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CWC NEWS

Dear friends,

Firstly I must apologise for the late delivery of this newsletter and also for the reduced content of it. Selina and I are on a trip to Europe and I did not bring a notebook. So this newsletter is written on my Android tablet; well, typing with my sausage sized fingers on a keyboard slightly larger than a matchbox often produces some very interesting letter combinations and is very slow. But I didn't want to miss sending you updates on our upcoming CWC 2017 ride.

Things are progressing well. We now have 20 cyclists signed up and so far five companies confirmed their sponsorship. We will be able to accept 5 more participants for the ride and we are confident to reach our target of 12 corporate sponsors and a total donation amount of AUD 50,000 from private and corporate donations. It may be an ambitious target, but I am a firm believer that through challenges we become stronger and better. The mental and physical challenge to cycle nearly 700 km in less than a week is something the participating cyclists will have to master by themselves, but the feeling of achievement at the end of the ride, the friendships formed and the memories will reward for all the pain and suffering. To master the challenge of raising funds for the wonderful cause that [EAI](#) represents, we all need your help. Whether it is a friend, a colleague, a family member, your husband or wife, son or daughter

participating in CWC 2017, please show them your appreciation and respect by donating to the charity. Any amount, no matter how small or big, will be much appreciated by the cyclists and the beneficiary. Nothing motivates the cyclists more than your acknowledgment and respect for what they are doing.

You can donate directly to EAI, using the "Donate" feature on www.effectiveaid.org/cyclists-with-compassion. On the payment page you will also have the possibility to name the cyclist, in whose honour you donate. Australian-based sponsors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. For any other payment matters and for Corporate Sponsorship, please mail to contact4cwc@gmail.com. I have also attached appeal letters for both private and corporate sponsorship to give you more information about our ride and the charity we are supporting.

Our ride will end on Saturday, February 18 at the Baan Fah Sighy Children Home, which is located approximately 100km south of Chiang Mai. This last day ride goes through some beautiful parts of North Thailand and is easy and flat. The arrival at Baan Fah Sighy marks the official end of CWC 2017 and spending time with the children of Baan Fah Sighy will a very special experience. We thought that it would be nice to be able to celebrate this special occasion together with our friends, family, sponsors and those that would like to ride the whole tour, but are prevented from it due to time or other constraints. Hence we have decided to offer a special package that would allow people to join the visit to Baan Fah Sighy on February 18. This special package has a cycling and a van option and also includes the accommodation, lunch at the children home and the celebration dinner. I will distribute details soon in a separate mailing and our Facebook page.

On February 19, the day after our tour officially ends, we will take the children of Baan Fah Sighy for an excursion to the Chiang Mai Zoo. We allowed for up to 10 cyclists of CWC 2017 to join the excursion. If you are interested to come to the zoo with the children, please let us know at contact4cwc@gmail.com. A very special Thank You to the management and staff of Centara Hotels and Resorts for sponsoring this excursion.

That's for now, best wishes, God Bless and safe cycling, always...

Reiner