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From the Chair

It has been an eventful and busy year for the GVC. We are proud to have achieved one of our major goals for 2013, the construction of the new premises of the Learning Centre in Goa. In June 2013, the beginning of the school year, 24 children commenced the academic year in the new building.



On 27th July 2013, the centre was officially opened by Dr. W. Mesquita, Commissioner for NRI Affairs. The occasion was well attended by both local dignitaries and members of the community. A short video of the opening can be seen [here](#).

The new premises will enable us to increase the intake of more students to the centre. As of January 2014, there are 30 children studying at the centre, in addition to 17 children now studying in higher classes at mainstream schools.



With the increase in the number of students we are in need of sponsors for these additional children. I request your assistance to ensure that each of our children has a sponsor. If you or anyone you know is interested in making a difference in the life of a child and is able to

financially support the child's education through the GVC Learning Program, please [contact us.](#)

In August 2013, the GVC ran a pilot International Volunteer Program with two members of our volunteer team in Australia, Phil Gomizel and Samantha Tonkin, spending nearly two months at the Learning Centre in Goa, assisting with various aspects of the operations. They did a wonderful job and have made significant contributions to the GVC. On a sad note, Phil and Sam have resigned from our Fundraising Committee in Victoria but will remain ambassadors of the GVC. I take this opportunity to thank them both for the brilliant job they have done during their time with the Fundraising Committee, their contributions to the centre in Goa and their continued support of the work of the GVC,.

My heartfelt thanks to the volunteer GVC Board for their ongoing work and for your support during the year 2013.

Evelyn Robertson
Chairperson
Fundraising Committee



From the News Desk

Operations on the ground

The GVC's profile in the local community has grown considerably which was evident by the number of people who attended the opening of the new centre.

The number of children continues to increase and a new teacher will be recruited for the academic year starting June 2014.

Recruitment of a Centre Manager is in the pipeline which will provide greater stability to the operations on ground and enable the organisation to concentrate on rolling out a number of adult programs in the near future.

Benefactors

Francis D'mello and Peter Vanderzaag, directors at 3Fold Resources in Victoria have been consistent supporters of the GVC for some years now. In the last six months the construction of the centre's boundary fence was funded by 3Fold Resources, ensuring our children can learn and play in a secure environment. Peter and Francis continue to regularly provide financial assistance towards the work of the GVC. In December 2013 they extended their generosity specifically toward the GVC children's Christmas celebrations. We are exceedingly grateful for their continued belief in the work of the GVC and for putting smiles on the faces of all our children.

Recently, 3Fold Resources introduced their business associates, James, Michael and Tina of Elite Manufacturing Co. in Taiwan to the work of the GVC. We are grateful to James, Michael and Tina for their generous donation which will enable us to recruit the services of a much needed teacher in June 2014. We hope Elite will continue to walk with us in our future endeavours.

From the Fundraising Committee

Melbourne Fundraising Committee

In October 2013 the GVC Melbourne fundraising committee held their second event for the year. We entered our GVC 'Runtastic' team into the Melbourne Marathon. The team this year comprised of 14 enthusiastic runners and walkers participating in four events. One brave team member ran the full marathon i.e. 42kms, while the rest clocked in great timings at the 10km, 7km, 5km and 3km walk events. For the marathon and 10km runners, the weather held out and was

mostly sunny, but in true Melbourne style a few hours later the heavens opened. The weather had no impact on our wonderful team who pushed through and completed their respective events, crossing the finish line at the famous Melbourne Cricket Grounds.

The team managed to raise a grand total of \$4,800 for the GVC. I would like thank everyone in the team and all those who supported this event with donations, good wishes and cheers as we ran. Photos from the day can be seen on our web gallery at: <http://www.gvc.org.au/gallery>.

Horatio Cardoz
Melbourne Fundraising Committee

Tasmania Fundraising Committee

The most recent and enjoyable GVC fundraising event was a film night on Wednesday, 11th December 2013 at the State Cinema in North Hobart, when about 60 people enjoyed a drink followed by the film 'Night Train to Lisbon.'

Starring Jeremy Irons and based on the best-selling novel by Pascal Mercier, the audience was taken on an intriguing journey across beautiful Lisbon to find answers to some of life's important questions. Family mysteries and political histories were explored through the powerful written words of the Portuguese doctor, Amadeu de Prado and valuable lessons learned by both, narrator and audience.

The focus of the film, on the power of the written word, was particularly relevant - not just for the group of Elizabeth College teachers present in the audience - but also given that the goal of GVC is to improve the educational opportunities for some of the less privileged children in Goa.

The comments overheard as people left the cinema were universally positive, indicating the achievement of another successful fund-raising event by the Tasmanian committee. This was especially impressive at the busy holiday season when Christmas obligations tend to dominate. An indication of the hard work of the committee members, the generosity

of GVC supporters and the worthwhile goals of the charity.

The next fundraising event organised by the Tasmanian Fundraising Committee will be 'A Day on the Bay,' an afternoon outdoor concert involving three local Tasmanian blues and jazz bands on 23 February 2014. For tickets, please contact the committee by clicking on [this link](#).

Jim Connolly
Lead, Tasmanian Fundraising Committee

The GVC Website

Over the last 12 months, the GVC website and other IT matters have been passed into the able hands of Amy Chen, Web Administrator.

Says Amy, "We are currently in the testing stage of an 'Access' database for the organisation. The system will enable us to maintain information of all our supporters and benefactors, enabling us to share information about the GVC in a much more efficient manner. We seek comments on the website which will help us make a more responsive, informative site."

Sponsor a Child Today

We currently have 12 children in need of sponsors. For as little as \$35/month you could make an invaluable difference in the future of a child by providing him or her with an education.

If you would like to know more, please [contact us](#).

Click on each picture below to get to know our children better.



Swati Karbari, Age 4



Mayuresh Gudiman, Age 4



Bhavesh Kharavat, Age 5



Kashish Sakalkar, Age 6

Acknowledgements and Appreciation

The GVC Board would like to thank our volunteers:

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Jim Connolly
Karen Smith
Mel Evans
Phil Gomizel
Samantha Gomizel
Reina Zheng

We also welcome our new volunteers and look forward to a rewarding and enjoyable association:

Karen Visser
Sheetal Menezes
Janneke Koenen
Aarathi Muralidhar
Ashwathi Muralidhar

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Your donations help us build classrooms, buy books, provide playgrounds and create bright futures. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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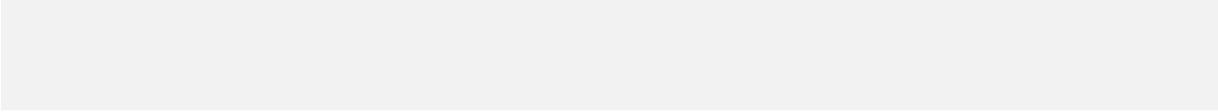
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