

## Hundreds will benefit from special evening at the Sir Henry Royce Foundation Showrooms



**BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND (23 SEPT, 2020)** - Just over 70 guests enjoyed a cocktail “evening of empowerment” together at the [Sir Henry Royce Foundation Showrooms](#) in Coolum Beach Queensland on Saturday 19th September 2020, thanks to the gracious hospitality of one of the Trustees, Frank Carroll. Amid lots of lively chatter, laughter and an exquisite eight course meal prepared by our hostess, Joan Carroll, over \$14,000 was raised on behalf of the [World Hope International](#) (WHI) Hope Fund. Awareness of two WHI social ventures, TapEffect clean & affordable water solutions and Thera Metrey – Mushroom House livelihood, was also raised.

Mike Woodrow, WHI Board Director and entrepreneur, kept the night moving along as Master of Ceremonies in concert with Sam and Marnie Noble, who provided the evening’s entertainment while Sam also called the auction. WHI Australia CEO, Ruth Thomas, greeted guests and provided the call to action with insights and information on the community-based development work of WHI in Cambodia, which has received funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Guests strolled the showroom, full of vintage and British classic cars - including the ex-Australian Government 1967 Rolls-Royce Phantom V Limousine, used for carrying royalty. A chauffeured drive to Montville for 6 in this vehicle, with a stop for a complimentary morning tea, was not only the highlight of the auction, but induced the most fervent round of bidding. A last-minute mystery auction item created a bidding frenzy as



well, with one guest walking away with what was revealed as a customised Hope Rolls letterbox. Other items included a mobile phone package from Vonex Ltd, a major sponsor of WHI, as well as family passes to Wildlife HQ Zoo and Tree Top Challenge, a half hour drive on the Big Kart Track, two nights glamping in a luxurious King Safari tent thanks to Ingenia Holidays Rivershore and an overnight package in a 5 Star Spa Suite at Bli Bli House.

The power of small business like Thera Metrey - Mushroom House and TapEffect engaged the interest of those attending, who saw the positive impact of affordable clean water and livelihood solutions for vulnerable communities.

Some of those attending the event commented that it was, “So good to see projects continuing when so many things are stopping,” and that, “Every life matters and I can see how I can do something to change one person’s life.” Another observed that “Helping women helps the whole family. Helping the family helps the whole country.”

[Mr. Andrew Wallace MP](#), Federal Member for Fisher, addressed the guests in a moving speech stating,

*“2020 has been the hardest year of many Australians’ lives. We cannot underestimate the challenges that so many of us have faced. However, for many people living in countries like Cambodia, Sierra Leone, or Liberia, COVID-19 is only the most recent in a lifetime of challenges as they fight to stay healthy, feed their families and build a better future for themselves.*

*In my work I have seen the difference that Australians can make to those who are less fortunate. World Hope International give individuals, families and communities the basic resources they need to build a better life for themselves. Your donations to World Hope International will make a big difference for people who are just like us, but who are struggling with a global pandemic in countries without the same safety net that we are lucky enough to enjoy.”*

It was a greatly encouraging evening full of information, advocacy, fundraising and inspiration for the local community and Indo-Pacific development opportunities.

More information and assets can be found on the [press page](#).

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### **About World Hope International**

World Hope International (WHI) is a Christian relief and development organisation working with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering, and injustice. Our vision is to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity, and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family, and their community.

WHI uses market-based and community-driven enterprise solutions to empower, protect, and build resiliency through innovative, environmentally conscious, and transformative projects. We deliver our programming through strategic local and global partnerships to create a maximal, sustainable impact.

- [TapEffect](#) offers a market-based solution for households in rural Cambodia to have access to clean, piped water. As a result, women—upon whom the majority of the clean water burden falls—can have clean water piped into their homes for drinking, washing, gardening, and more.
- [Mushroom Cultivation, Thera Metrey](#) - Earning less than \$1 a day, Cambodians – especially women-face challenges in providing for their families. Farming mushrooms and selling at a fair price is reducing violence, human trafficking, low school attendance, substance abuse, and more.

### **About Sir Henry Royce Foundation**

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation was created from a discussion at the 1995 Federal Rally of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club of Australia. It was proposed that a stand-alone body be created to preserve the heritage of the past in relation to items manufactured by Rolls-Royce and Bentley, the history of the Founders (Sir Henry Royce, The Hon C.S. Rolls and W.O. Bentley), and all printed material relating to the Company's automobiles and aircraft engines.

### **About DFAT**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the department of the Government of Australia responsible for foreign policy, foreign relations, foreign aid, consular services, and trade and investment. Through the three-year Australian Aid: Friendship Grants program DFAT enabled smaller charities and organisations, already working in the Indo-Pacific Region by providing grants of \$30,000 to \$60,000, allowing them to expand or enhance their existing international development activities.