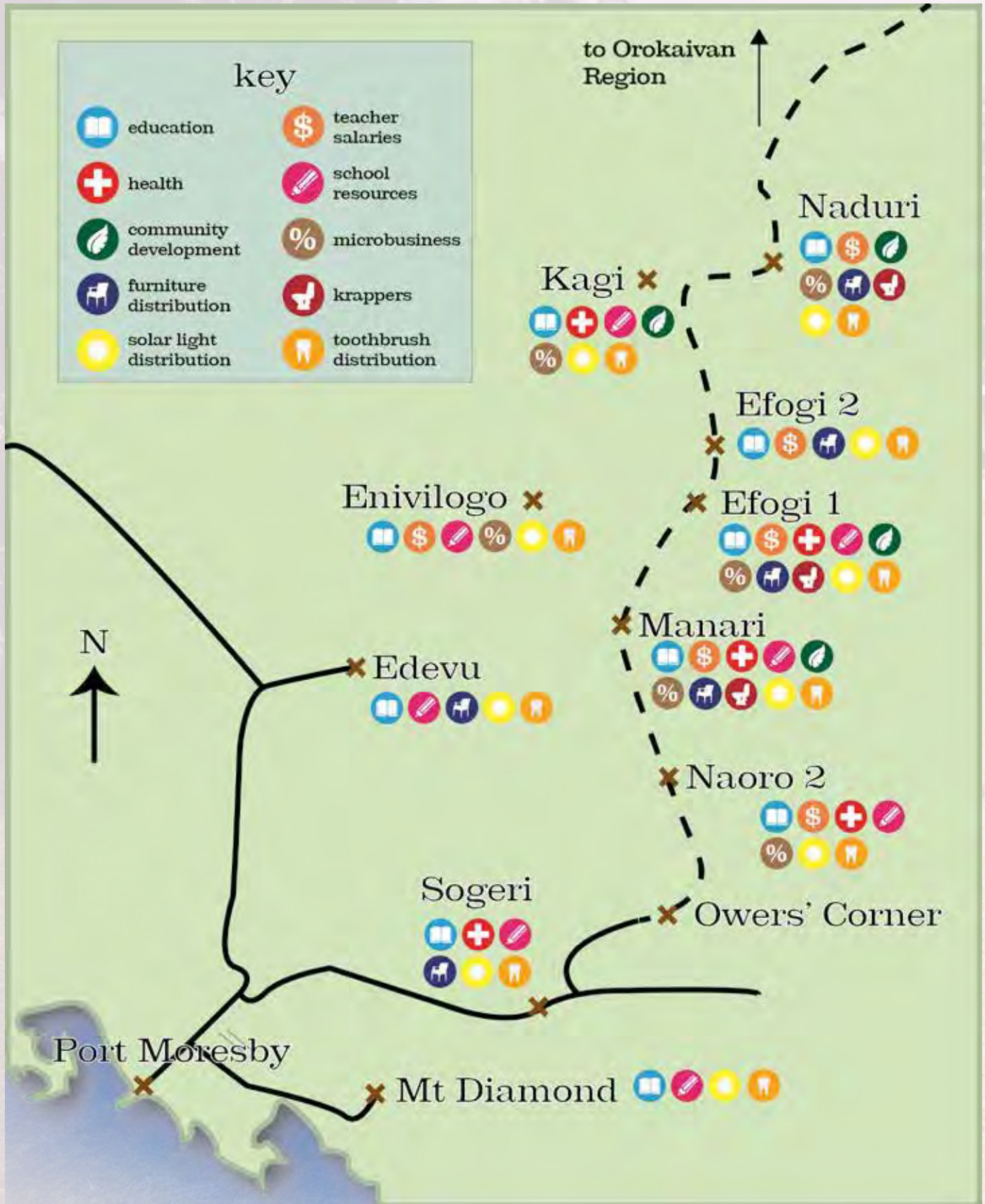
Only 7% of Papua New Guineans are connected to the electricity grid and many rural households burn campfires or kerosene for light. The Foundation has distributed 5,000 solar lights to villages along and around the Kokoda Track - children can do their homework after dark, parents can work on small businesses, women are safer and respiratory and health problems are reduced.

Over the past decade the Foundation has responded to six natural disasters in the Oro Province. Working in partnership with the Red Cross PNG, we distributed emergency food, water, medical supplies and shelter to communities in need. Food gardens are often submerged for months at a time and this support is vital. We are now working to help villages prepare for these periods.

Via our Pawa Givim Meri program, we are working to empower women's groups along and around the Track. By running small business training, literacy classes, and cooking classes women's groups have established successful businesses along the Track. Via our microlending program, women are now selling and repairing solar lights to earn an additional income.



KOIARI REGION: PORT MORESBY TO NADURI



BUILDING EDUCATIONAL CAPACITY IN COMMUNITIES

SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAM

Schools across the region often struggle to access the educational resources they need to operate. For over a decade, the Foundation has supported the educational needs of 40 elementary, primary and secondary schools across our region. In 2013, we delivered Rich Learning Resource Kits to every elementary school across the Kokoda Track catchment region. Also, our 40 elementary, primary and high schools were able to order their own supplies via our School Resource Program and purchased a wide variety of items including stationery, textbooks, library books, furniture, curriculum resources and teaching materials. Schools in the Koiari region are particularly remote and struggle to access their supplies. Our schools of Naoro 2, Manari, Efogi 1, Efogi 2, Sogeri, Edevu, Naduri, Kagi and Kavovo all purchased items that were then delivered by either foot or air and these resources kept schools open and operating in 2013. Our investment in resources, as well as teachers and children, results in the provision of a quality education for all children along and around the Track.



SCHOOL BUILDINGS PROGRAM

There is still a great need for many more school buildings to be constructed across our region in order for universal free education to become a reality. The Kokoda Track Foundation partners with local communities to construct school classrooms - often in very difficult to access and remote locations. This year we constructed the Naduri Elementary School, Enivilogo Elementary School and started work with the local community on the new classroom at the Manari Community School - all in the Koiari region. We also ran this program in the Northern Beaches region and supported the Buna Elementary School and Sanananda Elementary School with new classrooms. Permanent, quality, and waterproof classrooms are vital for teachers and schools to operate effectively - giving children a safe place to learn within a rich and constructive learning environment.



Naduri Elementary School, constructed by Kokoda Track Foundation in 2013

INVESTING IN HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS

TEACHER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our investment in education includes vital support of teacher salaries to keep schools open across the region. In the Koiari region we support teacher postings at: Naoro 2, Manari, Efogi 1, Efogi 2, Naduri and Kagi schools. In total, the Foundation supported the positions of 25 elementary and community teachers across the region in 2013, creating vital opportunities for children living in remote areas to go to school. Without this support, these schools would simply close their doors and children across the region would miss out on an education.

PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

BRIGHTEN A SMILE

After startling research findings unveiled the severity of tooth decay and other oral health issues along and around the Track, the Foundation began its Brighten a Smile program in 2013. We work in conjunction with all 40 schools supported by the Foundation's School Resource Program including 13 schools in the Koiari region. We developed a unique training program for use in Papua New Guinea and our expert dental volunteers trained our community health workers in the program. These health workers then work alongside our teachers who conduct daily toothbrushing classes and weekly oral hygiene classes with children attending elementary and primary schools throughout the region. Partnering with Colgate Palmolive, we delivered 6,000 toothbrushes and toothpastes throughout the region... brightening the smiles of children everywhere.



“The relief of dental pain by both the control and prevention of dental disease is an increasing and important problem to solve for many nations of the world. From interviews with community health workers of the Kokoda Track region, they all identified tooth decay as the number one health care problem... KTF’s dental health prevention program for school children, that involves toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste regularly, will reduce tooth decay by up to 50%” (Dr Barry Reed)

EMPOWERING WOMEN & COMMUNITIES

LIGHTING UP THE TRACK

It is currently estimated that only 7% of Papua New Guineans are connected to the electricity grid. Villagers often have no choice but to burn expensive and unsafe kerosene lamps or camp fires for a source of light. In 2013, the Foundation continued its exciting Lighting Up The Track initiative and has now distributed 5,000 solar lights to every adult living along and in the catchment area of the Kokoda Track. The program has resulted in enormous benefits for the Kokoda Track region including: reduced respiratory and related health issues; children able to do their homework after dark; parents able to work on small businesses at night; and improved physical safety of women. Every village in the Koiari region of the Track has participated in the program as well as many across the Orokaiva and Northern Beaches regions.

SOLAR LIGHTS & MICROLENDING

Following on from the success of Lighting Up The Track, in 2013 we continued to distribute lights via our unique microlending model. Working with women's groups only, the Foundation lends solar lights (instead of cash) to women across the region who then sell their lights at a profit and re-pay the cost of the light to the Foundation. The results to date have been extraordinary. We have a 100% loan repayment rate and the lights continue to be extremely popular - among local community members, visiting Papua New Guineans, and Australian trekkers. The women also set up maintenance shops where they conduct repairs on broken lights and change batteries (which require replacing after 3 years). The lights are being distributed to even more remote locations and women are benefitting as a result of the microlending support program.





OROKAIVA REGION: ALOLA TO POPONDETTA



INVESTING IN HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS

ELEMENTARY TEACHER TRAINING

In 2013, the Foundation continued to develop and pilot its Certificate of Elementary Teaching in PNG. Working with a cohort of 40 teacher trainees, the training was run out of the Foundation's community hall in Kou Kou village and was attended by teacher trainees from across the Orokaiva and Koiari regions. The innovative training program has extended the existing 6-week training course in PNG to a 12 month program that will be run out of the Kokoda College from 2014/2015. Teachers are exposed via critical thinking and action learning to new and innovative ideas about teaching, pedagogy, behaviour management, and classroom practices and our results to date have been outstanding. In 2013, 40 teachers graduated from the program providing vital resources for the remote schools across the Orokaiva region.

EDUCATION VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

Committed volunteers provide an extraordinary amount of added value to the Foundation's education programs and 2013 saw some amazing cases of dedication, skills development, and motivation via our Education Volunteering Program. Teachers from all walks of life in Australia were supported to travel to many remote regions in the Oro Province and provide mentoring, teacher development, and classroom management support to schools. In 2013, teachers were posted into schools in Alola, Abuari, Isurava, Kokoda, and Gorari and other teachers spent time volunteering via our teacher training program in Kou Kou village. Most teachers in rural PNG do not have opportunities to upskill or receive third party mentoring and support and this program has helped to improve teaching practices and provide a higher quality of education for the remote areas that need it most.



“Patricia shows a high level of commitment and dedication to the students in her care. Her planning is extensive and relevant, following the PNG syllabus. She is well organised - her resources are set out each morning and her students are engaged in the teaching/learning activities throughout the day... my role was to support her and provide mentoring. She is going to make an extraordinary teaching professional for many years to come” (Julie Moon, Volunteer)

PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM

Via our Community Health Worker training program we are working towards our goal of ensuring every village along and around the Kokoda Track has access to free, accessible and high quality healthcare. In 2013, we supported the training of another six community health workers who are graduating in the first half of 2014. These CHWs complete a 2.5 year training program and compulsory midwifery extension program before being posted to remote communities throughout our region. A number of these CHWs will be posted into the Orokaiva aid posts after they graduate including Alola, Abuari, Kou Kou and Buna. Our CHWs also undergo regular training and upskilling and receive ongoing mentoring and support. CHWs conduct monthly immunisation patrols to all of their catchment communities as well as maternal health outreach services that ensure expecting and new mothers have access to vital pre-natal and neo-natal healthcare.

HEALTH VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

In 2013 we continued to support volunteer health professionals to travel to PNG and provide mentoring support for our community health workers. These volunteers make regular trips throughout the year and provide vital training and support in midwifery and maternal health including infant health and wellbeing, breast feeding, nutrition, and wound and infection management. This training and mentoring provides vital moral support and guidance for our CHWs who are manning the remote aid posts along and around the Track. This year we expanded the program to include an important focus on oral hygiene and accessing dental services as well as Hepatitis B awareness and immunisation. A huge thank you to all of our health volunteers.



INVESTING IN AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

VILLAGE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROJECT

Many communities in the Oro Province are faced with food security issues after regular natural disasters. Whole communities often go without food after periods of severe flooding and cyclones. The Foundation supports seed multiplication nurseries throughout the Province and imports improved strains of agriculture to help communities restart their food gardens. Taro, sweet potato, cassava and other fruits and vegetables are grown in our nurseries and distributed to hundreds of villagers in need throughout the Province. We also run ongoing training with community members across the Province in new planting techniques so that their crops are more likely to withstand periods of flooding. As a result, thousands of villagers across the Province now have regular access to the crops they need to restart their food gardens and to grow crops that will survive the harsh climate.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

PAWA GIVIM MERI

In 2013, the Foundation continued to run and expand its Pawa Givim Meri program - both along the Track and further into the Oro Province. We are now supporting women's groups in eleven communities along and around the Kokoda Track to earn a regular income via microbusiness and microlending initiatives. Via the microbusiness projects we run small business workshops, cooking classes, and literacy training with the women's groups in each community and assist them to establish catering businesses from which they can earn an income from the trekking industry.



NEW EDUCATION & HEALTH LANDSCAPE: KOKODA COLLEGE

Over the past 5 years, the Kokoda Track Foundation has invested significantly in the training of urgently needed Elementary Teachers and Community Health Workers for the Kokoda Track catchment region. Despite these efforts, however, we have struggled to gain the training positions for the number of teachers and health workers that are required to meet the enormous needs of our catchment area. The existing training Colleges are full and there simply are not enough spaces available.

2013 saw enormous progress towards the Kokoda College thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers. We purchased the pre-fabricated construction materials from our suppliers, Tereno in Ulladulla, and these materials were shipped to Oro Bay via Lae and then transported down to Kou Kou village by our partners at Higaturu and USG. Significant progress was made on the clearing and levelling of the land and the construction of staff housing for the College.

In 2014, work will begin again as soon as the wet season finishes and we will construct the entire College campus: including the double classrooms, dormitories, mess hall, admin blocks and aid post. The Kokoda College will open in the second half of 2014 and will train teachers and health workers for the Kokoda catchment region. Our learning program will produce professionals of the highest quality for the region and the College will train enough teachers and CHWs for the immediate catchment region within its first 4 years of operations and can then open its doors and accept applicants from elsewhere in the country. Graduates will then be posted to operate the remote schools and aid posts across the region providing basic education and primary healthcare to hundreds of thousands of people in need.



“The Kokoda College has the potential to change the face of education and health for rural Papua New Guineans... it will enhance the standard of education and learning in the region and the graduate teachers will provide efficient learning programs for children in very remote areas.” (Petra Arifea, Programs Manager)



NORTHERN BEACHES REGION: DOBODURU TO BUNA



INVESTING IN COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Community Health Workers are the cornerstone of the PNG rural health system. The key to breaking the cycle of infant and maternal mortality in PNG is to give rural communities access to community health worker services and basic aid post facilities. Via these community health workers (who undertake a 2-year training diploma) mothers can access appropriate antenatal and postnatal care, immunizations and vaccinations, family planning options, and improved reproductive health. Furthermore, community health workers can address many of the major diseases that contribute to maternal and infant mortality in communities such as anaemia, malaria, nutrition, and postpartum haemorrhage. They also address communicable diseases including pneumonia, malaria, TB, syphilis, diarrhoeal diseases, meningitis, and HIV that account for 50 per cent of deaths in PNG each year.

In 2013, the Foundation focused on supporting more and more health workers across our region, with a large focus on the Northern Beaches region which has missed out on these health services for far too long. After re-opening the Buna Aid Post in 2012, in 2013 we supported our extremely dedicated team of CHWs to run the post and to provide primary health care to over 12 catchment communities. The health workers see up to 70 patients per day and conduct regular immunization and health promotion patrols throughout the region.



PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

AID POST RESOURCE & INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

In addition to supporting Community Health Workers, in order for aid posts to properly operate, they must receive a regular supply of drugs and other medical supplies. KTF supports the aid posts and health centres where its health workers are based and ensures that they have enough supplies to properly care for patients and provide healthcare to communities.

As well as supporting posts with medical supplies, we also work with local communities to build new infrastructure (aid posts and staff housing) and repair existing posts. Particular focus in 2013 was given to the Buna Aid Post and we worked to install solar panels for lighting and power and water tanks and polypipe systems to ensure that the post has a regular supply of fresh water. In 2014 we will work with the Buna community to conduct an extension on the post so that it can provide healthcare to more people and so that in-patients can be admitted and be provided with medical care overnight or for longer periods of time.

“We treat up to 70 patients per day at the Buna Aid Post and people travel long distances from 12 surrounding villages to access our health care services. Thanks to the solar lights provided by the Foundation, last week I delivered my first baby at Buna Aid Post under sufficient light rather than having to rely on mobile phones or wind up torches. I acknowledge the work of KTF in supporting the Buna Health Post with funding that enabled us to purchase the lighting and water system in this year 2013. Tenkyu tru” (Rodney Wakei, Community Health Worker)



RESPONDING TO AND PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF

For the sixth year in a row, the Foundation responded to severe flooding in the Oro Province in 2013. Thousands of villagers were again affected by heavy rains and severe wind, resulting in hundreds of communities having their food gardens completely submerged by water.

The Foundation again partnered with the Red Cross PNG and arranged for an emergency distribution of food, water, shelter, and medical supplies to over 800 households in the affected region. In our direct catchment area, the villages of Buna, Gona, Sanananda, Eiwo and Kumusi were supported during the flooding as well as many other communities further along the coast in the Northern Beaches region of the Oro Province.

The Foundation works with communities during the emergency period and supports them with the food and water supplies that they need to survive. After the emergency period ceases, we then work with these communities via our Food Security projects to help them re-establish their food gardens and to prepare them for future disaster periods.

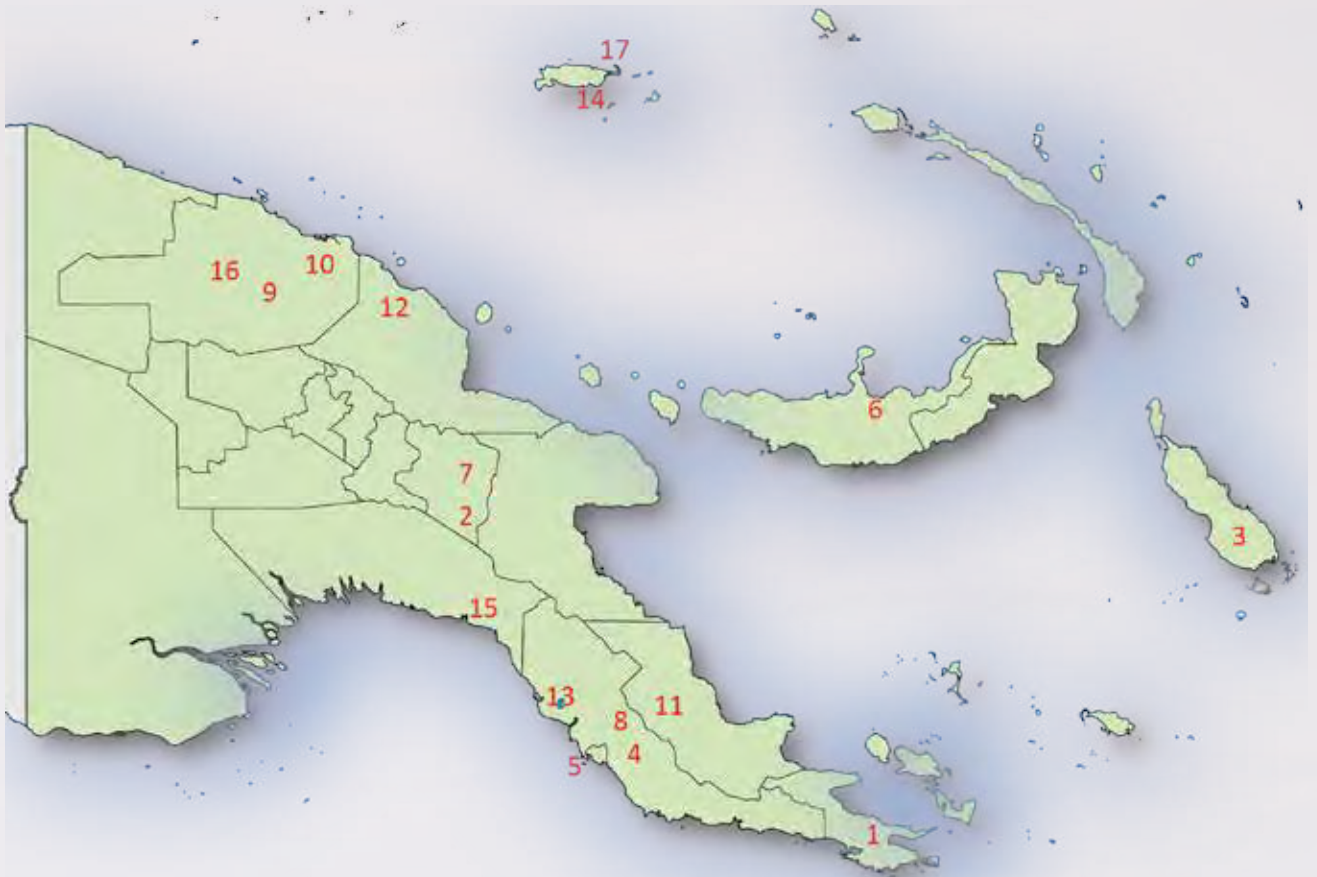
“The food supplied by the Foundation kept us fed for two weeks while we waited for the floods to stop and the land to dry.” (Pauline Ungaia, Recipient of Relief)







PNG: FOSTERING EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP



1 Netty Daemuna



2 Samson Walizopa



3 Eleanor Maineke



4 Anthony Kubei



5 Sarah Griffin



6 Maggie Isaac



7 Nellie Hamura



8 Richard Favave



9 Geoffrey Ulsimbi



10 Jack Kulumbe



11 Wilford Nave



12 Aaron Inamara



13 Lucy Efi



14 Lisa Punau



15 Kathleen Ratnasingam



16 Jimmy Mai



17 John Pota

EDUCATION FOR ALL

FUZZY WUZZY ANGEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Our longest standing program is our Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarships which have been running for 11 years throughout the region. In 2013 we awarded our 1,400th scholarship for a student to attend school in PNG. Awarded on the basis of academic merit, gender equality and family need, the scholarships support students from across the region to attend primary and secondary schools and to also go onto tertiary studies across PNG.

The scholarships have a great motivational influence on students studying across the region and encourage children to commit to their studies and education to increase their chances of being awarded a scholarship in the following year.

As Free Education is slowly introduced across PNG, our scholarships are changing in form and transitioning from a traditional school-fee paying model to providing students with support via school resources, project fees, mentoring and other educational opportunities.

In our 11th year, we saw many of our scholarship recipients graduate from high school and go on to gain employment (in both the formal and informal sectors) or pursue opportunities for higher education opportunities across PNG. We are very proud of all of our scholarship recipients.



“Thank you so much for your great support towards my schooling year. I have successfully completed my year 9 academically with good grades in all subjects. I am now looking forward to sit for my year 10 national examination. I do believe that I’ll pass these exams to continue to year 11 and 12. I would like to thank you and all the generous people of Australia for their great support “ - Steven, 2013

FINDING & FOSTERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

ARCHER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to developing the Kokoda Track catchment region, one of the Foundation's core objectives is to find and foster the next generation of PNG leaders. Via our Archer Leadership Scholarships we identify an annual cohort of emerging leaders from across PNG and support them on a yearlong, intensive, experiential scholarship that fosters their leadership knowledge, development and capacity. The scholarship fosters in the students the concepts, connections, and confidence they need to stand up and lead.

The scholarship aims to support and encourage the students' existing passions, connections to community, and visions for their country and to give them new perspectives and experiences, mentors and networks, and leadership and educational opportunities that result in the opening of leadership pathways at the end of the program. The long-term aim of the program is for the Archer graduates to end up in leadership positions in government, business, and civil society and to be committed to seeking positive change in PNG society.

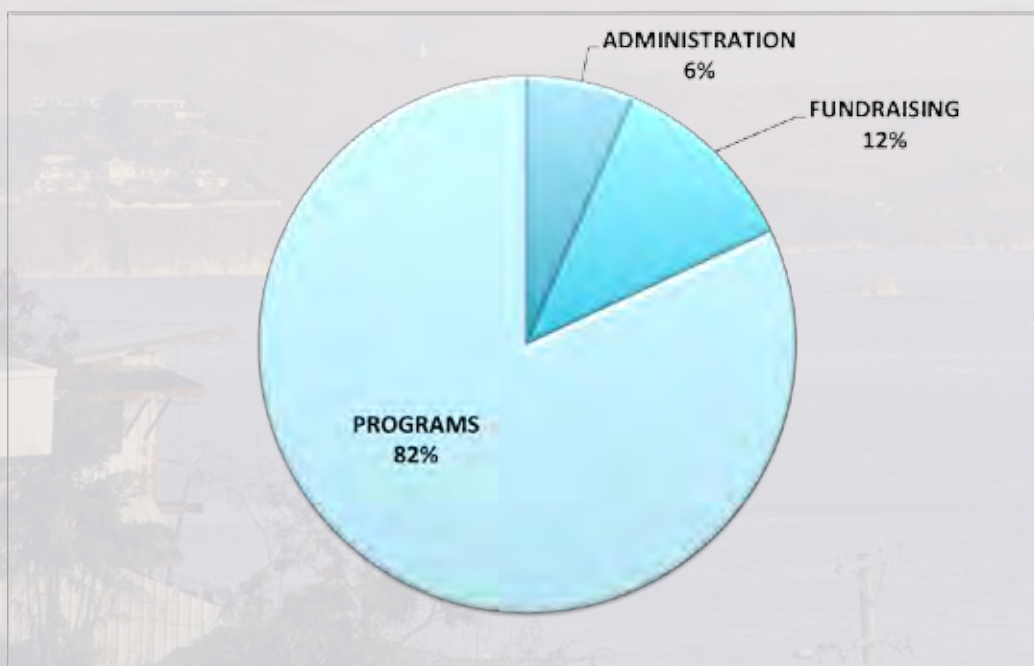
In 2013, we supported our 3rd cohort of Archer Leaders - an extraordinary and impressive group of emerging leaders for PNG who have all gone on to achieve amazing results including full-time employment, community projects, and leadership positions.



“Thanks for this opportunity – it really has changed my life and my perspective towards careers. I don’t have to have an average life – there is more to it. It’s opened my eyes to all the things that I can achieve, and to put my thoughts into perspective and then pursue them.” - Netty, 2013



FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN ACROSS CATEGORIES 2013



INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>\$</u>
Income			
Donations & Grants			
Education Projects		535,637	615,666
Health Projects		109,203	10,065
Microbusiness Projects		16,370	32,812
Community Development Projects		29,005	47,582
General		381,456	304,907
Ralph Honner Oration Dinner		70,554	64,295
Other Income			
Membership		1,690	120
Interest		4,940	9,562
Total income	7	<u>1,148,855</u>	<u>1,085,009</u>
Expenses			
Project Outgoings			
Education		822,473	346,247
Health		57,372	77,717
Microbusiness		11,465	58,802
Community Development		31,606	89,986
Fundraising Outgoings			
General		43,570	32,296
Ralph Honner Oration Dinner		41,211	28,674
Other Outgoings			
Administration & General		316,266	193,604
Finance Expense		3,817	2,113
Total expenses	7	<u>1,327,780</u>	<u>829,439</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<u>(178,925)</u>	<u>255,570</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		<u>(178,925)</u>	<u>255,570</u>

Our Board



Patrick Lindsay
Chairman

Author and documentary maker, Patrick has been a passionate advocate of the story of Kokoda since he first visited the village in 1983 and first walked the Track in 1992. He has written numerous best-selling books including the Spirit of Kokoda, the Spirit of the Digger, the Spirit of Gallipoli and Fromelles. He created the format for the top-rating TV series, In Their Footsteps recently created the Kokoda App to bring the story to the digital generation. Patrick has been chairman since 2006.



Dr Genevieve Nelson
Executive Director

Founding director and executive director, Genevieve has extensive experience working and living in PNG. She completed her doctorate in PNG examining the influences of student achievement for PNG children. Gen is an adjunct Research Fellow with the University of Western Sydney and a psychologist. She has walked the Track 18 times and spends 2-3 months of every year in the remote communities implementing and monitoring KTF's programs. Gen was a finalist in the 2013 Young Australian of Year and 2012 Telstra Business Women's Awards.



Bill James
Director (from 1 Jan 2014)

Bill was born in Sydney and after completing an Economics Degree he travelled extensively overseas. After his arrival in London in 1973, Bill co-founded Topdeck Travel, now one of the UK's leading youth tour operators. On his return to Australia in 1984, Bill was a founding director of Flight Centre Limited, a listed travel company and one of Australia's leading retailers. Bill remains a shareholder in the company and is a director of the Flight Centre Foundation. Bill has published 'Field Guide to the Kokoda Track,' a comprehensive guide for trekkers to this significant WW2 battlefield in Papua New Guinea. Bill has walked the Track 31 times.



Elizabeth Carr
Director

Elizabeth's focus is the inter-dependence of the private and public sectors in order to enrich the economic and social fabric of Australia and its role in the international community. She has a Masters Degree from Harvard University and is an expert in governance, accountability, and strategic policy. She is the Chair of the Macular Degeneration Foundation and holds board positions with Environmental Protection Authority, Safety, Return to Work and Support Board, Kambala School for Girls, and a Fellow of the AICD. She walked the Track in 2009.



Graeme Carroll
Director (retired 23 May 2013)

Graeme is the Chief Executive Office of the RSL & Services Clubs Association and has held this position for 10 years. He has an extensive background in the development of industry codes of practice and compliance, event organization and journalism. A major corporate social responsibility project of the Association is the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge through which clubs sponsor young people on life changing treks retracing the footsteps of our diggers. The Association also oversees Operation CARE which supports soldiers wounded in overseas conflicts.



Bernie Egan
Director and Honorary Treasurer

Bernie was appointed Honorary Treasurer in 2006 and director in 2009. Bernie developed his passionate interest in PNG and the Track when he walked it with one of his sons in 2006. He spent 35 years with the Reserve Bank of Australia followed by 5 years with APRA. Since 2008 he has consulted to Ernst and Young and Promontory Financial Group and undertook a number of missions with the International Monetary Fund. He is currently a Senior Financial Sector Specialist with the Bank for International Settlements in Basel.



David Frecker
Director

David is a corporate and commercial lawyer and company director based in Sydney, and has worked extensively in PNG. He has been on the board since 2006 and chairs the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee. He is a partner in the national law firm, Ashurst Australia. David is also a director of Kula Gold Limited, a listed company with a gold development project in PNG. David enjoys a range of outdoor activities and has walked the Kokoda Track twice, in 1992 and 2009. He continues to visit PNG periodically.



Yahoo Serious
Director

Yahoo was the first Australian to write, direct, produce and star in a major motion picture and earned an international reputation as one of Australia's most original and successful independent filmmakers. In 1989 he was on the cover of Time magazine. Yahoo studied at the National Art School, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at Newcastle University and the Celebrated Filmmaker Award from Harvard University for his acclaimed worldwide hit Young Einstein. He is a founding director and has walked the Track 5 times.



Peter Thomas
Director

Peter is a chartered accountant, company director and business adviser based in Sydney. He has been on the board of the Foundation since its inception and is a member of the Finance, Risk & Audit Committee. He is a principal in TFG International Pty Limited, a consulting and advisory firm and also holds a range of board positions with government and non-government organisations across Australia including Foundation for Alcohol Research & Education, Australian Renewable Energy Agency, Bluearth Institute and Catholic Care. Peter walked the Track in 2002.



Professor Stephen Wearing
Director

Stephen is an Associate Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney and is an expert in sustainable tourism. Stephen specializes in the social sciences in natural resource management. His research and publications range across the areas of resource management to the sociology of leisure and tourism. Stephen has served as chair and advisor to Youth Challenge Australia for 18 years and walked the Kokoda Track in 2006. He has also taught as a visiting fellow at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, Newcastle University and Macquarie University in Australia.



Salman Haq
Honorary Secretary

Salman has been the Foundation's Honorary Secretary since 2006. Salman is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, and a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Salman's career spans over 20 years including positions with Touche Ross & Co and Goodman Fielder LTD. Salman visited Kokoda village with the Kokoda Track Foundation in 2008.

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