



AIA Spring Fair

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who supported the AIA Spring Fair held last Saturday, 27 October 2007, at the home of the Indonesian Consul General and his wife, Wisma Indonesia, 25 Kent Road, Rose Bay. Whether you were there, had donated prizes for our auction or raffle, were a stallholder, had helped in the organization of the event in any way, had contributed financially, or were simply supporting the friendship and spirit of the event, on behalf of the Bali Hati Foundation, I would like thank you most sincerely – terima kasih banyak!

I would also particularly like to mention the support given to this fair by our hosts, the Consul General Bapak **Sudaryomo** and his wife Mrs **Tri Sudaryomo**, by Consul **Siti Sofia Sudarma** and her Staff and by the organizers, the Australia Indonesia Association led by **President Eric de Haas** and **AIA Patron Mrs Charlotte Maramis**. **Sheri Alsagoff** coordinated the support of the Indonesian Australian Women’s Association and many other Indonesian community groups were also involved.



The fair committee



Please bear with me as I also mention and gratefully acknowledge the dedicated and cheerful efforts on the day of Eric, Charlotte, Sofia and the consular staff, Sheri, Slater Smith, John Luxton, Michael Kramer, Neil Smith and Stuart Kuhn and their families. Ike, Sally, Ryanni, Nancy, Gabriella, Margaret, Rose, Lia, Rama, Imang, Meity, Etty, Hery, Rama, Is, Mia & Ron, our intrepid raffle-ticket sellers and helpers; Nicolle and Idris our Bali Hati stall coordinators, and our MC Miriam Tulevski and co-worker Melati de Haas. The day would not have been the success it was without them.

And what a success it was! With the help of a number of generous individual donations, the fair raised just on **\$7000** for Bali Hati School’s **new bi-lingual program**: its computer facilities, classroom equipment and Internet connection. Together with the money donated earlier this year by Rotary Maroubra for the bi-lingual program’s 2008 classroom supplies, with the resources provided by the fair’s earnings, the 130 children of Bali Hati School will be well on the way to developing those two very important areas: English Language and Computer Skills. Some 85% of the children are on full (\$930 pa) or partial scholarships (\$55 up, pa), coming as they do from the area’s poorer families. The addition of English and Computer skills to the already fine education provided will go a long way to equipping them for the future – their own and the island’s.

Although we may often wish we were there in Bali or in other parts of Indonesia, we could pretend a little on Saturday that we were. The fabulous food stalls offered food from all parts of Indonesia, and while we ate we watched the beautiful Nyoman Sumerti perform a Balinese Welcoming Dance after the fair was officially opened by the Consul General. Iis Hidayati, stunning in her lustrous gold and blue traditional dress, captivated the crowd with an East Javanese dance. Nyoman danced again another Balinese dance in a beautifully crafted costume



and headdress and it was only when she had finished, that her heavy breathing gave a clue as to its weight. Iis and Nyoman danced together an East Javanese dance in perfect synchronisation. An exhilarating Gamelan performance & workshop was followed by the moody blues of Roland Kay-Smith and Joel McGrath, the final of the day's superb entertainment.

Please support our donors and stallholders if you have the chance: **Netfare Travel**, 107 Anzac Parade, Kensington 2033, **Warwick Ibah Luxury Villas**, Campuhan, Ubud, **Puri Saraswati Bungalows**, Jalan Raya, Ubud, **Spa Hati** of the Bali Hati Foundation, Jalan Raya Andong No. 14, Peliatan, **Bali Botanica Spa**, Jalan Raya Sanggingan, Ubud. **Enak Warung**, Pengosekan Road, Ubud, **Artist Denise Campbell**, 1+2



Studios, Rozelle, 9569 0398, **Bali Fling**, 2/63 Johnston Street, Annandale, **That Bali Shop**, 1444 Pittwater Road, Cnr Walsh Street, Nth Narrabeen, **That Coffee School**, 113 Arundel Street, Glebe, **Moss River Australia**, Unit 12/198-222 Young Street, Waterloo, **Samsara**, Shop L2 11 Chatswood Chase, 345 Victoria Road, Chatswood, **Bali Garden**, Lot 1, Cattai Ridge Road, Maraylya, **Bali in Profile**, 81 Pacific Highway, Roseville **Teachers Choice Toys**, www.teacherschoicetoys.com.au, Wahroonga . **Ubud Restaurant**, 584 Anzac Parade, Kingsford **Simone Logue Fine Food**: Balmain, Bondi Junction, Elizabeth Bay, Double Bay, **Batu Collection**, 8/65-75 Captain Cook Drive, Caringbah, Ceramic artist **Judy**

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SDLR Hair & Beauty, 526 Princess Highway, Rockdale, **Witherspoon's Skin Care**, susan@ruthdan.com.au, **Bad Back Shop**, 488a Botany Road, Alexandria, **Randwick Ritz Cinema**, 43-47 St Pauls Street,



Randwick, **Ratu Sari Restaurant**, 470 Anzac Parade, Kingsford, **Jimbaran Restaurant**, 129 Avoca Street, Randwick, **The Buddha Belly cafe**, 327 Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills



An announcement I made at the fair that I am delighted to share with you now, is that Mr Jeff Hunter, Chair of the NSW Parliament's Asia-Pacific Friendship Group has agreed to be one of Bali Hati School's patrons in Australia. He is in Bali at this moment, and has been to the school and met the Bali Hati staff. His visit closely followed that of Mrs Nicky Downer, the wife of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who sent fliers on the fair to all her friends in Sydney. Bali Hati School's other Sydney patron, via the Glenaeon Sister School Scheme, the Mayor of Willoughby City Council, Councillor Pat Reilly, regretted that due to a previous commitment, he was unable to attend, He sent his best wishes. If you or any of your friends would like to become involved in the next Bali Hati School activity, or would like to sponsor a student, please contact me on 02 9518 0613 after 13 November, or before pauletekay49@hotmail.com; if you want to know more about the work of the AIA contact Eric de Haas, president@indonesia-australia-association.com or IAWA, contact Sheri Alsagoff on 92673633. Please also visit www.balihati.org, www.australia-indonesia-association.com

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