



The Latest News On The BanXai Project December 2012

Extracts of Hugh's Ban Xai Report

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28th and 29th November Peter Maroney, who has been the driving force behind the design of the biodigester, departed site yesterday (28th) and stayed the night in Phonsovan. Thanks for all your work and input Peter. The weather yesterday was terrible, raining heavily all day, so no work was possible. Yang, Peter and I [...]

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Lao Culture- A Divorce Celebration

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Lao Culture- A Divorce Celebration. We, the volunteers at Ban Xai were invited to Yang's sisters divorce celebration not knowing what to expect. The men and women are separated as the women prepare the meal and the men gather as the celebrant waves a handful of cotton threads over the woman and her child. Then [...]

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When Sandy MacGregor went to Melbourne to talk about MiVAC at the Annual Reunion of the Australian Army Band Corps and at a public talk at the Prahran RSL Club the next day he was fortunate to have two Australian/Lao guys at his talk. One was Mal Vue (Malcolm Nyiaj Vue) who expressed interest in [...]

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[Hmong New Year at Ban Xai](#)

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The weekend of 15/16th December is the Hmong New year. No work is done in the Hmong Community from Thursday evening to Monday morning. They celebrate! Hugh, our site Supervisor, says "it was great to witness the Hmong community celebrating, with the girls of all ages wearing their colourful and beautiful costumes; boys and girls [...]

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[Tasks for Group Volunteers](#)

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Tasks for Group Volunteers Since MiVAC has been at Ban Xai several humanitarian tasks have been identified that are not in the MiVAC MOU and therefore not in MiVAC's Project Budget. The tasks still need being done to assist the people. To facilitate this MiVAC can identify tasks and give an idea of costs and [...]

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So Kel, this is the latest update on the Ban Xai Project. We hope to have more stories and photos of the progress being made in our next newsletter. Please forward this Newsletter to family and friends and encourage them to

join and donate to MiVAC at <http://www.mivactrust.org/>

Take action-you can assist.

Happy New Year to all, The Ban Xai Team.