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Mel Manley with
Nepalese children



EUMUNDI CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (IWD) is held annually worldwide on 8 March and celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year's theme is 'embrace equity' and *Eumundi Voice* would like to highlight a couple of women in Eumundi doing just that!

Robyn Simpson is a local Eumundi mum who runs an organisation called Choose the 'Tude, a social enterprise with a mission to positively impact communities. Its goal is to raise happy humans and create kind communities in order to reverse the damaging and costly social trends of bullying. By raising awareness, creating tools and resources for parents and educators and organising community events it hopes to encourage personal connections and restore the village support network.

Robyn was recently nominated for the international awards program Women Changing the World in the social enterprise category. These awards are designed to recognise the growing number of women who are leading the way in making the world a better place and inspiring women to take action.

Presented by Oprah Winfrey's favourite guest Dr Tererai Trent, the awards celebrate and recognise women who have achieved *Cont. p3*

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Robyn Simpson

Cont. from p1 outstanding success in areas such as sustainability, humanitarian work, leadership, advocacy, technology, product development, education, health and innovation.

Mel Manley is a well-known local identity who has worked tirelessly as an advocate and financial supporter of Forget Me Not Australia since 2007. Forget Me Not works with the Nepal Government to provide a lifeline of hope for children trafficked into orphanages and children's homes to give them a safe house and reconnect them with their families. They support the child and their family through education, counselling and upskilling of family members.

More than 80% of children in Nepal institutions are not orphans. Global research shows they are

taken from their families, largely on the promise of education at boarding school in lieu of a family's life savings. This is a form of modern-day slavery as traffickers change a child's identity and sell them to an orphanage or home where they are used to generate funds.

Mel is currently travelling in Nepal with a couple of Eumundi locals to catch-up with their team for the first time since November 2019. There will be more news to share about her work on her return! For more information on Forget Me Not and its projects in India, Nepal and Uganda visit: fmn.org.au.

Attend an International Women's Day event near you. *Cont. p16-17*



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday 7th March 2023, CWA Hall, Eumundi

EUMUNDI WOMEN ROCK - A ROLLING BREAKFAST

Muffins, tea, coffee and scones from 8 am till 11.30 am
Open Mic for women's stories and wisdom 3 mins each
Rock amplified music
This year's theme is **Embrace Equity**
No booking needed. All welcome