

Panel: Rotary Foundation Dinner

Lien Trinh

Lien holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Optometry and went on to complete a Master of Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She did this as a **Global Scholar** in 2013 /2024.

She has worked in Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea and indeed in remote indigenous communities here in Australia, where she has provided eye care services and built the capacity of local people through teaching, research and evaluation.

She is currently working on a project called **End Trachoma 2020** and the Rotary Club of Melbourne are pretty excited about that!

Lien also works to connect new arrivals through the **Welcome Dinner Project**.

Stephanie Woollard Seven Women Founder & CEO

Stephanie Woollard is a Melbourne-born social entrepreneur, Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar and Rotarian who has created the international aid organisation **Seven Women**, tour-company, **Hands On Development** and the **International Training and Hospitality initiative**.

Stephanie started her **Seven Women** project when she was only 22 years old, after visiting Nepal and meeting seven disabled women making soaps and candles in a small tin shed. In Nepal, disabilities carry a strong social stigma, believed to bring bad fortune. The women were consequently able to sell only a fraction of what they produced at market and lived in dire poverty. Disturbed by the injustice and isolation these women were facing, she spent her last

\$200 of travel money to pay two trainers to help up-skill the women and sell their products abroad. Since then Steph has devoted the past decade to changing the lives of disabled and marginalised women in Nepal. The organisation has trained and employed over 1000 disadvantaged women and has helped more than 5,000 women in remote villages in Nepal offering shelter, medical assistance and education

Through her tour company **Hands on Development**, Steph leads specialised tours to Nepal, giving exclusive access and exposure to participants to connect and contribute through their areas of expertise. Her cultural immersions to Nepal and indigenous Australian communities uplift and enrich both locals and tour participants through authentic, inspiring experiences.

The multipurpose **International Training and Hospitality** initiative provides cooking classes for tourists, funding disadvantaged women to learn culinary and hospitality skills, creating diversified opportunities for employment.

At the **Seven Women** headquarters, women manufacture fair trade products that are sold both locally and to an international market. These enterprises fund literacy, skills and income generation programs for thousands of women in Nepal. Education programs hosted by Seven Women include practical production skills such as sewing and growing vegetables, literacy classes and money management.

In 2016, Stephanie was recognized on the global stage with a prestigious **Rotary Responsible Business Award**, one of only six honorees worldwide. The award presentation took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with Rotary International President John Germ, more than 1500 Rotary members, UN officials and NGO leaders present. Other accolades received include **Moral FairGround's National Most Ethical Enterprise Award** in 2014, the **Nepali Association of Victoria's** award for "**Commendable service to the Nepalese Community**", and the distinguished **La Trobe Young**

Achiever Alumni of the Year Award in 2016. She has this year also been nominated as Australian of the Year.

Stephanie is a deeply inspiring young woman dedicated to education and empowerment of the world's most marginalised. Her journey demonstrates how through persistence and unrelenting commitment one person can truly make a difference. Steph's vision that underpins all her work is to create a more tolerant and compassionate world.

Stephanie holds an Undergraduate degree in International Development from La Trobe University in Melbourne and a Masters degree in Peace Studies & Conflict Resolution from Uppsala University, Sweden.

Jeremy Oats

Graduate of University of Adelaide (MBBS) and Nottingham University (DM). Specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Nottingham UK.

University Appointments: Associate Professor Obstetrics and Gynaecology Melbourne, Professor Obstetrics and Gynaecology University of Queensland,

Currently Professorial Fellow Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Previously Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Mater Mother's Hospital, Brisbane then Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne.

Medical Co-Director of Integrated Maternity Services Northern Territory.

Currently Chair Victorian Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity

Member of National Maternal and Perinatal Mortality Advisory Group.

Senior Obstetrician Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne

President Perinatal Society Australia New Zealand Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Alliance

Co-Chair Expert Advisory Committee for National Evidence-based Antenatal Guidelines

Principal research interests:

Diabetes in Pregnancy and Epidemiology of pregnancy outcomes.

Rotary:

Member Rotary Club of Melbourne 1991-1996, 2002-

Vice President 2007-2008

Leader of Rotary International Vocational Service Training Team in Obstetric Emergencies Timor Leste 2011-