

### **Annual Fundraiser**

An informal drinks and hors d'oeuvres evening will be held on 5th November from 6pm – 8:30pm at Billilla Historic Mansion in Brighton. This will be a fun night and an exciting opportunity to help us raise funds for our schools through silent and live auctions.

Details can be found on your invitation. We look forward to seeing as many 'Friends of Humanitus' as possible. We have thus far secured weekends away, art works, a fabulous mystery prize and many other exciting items to be auctioned on the evening.

### **Humanitus News**

Pichey Rangsey School near Phnom Penh has been officially opened by the Cambodian Education Minister and the Australian Ambassador for Cambodia. Indeed an exciting time for its founder, Denzel Sprague. Humanitus hope to be assisting Denzel in implementing a desperately needed health program for the school later this year.

Humanitus board members will be visiting Cambodia in Dec 2010 and Sumatra in Apr 2011 to disperse further funds and check on the progress of our schools and orphanage that we help support.

Through the generosity of our board members, their families and 'Friends of Humanitus' since our June 2009 fundraiser, we are thrilled to have raised just over \$5000. Humanitus Foundation fundraising goal for this financial year is set at \$10,000.

The Humanitus Board – (Jeffrey, Sally, Simon, Christopher, Angus and Celine) would like to express their gratitude to Philip Fox for all of his hard work and dedication to Humanitus these past 6 years. Due to work commitments Philip has regrettably resigned from the Humanitus board and his input will be sadly missed by all. We know he will continue to maintain an interest in our achievements and challenges and are happy he will continue promoting Humanitus at every given opportunity.

### **Toilet block for Bright Children of Angkor School**



High on the 'wish list' for the BCA School near Siem Reap, Cambodia, has been a toilet block. We are happy to report that through Christmas 2009 donations from 'friends of Humanitus' and the fundraising efforts of Melbourne Grammar School (Grimwade House), construction of the toilets has been completed. This will make an enormous difference not only to the lives of the children but also the residents of Makak Village. Cambodia's rural sanitation coverage is less than 16% and is amongst the lowest in the world. Diarrheal diseases are the number one cause of sickness and death amongst Cambodian children, with 20% of children under 5 year's old suffering from diarrhea. The health impact due to poor sanitation and hygiene result in an estimated 12,000 deaths per year. We look forward to receiving more photos of the completed toilets to share with you on our website.

### **Humanitus at work in Sumatra**



Angus and Celine have been very busy at the Lontung School in Sumatra these past couple of months. Recent donations have made possible many much needed changes. The Lontung School now has electricity and has undergone a major face lift. Buildings have been painted, resources such as maps etc have been purchased and trees are being planted in the school yard. A clean water supply is essential and guttering for water catchment and a water tank are now being installed. The school has a 'techno savvy' teacher and we will shortly be supplying a computer for the school. Many of the children have to row 2hours to get to school and are exhausted before their learning day has started. At least now when they arrive they have a more inspirational environment to learn in. Many of the children are malnourished and in a general bad state of health. Next on our list is a health and sanitation program including meals and vitamin supplements. Keep an eye on our website for more pictures [www.humanitus.org](http://www.humanitus.org)