



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

If you have been helping to spread the word about BKFA, we would really love to know about it. The success of future government funding grants relies on our ability to report on how we have been raising community awareness. If you have promoted the BKFA at any public appearance events, including speaking at a dinner meeting, it is vital we know about it to be able to include the information in our reports.

To report, simply email us at CC2A@birthingkitfoundation.org.au with the date of the event, a description of the event (eg. Table in Foodland Mall), the name of the organising group (eg. ZC of Sydney West) and an estimate of the number of people who attended (eg 250).



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au

Dear Zontians, Members and Friends,

Thanks to a healthy flow of Assembly Days we will successfully assemble and distribute our target of 95,000 kits for the current distribution period. Well done everyone! We are now taking bookings for October and November 2010, and then from February 2011 to the end of June 2011.

Your Board: Jenny Weaver (Chairperson), Julie Monis-Ivett (Vice Chairperson), Di Bartel (Company Secretary), Maggi Gregory (Treasurer), Joy O'Hazy (Specialised Research), Margaret Parsons (Correspondence and Membership).

BKFA Launches its First Film

At an elegant morning tea at the Conservatory Restaurant in Adelaide on Mother's Day the BKFA proudly launched a new promotional film. The professionally made 12 minute production details all the work of the BKFA. We are encouraging all members to promote the film and to use it as often as possible, especially at Assembly Days.

Part of the film focuses on the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and how the BKF addresses them. We are encouraging Zonta Clubs, enthusiastic members and volunteers to make a commitment to use the film to promote the work we do. The film is the last of a range of resources to be distributed which includes a presentation folder, new brochures plus cards illustrating the MDGs. They are all meant to complement the use of the film and we are asking that you take this material into the community and use it at every opportunity. The folder is meant for public presentations and we also have a power point presentation available.

I would like to publicly thank Carol Hill-Ling for her single-handed effort at organising the BKF Mother's Day Fund Raiser. It was spectacularly successful, raising over \$9,000 for the Birthing Kit Foundation. We could not possibly have achieved this without her. Thank you, Carol.

If you want more help with or ideas for the promotion of the Birthing Kit Foundation, please contact us. If you need **extra resources** we will be happy to help. Email us at info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au

There are **funds available for public appearances**. If you would like to get involved in a community event and it costs less than \$50.00 then go ahead, keep your receipts and we will reimburse you. If the cost is more then please email us for approval.

Please help us by remembering to **report on your promotional campaign**. We need to keep a record of how many people have been informed and appreciate your feedback via the forms available on the website.

New Website

Have you seen our great new website? The same address, www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au but with some spectacular upgrades including:-

- More details on the issues and our history
- Full details of every training programme
- Information on the Millennium Development Goals or MDGs
- 2 films
- All the information for running assembly days
- Direct donation facilities
- All relevant forms, plus Newsletters and Annual Reports

With the films and photos it gives a fabulous insight into our work and achievements. You are part of this story and your Assembly Day or kit destination point might be featured, so we encourage you to take a look. If your friends and family are interested in our work encourage them to click on to it too.

BKFA Farewells Jacqui and Welcomes a New Manager

Sadly, our Project Manager Jacqui Wathen had to leave us due to other personal commitments, after 3 years of dedicated service. She did a wonderful job managing the day to day demands of the project as well as developing a detailed data base. We thank her sincerely for all the time and energy she devoted to her work with us and wish her well for the future.

To replace Jacqui we have been fortunate to secure the services of Fiona Smith. Fiona has a background in the finance sector and has already efficiently taken over the project management. She brings lots of experience and ideas and we look forward to the contribution she will make.

And a New Baby... Congratulation to Transport Manager Amy Mitchell whose second son, Peter, arrived safely in May. Amy barely missed a beat and both mother and baby are thriving!

Stop Press

Rotary makes a special donation to the Birthing Kit Foundation. Rotary International has made a generous \$20,000 donation for Birthing Kits destined to go to Africa. Thank you Rotary.

OAGDS at Last!

The BKFA is thrilled to announce that we now have OADGS or Overseas Aid Gift Deductibility Status. This means all donations are tax deductible. Our new website is set up to take tax deductible donations; it is as easy as a click of a button. Cheques need to be made out to Birthing Kit Foundation Australia Maternal Health Gift Fund. We would like to thank Di Bartel and Mike Gardiner for all their hard work on achieving this milestone.

Public Appearance Support

One of the best ways of promoting the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) and the work we do is to have displays in public locations such as shopping centres, markets and public events. Ideally we would like to have someone in the capital city and major regional centres of each state to coordinate such public appearances. This would involve researching possible sites, booking the space, arranging volunteers to man the stand and providing them with the promotional materials to set up the display. In addition, we would like to have a group of volunteers in each state who are prepared to set up a display, talk to people about the Foundation's work, pack up the display and report back on the success of the appearance. If you are interested in assisting us in this area, please contact us at info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au.

Training Programmes

New training programmes are underway:

- In India, co-ordinated by SAWED the Centre for Social Action Women's Education and Development Trust.
- In Tamilnadu, South India, run by SWEAD or the Society for Women's Education and Awareness Development
- In Hoa Bihn Province in Vietnam

We are developing new ideas to encourage sustainability of kits with organisations in PNG, Ethiopia and Vietnam.

A successful training programme in **DR Congo** has been completed, and we received the following feedback from the M.H.C.D. (Mission in Health Care and Development) who ran the seminar.



“The seminar had a lot of impact because it was the first one to be organised in Ruzizi valley and Bafuliru mountain. The participants were extremely overjoyed because it was for the first time most of them were meeting and talking together. The traditional midwives demonstrated very many positions that they use in birthing and most of the positions were very good. The biggest problem they encountered was birthing kits because most of them said they usually spread leaves or dirty cloths on which the delivery takes place. They used to cut the umbilical cord using sticks, grass and others used one razor

blade to cut umbilical cords of more than 8 babies. Some could put ash on the wound or even spit on it so that the navel may heal. After talking to them and teach them about primary health care, midwifery, HIV/AIDS infection and how to use birthing kits and many other topics, they really discovered so many things and found out that most of their practices were wrong. They were so happy to find that inside the birthing kits was everything they needed in birthing.”

Another successful seminar was held in January in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement Camp in Hoima District, western **Uganda**, Africa, organised by our partner organisation Think Humanity. They provided us with the following description of the seminar.

“Think Humanity travelled to Uganda with three members of the board of directors and a pre-med student. The pre-med student, Charity Watson, trained 40 people at a birthing seminar. Also invited to speak at the seminar was a mid-wife from the Azur Christian Clinic in Hoima, Uganda. Both of these women spoke on traditional birthing practices – safe and healthy births, prenatal and post birth. There was a discussion on what is most needed when giving birth within a refugee camp. Some of the problems were that they could not get the materials needed, such as gloves, scalpel, and other items in the birthing kits. Charity demonstrated contents of the birthing kit, describing each item. After the seminar Emmanuel gave each health worker twenty kits. There are thirteen villages within the UNHCR camp. The health workers are from different villages so that the kits would be spread out and not in just one village. When the expectant mother notified the birthing attendant that she was ready to deliver, the birthing attendant then notified the health worker. Then the health worker would give the kit to the birthing attendant so she could deliver the child. The birthing attendant kept records after assisting a birth and gave reports back to the health workers.”





Mission Statement

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Our Vision: A world in which all women have access to safe birthing practices, regardless of race, religion, culture, history or socio-economic status.

To become a member simply complete and return the attached membership application form. If you would like more information on volunteer work, organising an assembly day, corporate sponsorship or leaving a bequest please email us at info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au

Please send the completed form to:

MEMBERSHIPS
BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)
PO BOX 330
BELAIR SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5052

Membership Application Form

ACN: 121 658 428

I am over 18 years and agree to be bound by the Foundation Constitution.

- I would like to become a member of the **Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)** for \$25 per year.
- We would like to become a corporate member of the **Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)** for \$60 per year.
- I/we would like to renew my/our membership.

Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31 each year.

Member's details:

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Organisation Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone: Business _____ Home/ Mobile _____

Email _____

- In addition to my membership, I include a donation of \$ _____
(For Tax deductibility go to our website www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au)

Payment method:

- Enclosed is my cheque or postal order for \$ _____ made payable to the **Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)**.
- I have paid by direct internet transfer (date) _____ (please include your name in the details of the payment)

Direct Transfer details:

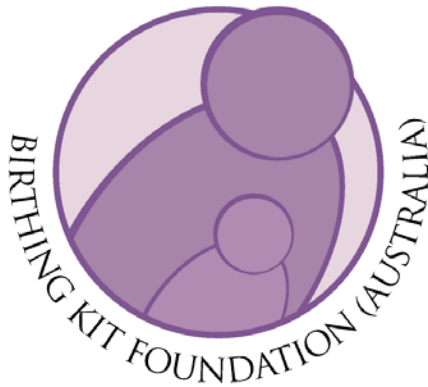
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Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Receipt number: _____

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- I would like to receive my 2010 Annual Report by e-mail only.
- In addition to my membership, I include a donation of \$.....
(For Tax-deductibility go to our website)

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