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FRONT COVER IMAGE:

“All-Rounder” – Bangladesh
Kazi Riasat Alve (Bangladesh)

Arafat lives in a slum and works in a cigarette factory in Chittagong, but his great love is cricket and he dreams of winning the Cricket World Cup as part of Bangladesh's national team.

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The 2012 People & Planet Diary supports the work of 49 Australian not-for-profit organisations working for a more just, more sustainable world.

2012 marks the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives, which aims to highlight “the contribution of cooperatives to socio-economic development, in particular recognising their impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration.”

In Australia there are thousands of cooperatives operating in almost every area of society, from the largest insurance companies worth billions of dollars, to the smallest community groups assisting their local members. Across the world cooperatives are estimated to provide over 100 million jobs.

A cooperative is a legal structure that allows members to own and govern an enterprise, and to collectively enjoy the benefits. As organisations based on self-help and the interests of their members rather than on making a profit, cooperatives have a crucial part to play in helping create a more just and sustainable world, free from poverty and exploitation – particularly in the developing world.

While some of the partner organisations for the 2012 People & Planet Diary are indeed cooperatives, all of them are dedicated to working for a more just, more sustainable future, locally, nationally or globally. By purchasing this diary you are already supporting their work, but please visit their websites and consider making a donation or volunteering your time - they'll undoubtedly appreciate it.

Finally, thanks as always to the many photographers from across the world - from 84 different countries this year - who submitted photographs to the People & Planet International Photo Competition. The best of their images appear in these pages, helping to bring important attention to some of the world's most pressing social and environmental issues.

All the best for 2012,

Michael Cebon

Editor, People & Planet

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Makar Sankranti – Sagar Island, India

Abhijit Dey (India)

A group of women dry their saris after taking a holy dip during Makar Sankranti, a pilgrimage to Sagar Island, or Gangasagar, where the Ganges meets the Bay of Bengal. Here pilgrims wash away their earthly sins and celebrate what is believed to be the most astrologically auspicious time of year. Saris are widely worn across India, and have been a mainstay of India's apparel and textiles industry which employs around 33 million people directly and 55 million indirectly. Sadly, in the last decade cheap imports from China have driven down the price of silk saris below the production cost, putting possibly millions of weavers out of work.

December / January

26 Monday

27 Tuesday

28 Wednesday

29 Thursday

30 Friday

31 Saturday

1 Sunday

> New Year's Day (Public Holiday) (except ACT, NT, QLD, SA, TAS)
> Global Family Day - www.gfd.org

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Weather Warning – Bangladesh

Abir Abdullah (Bangladesh)

In the wake of 2009's Cyclone Aila, which caused extensive damage across Bangladesh, leaving an estimated 500,000 people homeless, a Bangladeshi woman is transported through floodwaters to safety. With over 150 million inhabitants, Bangladesh is amongst the most densely populated countries, and its capital Dhaka is one of the most populous cities on earth. Climate change's impact on Bangladesh's agricultural sector is fuelling the migration of 500,000 Bangladeshis from rural and coastal regions to Dhaka each year, precipitating a rise in the numbers living in the city's slums, where an estimated 70 percent of dwellers reside as a result of environmental adversity.

January

2 Monday > New Year's Day Public Holiday (in addition/substitution for January 1)

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There Must Be an Energy Source Down There Somewhere . . . – United Kingdom

Adam McKeating (United Kingdom)

The sun sets on an offshore oil refinery in Southport, North West England. As UK oil and gas production falls – by 7.7 percent and 4.3 percent respectively in 2010 – the UK is at the forefront of a global shift to generating energy from clean sources, like the sun, wind and tides. In the last year, solar power capacity has risen more than 18-fold as subsidies have encouraged homeowners and businesses to install new solar panels. At the same time, the price of solar panels has fallen rapidly, and experts believe that prices will continue to fall making solar the cheapest energy source to install within five years.

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Mother and Child - Angola

Eric Lafforgue (France)

A Mwila tribeswoman holds her daughter, who suffers from albinism, in Angola, South Central Africa. Although albinism is accepted in Angolan tribes, albinos face severe hardship and maltreatment in parts of Africa, with chairman of the Albino Association of Kenya, Isaac Mwaura, reporting that roughly 90 percent of albino children are raised by single mothers as a result of their fathers' mistaken belief that their wives have had an affair with a white man. Between 2007 and 2009, 44 albinos were killed in Tanzania and 14 in Burundi, leading an estimated 10,000 East African albinos to go into hiding to avoid persecution.

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We support the establishment of independent Australian foreign policy based on friendship and mutually beneficial trade. We do not believe that any country should set up military bases in other countries. We work towards an Australia that recognises and respects the first Australians.

The APC successfully nominated the only Australian recipient of the Bremen Peace Award, administered through the Threshold Foundation, Germany.

A PEACE of the ACTION is our radio program which can be heard on **Radio Adelaide 101.5 FM every Sunday at 12.30pm.**

Contact APC: email gilbeysue@hotmail.com phone mob: 0431112898 or ph: (08) 8410 3784. PO Box 10339, Adelaide BC, SA 5000, or check the APC website www.peacecourier.com



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We all agree that inflicting unnecessary suffering on other animals is wrong. But animal products such as meat, dairy, eggs and leather all inevitably involve suffering and death to animals, and in 2012 we have no nutritional or other need to consume these products. Put your anti-cruelty ethics into practice in your daily life by adopting a vegan lifestyle.

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Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

A multi-faith network
committed to taking action
on climate change.

ARRCC believes that as people dedicated to the common good, inspired by our beliefs and energized by our spirituality, people of all faiths can and should be at the forefront of creating a safe climate.

While celebrating the uniqueness of our different traditions, we stand together in working for an ecologically and socially sustainable future.

Our initiatives include:

Ride to Worship: aims to introduce people of faith to regular cycling as one way of responding to climate change. As part of this, ARRCC holds an annual Ride to Worship Week in October.

Faith Community Footprints: encourages faith communities to assess and reduce the ecological footprint of their place of worship through information and practical resources.

Meat Free Day: encourages people to reduce meat consumption by nominating one week day to be meat-free. Also invites faith communities to have meat-free meals at meetings and events.

Enabling Advocacy: Inviting and enabling individuals, places of worship and religious leaders to speak out on issues of climate change to local communities and our nation's leaders.

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Waterworld – Philippines

Arturo De Vera Jr (Philippines)

Kids play basketball while waist deep in water at the Artex compound in the Philippines' city of Malabon. Comprising 200 houses built in 1979 for employees of the Artex Yupangco Textile Mills Corporation, Artex has been permanently submerged in water since 2004. Regional population growth sparked the conversion of surrounding rural land into residential developments and roads, permanently elevating Artex's peripheral terrain and leaving the area acutely vulnerable to flooding. Although temporary flooding is a common occurrence during monsoon season, the incidence and severity of floods in the Philippines has increased in recent years due to climate change. Remarkably, very few of Artex's stoic residents have chosen to, or have been able to leave.

January

23 Monday > Chinese New Year

24 Tuesday

25 Wednesday

26 Thursday > Australia Day / Invasion Day / Survival Day (Public Holiday)

27 Friday > International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust - www.un.org/holocaustremembrance

28 Saturday

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People of the Forest – Malaysia

Asis Kumar Sanyal (India)

An Orangutan and her baby cling to a tree in Semenggoh Nature Reserve, in the Malaysian state of Sarawak, Borneo Island. Residing exclusively in the rainforests of Sumatra in Indonesia, and Borneo in Malaysia, Orangutan means ‘person of the forest’, with Orangutan’s sharing 96.4% of our DNA. Over the last 50 years, the total Orangutan population has dwindled from 315,000 to just 50,000, making them one of the world’s most endangered species. The primary threat to Orangutans besides poaching and abuse is loss of habitat. In the last 20 years, 80% of Orangutan habitat has been lost to logging for timber and the clearing of rainforests for palm oil plantations. For more see Orangutan.org.au/palm-oil.