

ETHICAL  
PARTNERS  
TATRAI GIVING  
FUND ANNUAL  
REVIEW  
2021 / 2022  
(THE OPTIMISM  
EDITION)



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# Ethical Partners Tatrai Giving Fund Annual Review 2021 / 2022

The year ending June 2022 marks the third full year of operation of our Giving Fund. As a reminder, the Fund's purpose is,

“to help 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.”

Over the year we donated a total of \$261,040 to several worthy causes. Most charities we donated to are still trying to find their feet post the Covid-19 lock down periods. Many have had to make significant changes to their operating models which has presented significant challenges. Many rely on community events to raise money and it is only now that these events are re-starting.

But enough of the past! Let's look to the future. In speaking with the leaders of the organisations we support, there is an underlying sentiment of optimism amongst the group. Why? Perhaps it is just how outstanding individuals function... all glass half full. No half empty glasses here. This group is excited and energised by what the future holds. As such, we decided to call this annual review, "The Optimism Edition". Let's face it, we could all do with a bit more optimism in our lives and what better way to get it than from a group of outstanding not-for-profit organisations.

More detail on the Giving Fund, including the Fund Charter, is available [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support.

Yours sincerely,



**Matt Nacard**  
Manager - Tatrai Giving Fund



**Robyn Parkin**  
Manager - Tatrai Giving Fund



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## AUSCAM FREEDOM PROJECT

# Jessie Teerman

*Executive Director*

AusCam is an organisation that prevents girls and young women from being trafficked or sexually exploited in Cambodia. We identify and protect those at immediate risk and create safe spaces for girls to build the skills, tools and confidence to be resilient in the future. By improving gender equality outcomes and participation of girls, we hope to create a future where all girls, everywhere, are free from exploitation and trafficking.

**We are optimistic about** the future for girls. For a very long time, females in Cambodia in particular have faced severe gender disparities and barriers that limited their ability to stay in school, make their own decisions and protect themselves – leaving them extremely vulnerable to many abuses. At the start of the global pandemic, all schools across Cambodia closed and many girls were isolated from the support they needed. AusCam was forced to reimagine ways to protect and empower girls when we couldn't always physically get to them. We started a hotline so girls could reach us and we began using technology in new and different ways to deliver what we promised – a safe space for girls to build their future.

Our peer-led girls clubs are now able to operate both in person and online, providing access to vital information and opportunities to any girl with internet access. More girls are now receiving the urgent support that they need and are gaining the ability to advocate and effect change in their lives and communities.

I am both inspired by and optimistic for the many girls who continue to thrive in challenging environments and for a world that is reimagining a future where gender is not a limitation.

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Jessie Teerman, AusCam



THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY BRAIN AND MIND CENTRE (BMC)

# Professor Ian Hickie

*Co-Director, Health and Policy  
Brain and Mind Centre*

The BMC brings together a network of researchers and clinicians who partner across disciplines in pursuit of a common goal: to develop better approaches to prevention, early intervention and treatment for conditions of the brain and mind and, thereby, improve health outcomes now and for future generations.

The BMC's multidisciplinary research teams are at the forefront of brain and mind sciences. They work to find answers to some of the world's most pressing health concerns across the lifespan, including childhood development and behaviour disorders, youth mental health and addiction, and ageing and neurodegeneration such as dementia, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

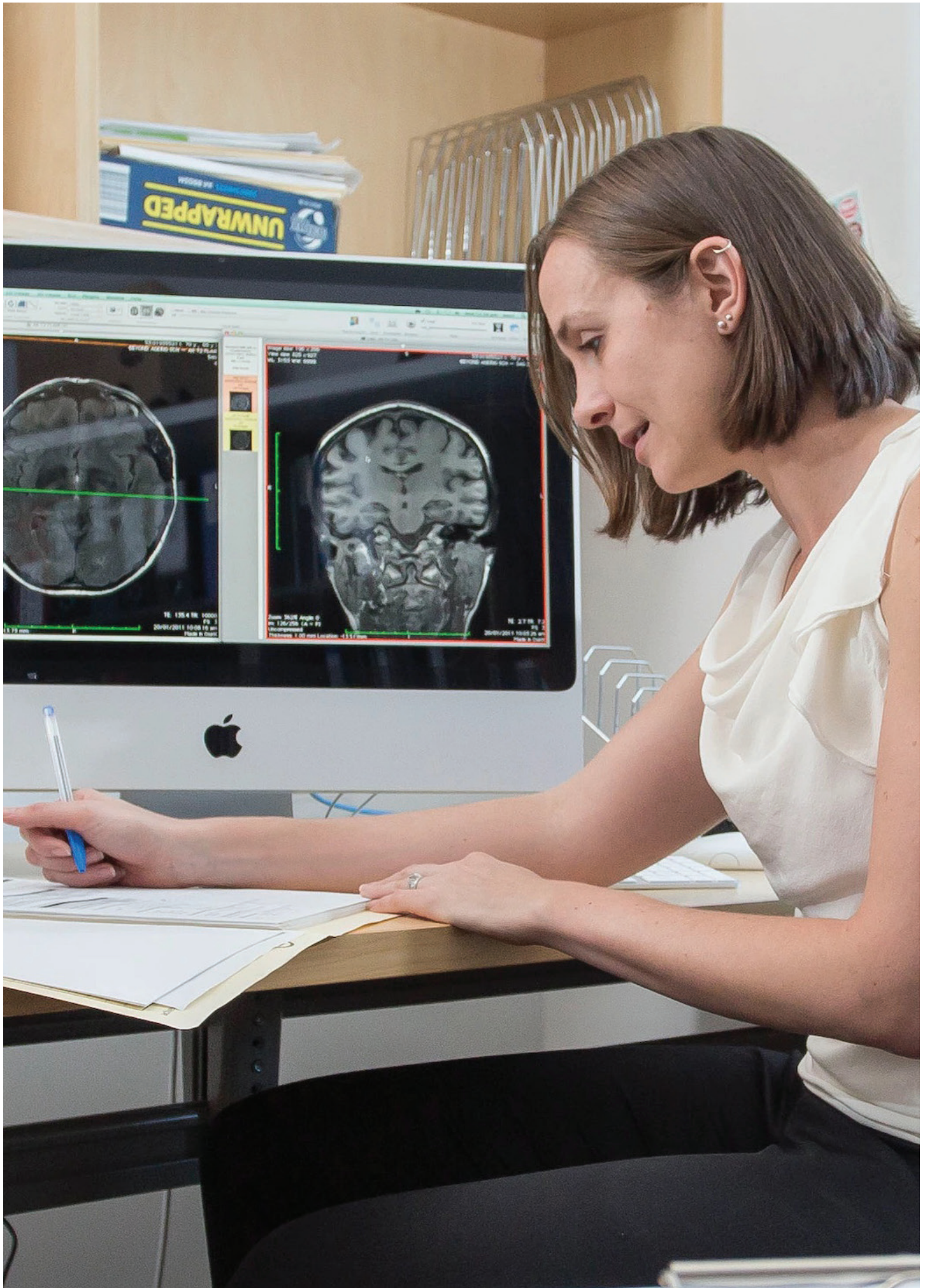
**We are optimistic about** a future where those affected by mental ill-health and brain and mind disorders can access treatments that have a transformative impact on their wellbeing. Recent discoveries are changing the way we diagnose and treat common brain conditions and are paving the way for translational research into solutions and treatments with real world impact.

Our transformative approach to combining effective clinical care with cutting-edge research provides researchers with immediate data in our clinics and gives patients and clinicians access to innovative treatments and interventions as soon as they are developed. This work would not be possible without philanthropy.

In a climate where chronic disease prevalence is increasing, it has never been more difficult to secure competitive grant funding. Philanthropy has allowed our innovative research to continue to thrive and for that we are continually grateful.

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Professor Ian Hickie,  
The University of Sydney Brain and Mind Centre





Picture courtesy of batyr





BATYR

# Nic Brown

CEO

batyr is a for-purpose preventative mental health organisation created and driven by young people for young people. We smash the stigma surrounding mental ill-health and provide the information and skills for young people to reach out for support when they need it. We help create communities that promote young people's mental health and wellbeing to live thriving lives.

Our programs and services focus on young people talking to young people as the best way to engage in this topic, we educate through the sharing of lived experience stories and empower by giving the knowledge and skills to lead mentally healthy lives.

**We are optimistic about** the next generation of young Australians! We are lucky at batyr to get to hear stories everyday of amazing young people living incredible lives and wanting to create a better world. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention continues to be a key issue that young people care about year on year and each year we see more and more young people willing to share their experiences to help those around them. Suicide currently is the leading cause of death for young people in Australia and young people want to see that change. They don't want their friends to suffer and they're willing to share their experiences to ensure that more people have the knowledge, support and resources they need to manage their mental health daily. With over 500 young people on our waiting list that are keen to learn to share their stories and get involved shows the demand within this generation to change the way we speak about mental health and I look forward to seeing the impact these young people will continue to have on the world!

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Nic Brown, batyr

OZHARVEST

## Ronni Kahn AO

*CEO and Founder*

OzHarvest is a for impact organisation on a mission to feed people in need, stop food waste and protect our planet. We champion the value of food, to make wasting it a thing of the past and are driving change at levels of society.

With operations nationally and the help of over 4,000 passionate volunteers, OzHarvest has delivered over 200 million meals and saved 70,000 tonnes of food from ending up in landfill. Through our education programs and our advocacy work, we hope to inspire positive change and help reach the national target of halving food waste by 2030.

**We are genuinely optimistic about** the future and that the change we need, will happen. The reality is we are not doing enough right now, but I believe the solutions are there and the momentum is building. If I had a magic wand I would put passionate change-makers in charge to make sure we get the job done, in the time we have left.

In the meantime, OzHarvest will continue to look for new ways to inspire and educate people about food waste, food security and sustainability. The challenge is to create a sustainable food culture that can be shared by all which requires change at all levels of society. We are all part of the solution.

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Ronni Kahn AO, OzHarvest



Tune into the Good Investing Podcast Episodes 7 & 8 where we interviewed Ronni Kahn in two of our most popular episodes.

Access the Podcast on Apple Podcasts or via the link [HERE](#).



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ITS LIKE  
IF YOU ARE  
AN INJURED BIRD YOU  
GO TO HOSPITAL TO  
HAVE YOUR WING FIXED

THATS WHAT KIDSXPRESS  
IS LIKE YOU LEAVE WHEN  
YOU CAN FLY AGAIN

10 year old girl with damaged self image



KIDSXPRESS

# Margo Ward

*Founder and CEO*

A registered children's mental health charity, KidsXpress helps to transform the lives of children impacted by childhood trauma and adversity. Established in 2005, KidsXpress delivers trauma-informed Expressive Therapy to children under the age of 12yrs and Education Services for those that care for them.

The KidsXpress Expressive Therapy program uniquely combines the modalities of art, music, drama and play therapy to initiate healing and promote emotional wellbeing. The program received national accreditation by the Australian Institute of Family Studies in 2015 as an evidence-based program. In 2021 KidsXpress won the Way Ahead Youth Mental Health Award for our School Partnership Program.

The KidsXpress School Partnership program embeds therapists and education consultants within the school community for minimum of three years working alongside teachers and the learning support team. Therapy sessions are run onsite at the school, classroom support and training for teachers in trauma informed education is also provided throughout the year.

By strengthening the socio-emotional wellbeing of children and building the capacity of their caregivers, KidsXpress is helping to create a future all children deserve.

**We are optimistic about** the powerful shift in conversation about Children's Mental Health in Australia. Not long ago the words mental health and children in the same sentence would make many people uncomfortable. Perhaps one of the silver linings of the pandemic is that we all know we can no longer afford to ignore it.

KidsXpress supports children that have experienced trauma and adversity in their young lives. We have seen firsthand how traumatic experiences have a profoundly adverse impact on children and families. Meanwhile the evidence has been clear for a long time - people with multiple ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) have demonstrably worse health outcomes and 1 in 7 children are exposed to toxic levels of stress\*

The good news is that the narrative is changing and there is finally a recognition of ACES at many societal levels, with an understanding that early intervention support can materially improve long term outcomes for children. This is a fundamental change in thinking, and we are hopeful this will lead to better accessibility of early intervention services

Desmond Tutu famously said ... "There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in". This is something that KidsXpress and our valued supporters have understood for a long time and why we have been delivering our support 'upstream'.

Now, more than ever, we are determined and fearlessly optimistic that with more early intervention support collectively we can create a lifetime of change for our children and for our society.



Tune into the Good Investing Podcast where we interviewed Margo Ward and Paul Hines in our first dual-interview Podcast in two of our most inspirational episodes.

Access the Podcast on Apple Podcasts or via the link [HERE](#).



GIANT STEPS

# Michelle Jocum

*National Director of Fundraising*

Giant Steps is world class School and Adult Autism Service that has a multifaceted approach to the provision of services to children and adults living with autism and their families. Our transdisciplinary approach combining education with music, occupational and speech therapies across all programs ensures our students achieve to the best of their ability. Giant Steps offers a number of services including a mental health clinic on site and a training hub that offers training to families living with autism as well as professionals working in the field from across the country.

**We are optimistic about** being in a position to grow the service provision to families who have a child with autism as Giant Steps continues to expand. The challenge for families is not just about the school day that operates from 9am to 3pm - it goes far beyond that. I am optimistic that Giant Steps is in a position to provide additional services such as vacation care, week-end respite services and overnight camps as well as programs supporting siblings of our students. There exists a greater understanding of disability and diversity within the community and that gives us hope and optimism that those with Autism in the future will not have to fight so hard to access services and additional support which will hopefully lead to greater learning opportunities for individuals with Autism across all ages.

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Michelle Jocum, Giant Steps



Tune into the Good Investing Podcast Episode 4 where we interviewed the remarkable Barry Irvin, the Chairman of Bega Cheese and the Founder of Giant Steps.

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Picture courtesy of You Matter



YOU MATTER

# Maxine Gross

*Founder & CEO*

At You Matter it is our mission to help women and children who have experienced family violence, are in desperate need of practical as well as caring support and don't know where to turn. We support agencies to create a home for women and children escaping family violence because everyone deserves a home. A home that is a haven. A home that is not just a house, a refuge or temporary accommodation but a home filled with all the things families need to start their lives over again.

The team at You Matter work to completely fit out and furnish the woman's permanent accommodation so that it feels like a home. We locate beds, tables, chairs and couches. We purchase fridges, washing machines and dryers. We put food in the cupboard, cleaning products under the sink, fresh linen on the beds. We provide toiletries, toys and books for the children, fresh flowers, and a meal in the fridge ready for that first night the family moves in. These items speak loudly, they are not just things, they say You Matter, that you deserve to begin your life again with respect and dignity.

As an almost 100% Volunteer led and driven organisation, in just over two years since beginning, You Matter has already created 90 safe havens in Victoria, benefitting over 90 women and 85 children.

**We are optimistic about** the prospects for greater gender equality in our country and the impacts this will have when it comes to preventing violence against women. Although the enormity and complexity of the challenges ahead for gender equality is daunting, during these past few years I am optimistic due to the swell of voices in our community that have stood up for change and firmly put this issue on the agenda.

Research tells us that gender equality is integral for women to be safe. The younger generations are so much more aware of and have a greater understanding of gender equality and its importance in our homes, workplaces, community, education institutions and all levels of government.

Through these past years, during the pandemic, we have seen the power of the community in coming together, supporting each other and speaking up for what's right. With regards to gender equality and violence against women the groundswell from incredibly impassioned and strong women in our communities speaking out on these issues, along with a growing support from men has given me an enormous feeling of optimism.

Although there is lots of work to be done, these very important conversations in our community, schools, families and media make me optimistic for the positive impacts this will have around the issues of gender equality and its impacts on family violence into our future. Your voice matters.

“Research tells us that gender equality is integral for women to be safe.”

Maxine Gross, You Matter



GAWURA

# John Ralph

*Head of Gawura*

Gawura is a unique school, a 'school within a school', catering solely for Nations First children. It is a highly regarded, award winning model that offers a coeducational Kindergarten to Year 6, day school, students who live at home with their families. All students are on a full scholarship, funded via Government support and private donors and foundations, such as Tatari Giving Fund. At the end of Year Six with Gawura, all students are then offered a full scholarship within St Andrew's Cathedral School.

**We are optimistic about** seeing the future of our First Nations students and culture. Gawura nurtures its students within a supportive environment, with small classes, focusing on in depth literacy and mathematics lessons, while working with their families and communities. Through this whole of family approach, each child can reach their own individual goals and met their full potential.

I am excited about providing educational parity for our First Nations children, in an environment that not only nurtures the individual student, their families, but also the culture and language. Gawura and the Junior School of St Andrew's Cathedral School teaches Wiradjuri language and has indigenous teachers and Elders that entwine the culture and customs into the daily learning, not only making the lessons relevant, but ensuring preservation of this 60,000 year old culture.

Gawura offers the First Nations students' integration with non-Indigenous students (within the Junior school of St Andrew's Cathedral School) for art, sport, science, geography, history, music and camps, and in the playground; which assists in their journey into the larger St Andrew's Cathedral School community, from Years 7-12.

But beyond all this, I am excited to see each individual student grow with self confidence, with the knowledge that they can strive for anything and know that they will be supported to reach their dreams, whatever they may be.

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John Ralph, Gawura



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## 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 \$2.5bn. [www.ethicalpartners.com.au](http://www.ethicalpartners.com.au)

## HOW THE ETHICAL PARTNERS TATRAI GIVING FUND OPERATES

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, its founders and is open to funding contributions from friends and clients. The Giving Fund is a sub fund of the Australian Philanthropic Services (APS) Foundation. Read the Fund's Charter [here](#).

## 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 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.

