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The Ethical Partners Tatrai Giving Fund is an initiative of Ethical Partners Funds Management. It encompasses the provision of funding to approved charities that are consistent with the Giving Fund's purpose. The Giving Fund is funded by Ethical Partners Funds Management and its founders and is open to funding contributions from service providers, friends and clients. The Giving Fund is a sub fund of the Australian Philanthropic Services (APS) Foundation. The Fund's Charter can be found here.

A QUICK REVIEW OF THE YEAR

June 2020 marks around one year since our Giving Fund was established. We are very grateful for the support the Fund has received from those that have donated in order to make a difference. Special thanks to Link Fund Solutions and seven other donors (you know who you are… we are eternally grateful) who added their hard earned donations to Ethical Partners Director contributions throughout the year. This enabled us to donate $113,500 to several worthy causes including batyr, Oxfam (Coronavirus Emergency Fund), Gawura Scholarship Fund, Giant Steps, Cambodian Children's Fund and KidsXpress, with a minimum of a further $120,500 to allocate in 2020/21.

As a reminder, the Fund's purpose is:

Helping to provide the next generation with the best opportunity to thrive. This can encompass healthcare and education initiatives as well as equality and justice oriented programs. It will also extend to projects that place emphasis on the family unit and or poverty reduction as both of these areas are shown to clearly benefit children.

During the year the Fund pivoted somewhat (within its Charter obligations) to provide support to key organisations impacted by COVID-19. The onset of the pandemic also meant our planned trip to Cambodia to see the operations of the Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF) was postponed for the foreseeable future. We hope that our modest donation to CCF can make a difference to those most in need and our hearts collectively sink when thinking about the impact of COVID in a country such as Cambodia. It is likely we will never know the true impact.

Ethical Partners staff also now have the opportunity to nominate their chosen charities for the Giving Fund to match. The Fund is also open for new applications from charities for the 2020/21 financial year. Of course, it also remains open for contributions which are fully tax deductible.

It is an absolute pleasure to be involved in the Giving Fund. It is an aspect of Ethical Partners we enjoy and hope to grow over time. Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,

Matt Nacard
Manager – Tatrai Giving Fund

Robyn Parkin
Manager – Tatrai Giving Fund

Cover Image: Cambodian Children's Fund

batyr CEO Nic Brown

During the year The Giving Fund helped batyr develop digital programmes to help thousands of young people who are now spending more time than usual at home.

Giving Fund beneficiaries 2019/2020

BATYR (MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE)

batyr is a 'for purpose' preventative mental health organisation, created and driven by young people, for young people. batyr has been delivering its programmes in schools and universities for the last decade directly reaching over 200,000 young people. batyr is all about promoting mental health awareness via training young people to tell their stories of mental ill-health to other young people. Research shows that this peer to peer model is extremely effective in breaking down the stigma associated with mental ill-health.

With programmes in schools and universities not possible due to COVID-19 from March to June, The Fund helped batyr develop a fully digital set of programmes to help the thousands of young people who now feel isolated and increasingly anxious. We are pleased to say the programmes are now up and running and are having a positive impact on increasingly vulnerable and anxious young people.

https://www.batyr.com.au/media_centre/ethical-partners-invests-in-youth-organisation-batyr/

THE GAWURA FOUNDATION (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN)

The Ethical Partners Tatrai Giving Fund is very proud to be supporting the cost of educating a Gawura student that commenced year 7 in 2020. The support provided will give this student pathways that will set him up for life.

Gawura is a unique, coeducational K-6 school for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who live close to Sydney's CBD. Located within St Andrew's Cathedral School, Gawura is the first free-standing, deliberately all Indigenous school in the NSW independent sector. When students leave Gawura they are offered a scholarship to St Andrew's Cathedral School for years 7 to 12.

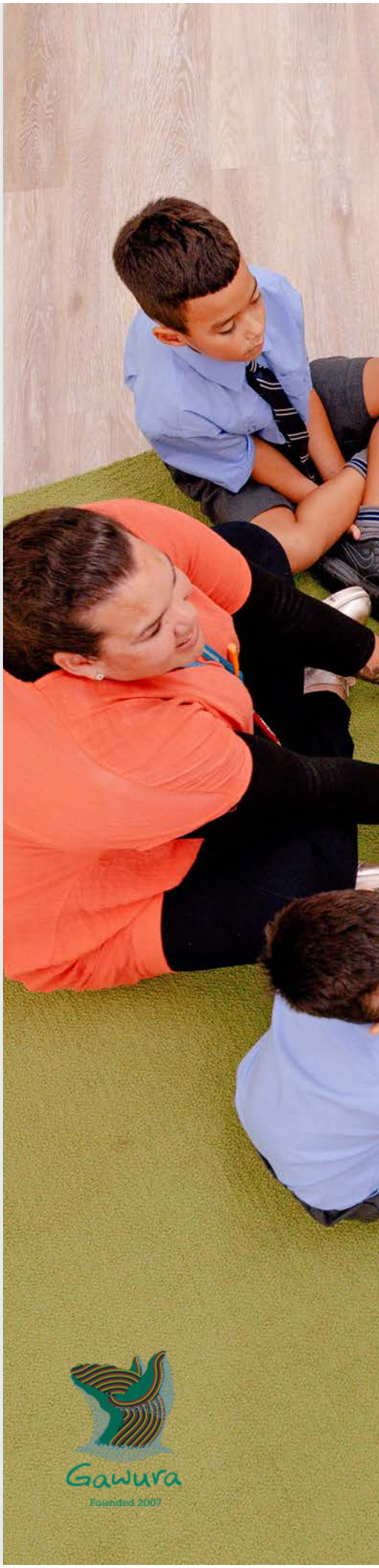
Students on a Gawura secondary scholarship have the support of a full time Aboriginal Education Mentor who provides educational support, cultural advice and works as a liaison between school and families. Students attend Homework Club three times a week to check in, discuss their work and yarn with each other.

Gawura students go on a cultural excursion every term to learn more about the Eora Nation on which our school stands. Students also go on an annual On Country excursion to expand their cultural learning to different Nations. Students have travelled to Wiradjuri Nation, Yuin Nation and will next travel to Kuku Yalanji Nation in North Queensland.

Gawura scholarships give students access to music tuition, equipment needed for sport and other out of school activities to ensure a well-rounded education.

In very small classes, with a maximum of five students per grade, literacy and numeracy

Opened in 2007, Gawura's graduates have gone on to do amazing things. One is studying a Masters at Oxford, another is in the first year of his medical degree, at UNSW while another graduate is working on her PhD. All have said their time in Gawura gave them a great connection to their culture.



CAMBODIAN CHILDREN

CAMBODIAN CHILDREN'S FUND (CCF; A CAMBODIAN BASED ORGANISATION WHICH SUPPORTS THE COUNTRY'S MOST IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES)

The Cambodian Children's Fund transforms the country's most impoverished kids into tomorrow's leaders, by delivering education, family support and community development programs into the heart of Cambodia's most impoverished communities.

We had booked our flights and confirmed a fascinating itinerary in Cambodia… and then COVID hit. While the COVID-related statistics in Cambodia may not appear significant on face value, given the country's medical system, it is almost certain the statistics are many times under stated. The other significant impact is lower global demand for the products manufactured in Cambodia.

In April, 2020, the Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia (GMAC) said 180 factories have suspended operations and another 60 will do so soon, with some 200,000 workers bearing the brunt. Initially raw materials imports dwindled because of virus-caused supply chain problems in China, and then as Western brands cancelled orders en mass, apparel exports are likely to be down around >50% in the second quarter of this year compared to 2019.

Cambodia's tourism industry, which usually contributes around one-third of GDP is decimated – down >90%.

CCF has recently:

- Put in place emergency food and water aid;
- Distributed medical supplies, distributing thousands of bars of soap and hand sanitiser and hygiene kits;
- Conducted community health training;
- Undertaken mass decontamination of CCF families and buses;
- Daily distribution of three hot meals into the community for the most vulnerable, those self-isolating at home and those in need.

The Tatrai Giving Fund is proud to have played just a very small part in helping make this happen.

GIANT STEPS (TREATMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM)

Giant Steps has provided life changing help for children and young adults with autism for the last 25 years. Its programs are individually designed to meet the learning and sensory goals of each student. Every year, Giant Steps increases its student enrolments to assist as many individuals with autism and their families as possible. The support provided at Giant Steps goes well beyond school hours, with some families experiencing crisis situations receiving round the clock assistance. This intensive, one on one support gives parents and carers the strength, knowledge and practical help to navigate the many challenges that autism brings to a family. The level and nature of challenges experienced at Giant Steps has only increased during the COVID-19 period.

OXFAM (A GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, WORKING TOGETHER TO END THE INJUSTICE OF POVERTY)

The world is watching with dread as the Coronavirus epidemic spreads to conflict zones and to refugee camps, in which one refugee shares a doctor with 25,000 people, where social distancing is often impossible and clean water is often unavailable. There are fears of the greatest humanitarian disaster since WW2 and a catastrophic loss of life.

This is why the Tatrai Giving Fund has recently made an urgent donation to Oxfam, who is a key part of the UN-led Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19, which was launched last week with a funding ask of USD 2.01b.

Oxfam's response to COVID-19 will be to work in 65 countries including Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen, oPTI, Lebanon, and Iraq. For example, in South Sudan Oxfam is working with teams who also worked on Ebola preparedness to disseminate public health messaging, including for example implementing social distancing procedures during food distributions. In the occupied Palestinian Territories, Oxfam is distributing food, water, and soap (and other hygiene items) to hundreds of families stuck in quarantine facilities without these provisions.

Oxfam's response to COVID-19 will focus on two main tracks: the humanitarian response entailing the provision of clean water, latrines, sanitisers, masks and public health promotion - all of which are instrumental is containing the spread and effects of COVID-19, and secondly, in working to support economic recovery.

The Tatrai Giving Fund congratulates Oxfam on this vital work and is proud to be able to move quickly to allow this vital work to ramp up quickly to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible"

More information on Oxfam's work in the COVID-19 epidemic can be found here.

A gorgeous educational video produced by Oxfam on hand washing is available here.

KIDSXPRESS (A CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY)

KidsXpress helps to transform the lives of children impacted by adversity. It delivers trauma-informed Expressive Therapy to children under the age of 12yrs and Education Services for those that care for them. By strengthening the emotional wellbeing of children and building the capacity of their caregivers, it helps to create a future all children deserve. The demand for its services has always been consistent, however with the challenges of COVID-19 the need is far greater than ever.

ABOUT ETHICAL PARTNERS

Ethical Partners Funds Management is an independent, boutique Australian fund manager that is fully owned by its staff. It has a dual focus on performance and investing ethically. Its investment approach directly manages risk for its clients, provides the ability to invest in line with clients' values and actively advocates for change. Funds under management are over $1.5bn.

HOW THE ETHICAL PARTNERS TATRAI GIVING FUND OPERATES

The Ethical Partners Tatrai Giving Fund is a sub fund of the Australian Philanthropic Services (APS) Foundation (public ancillary fund).

The Giving Fund is funded by Ethical Partners, its key counterparties, friends and clients. It provides grants to approved not for profit causes that are consistent with the Giving Fund's purpose and values.
https://www.ethicalpartners.com.au/tatrai-foundation#What-we-do

THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

Tatrai is a tiny village in the rural north west of Cambodia. The Nacard and Parkin families travelled to Cambodia several times from 2015 to 2017 to assess appropriate sites for a new school and maternal and child health centres. With the support of friends, colleagues and family we were able to fund two maternal and child health centres and a large school in the village of Tatrai after which the Giving Fund is named. It was during these experiences in some of the most remote, disadvantaged yet beautiful areas in the world that the concept of Ethical Partners was developed. It was here that we resolved to have a clear purpose and mission to enable change both through our core business and through the Tatrai Giving Fund.