



Another year has passed, and while the Coronavirus continues to proliferate and mutate, so we at the PPF adapt also to the continually shifting local and international situations.

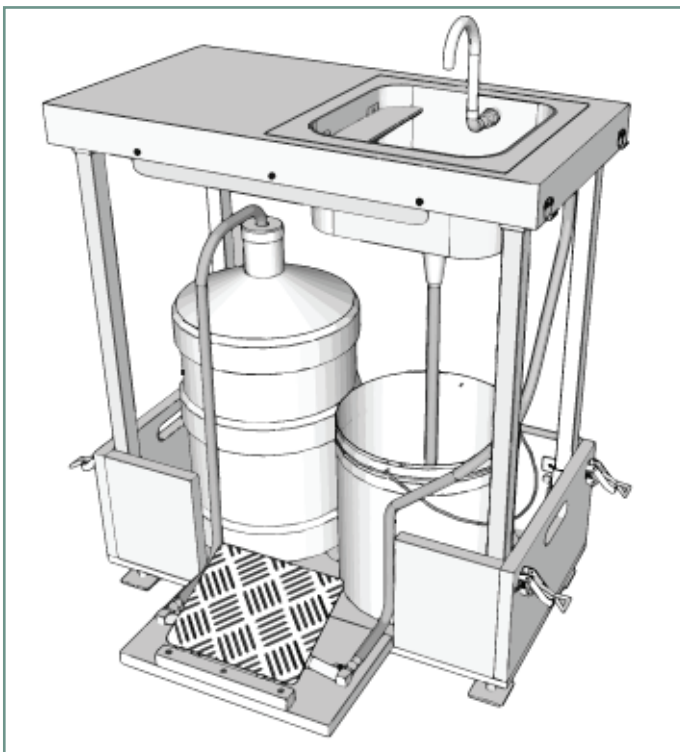
This past year we pursued the development of the Nepal portable handwashing unit, and established a new project - the Paul Pholeros Architecture Scholarship.

Nepal Situation

Nepal continues to be hit hard by the pandemic and global issues that affect all of us. Inflation is running very high, with the Government introducing a curb on foreign imports in an attempt to stem the flow of money out of the country. The tourism sector is reviving very slowly, overseas remittances are still trickling in.

The PPF has not been able to visit this beautiful country since late 2019, however there are plans to do so in early 2023.

PPF Nepal Portable Handwashing Unit Development



Construction drawing for handwashing unit prototype



Handwashing unit in use at Bhotenamlang school

The development of the Nepal portable handwashing unit continues in Nepal with assistance from Grant Stewart, PPF Director, and the unit's winning designer Taylor Springthorpe.

The process has been slowed considerably by ongoing COVID lockdowns in Nepal, environmental conditions such as landslides blocking roads and therefore supply of materials, and sourcing the necessary components in Kathmandu and nearby marketplaces.

Bishnu Shrestha, PPF Nepal Program Coordinator, worked with a team of skilled tradespeople to build a prototype unit which was then field tested at a remote area dental camp in March 2022. The many kids and adults attending the camp for dental care gave the unit a good workout.



Handwashing unit in use at Bhotenamlang school

It performed well (phew) and survived the very rough and bumpy journey in the back of the “jeep” to and from the remote hills (bravo!).

Evaluation of the unit and its performance identified some necessary design modifications which are now being incorporated into the fabrication of 3 more units in Nepal. The original unit is being retrofitted according to the design changes and all 4 units will be field tested in a variety of community settings.

The PPF will work with the Dhulikhel Hospital team to identify sites for the trialling and evaluation of these units. The PPF will then develop a business model for the ongoing fabrication and distribution of the units in Nepal.



Handwashing unit loaded in the Jeep



Unloading the dental gear and the handwashing unit



Welding process for the unit's frame



Paul Pholeros Architecture Scholarship

In early 2022 the PPF launched the Paul Pholeros Architecture Scholarship to honour Paul's lifelong commitment to improving people's living environments, and investing in the professional growth of young and emerging architects.

Two Scholarships per year will be awarded to recently graduated Architects in Australia who wish to study an issue or topic related to the social purpose of Architecture, with the outcome of the study contributing to improvements in the health and living conditions of Australian society. Each Scholarship is worth \$3000.

From a competitive field of high quality applicants, the Selection and Interview Panel chose Genevieve Quinn from Queensland and Victoria King from New South Wales as the 2022 Scholarship winners.

Their studies explore post-disaster rebuilding of dwellings and communities - an issue that is becoming increasingly urgent as Australia faces repeated onslaughts of fire and flood devastation. There is a great synergy between the two studies as Genevieve is focusing on the immediate relief solutions in urban environments and Victoria on the longer term solutions in rural regions.

The PPF is super excited to support these two very inspiring people.

PPF Nepal Fellowship

The PPF Nepal Fellowship, which supports a plumbing/architect team to work with their counterparts on a sanitation project in Nepal, is currently on hold due to the global situation. It will resume in 2023, most likely after the mid year rainy season.



Genevieve Quinn from Queensland



Victoria King from NSW



The Year Ahead

The PPF will continue to work with our Nepali colleagues to finalise the design and implementation of the handwashing unit. There is considerable interest in the unit, especially from remote Nepali schools where access to sanitation facilities is very poor.

Early in the new year we will call for the the next round of applications for the Paul Pholeros Architecture Scholarship 2023, and will circulate the outcomes of the current Scholarship studies by Genevieve and Victoria. Over time we wish to develop a network of PPF alumni and relevant industry groups, who could support the development of practical solutions identified in PPF-supported studies.

The PPF plans to hold a fund raising event during this coming year to support our activities. Any thoughts, ideas, suggestions - most welcome! Keeping in mind the ongoing presence of Coronavirus and its infectious consequences.

With Gratitude

The Foundation functions thanks to the generosity of groups and individuals who offer access to networks, professional skills and/or financial assistance. To the PPF Board of Directors, PPF Members, our donors and the following who have helped with specific tasks this past year (and hoping we have captured all), we offer sincere thanks: Jana Heimanis, Inta Heimanis, Jake Kellow, Emma Halpin, Jarrad Langdon and the team at Jala Design, Vince Lagana, Chrisy Savvides, Sam Horspool, Tony Davies, Adrian Welke. A special mention to the pro bono team at DLA Piper global law firm who guided us in the development of the Scholarship, and who continue to ensure we work within a safe, legal, practical, framework.

Thanks to everyone, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time. Cheers to you from the PPF team.

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