



The site has a range of accommodation options from backpacker dormitories to self contained bungalows. Photo: Uma Jacklin



A visit to the Eco-Logic Resort has a community feel and range of activities to support the foundation. Photo: Uma Jacklin

In 2010 Ingrid and Rosalie were able to start an education program for special needs children, which today covers the essential needs for children within a 45km radius, and a school that has 25 children enlisted as students with an educational program and occupational training that includes skills such as farm maintenance, craft making, guest house and restaurant services... all providing vocational learning and future work opportunities.

“We started Eco-Logic as an opportunity for all to come and live in the real Thailand environment, to get involved in our project,” explained Ingrid, with the ever-present passion and warmth that comes with her exchange. “The integration of local staff and villages, children, visitors and the natural surroundings are an important aspect of our resort. It’s a ‘Holiday for Charity’ idea. Support a great cause whilst enjoying the unique experience that we have to offer.”

Ingrid terms the ideology behind the entire commercial aspect

of the venture as their ‘Vision Mission’, with 100% of all funds raised via a range of programs, sources and investments going directly to support the children’s needs.

The entire ethos of all aspects of the working resort is based on the ‘Permaculture Flower’ model, developed by David Holmgren in the 1970s, which integrates ethics, design systems and ecological solutions into a sustainable culture.

Eco-Logic and the TCDF is an incredibly efficient and empowering example of a working community under these principles. The charitable intention and care of the entire team of 20 people who work the land, teach the kids and support the activities is inspiring alone.

Seeing how this all permeates to the success of running their own agricultural program and self-sustainability adds another level of inspiration. An on-site farm that feeds the restaurant and school, chicken excrement that is turned into a methane gas resource (yes really), an aquaponic system in which fish waste provides an or-

ganic food source for plants, and the plants naturally filter the water for the fish, a recycling bank which services the entire local community, ground coffee production and a traditional clay hut building project that provides homes as well as an education into this forgotten, but environmentally friendly building process.

If Ingrid and Rosalie aren’t busy enough, they have plans to expand, and they would love us all to get involved.

“We’re planning a Community Garden, where TCDF parents and locals have their own organisation and garden to grow produce. TCDF can purchase products off them for the restaurant and they then have additional sources of income,” said Ingrid. “We’re also going to develop a pool area around the restaurant, steam sauna and build tree houses to support the growing interest for people to spend time at the resort.”

For further learning, we’re looking to develop a Creative Community Learning Centre, with a wide range of educational programs for local schools and people,



Ingrid van der Straaten, Co-founder. Photo: Uma Jacklin

as well as more developed courses for the international community.”

TCDF requires continual financial support to sustain their adventurous ‘Vision Mission’ program, and the Holiday for Charity ethos is the ideal opportunity to support an incredible cause whilst benefiting from this unique resort-stay experience and its surrounding environment.

Every single person that comes to stay financially supports the program, but there are also greater opportunities to longer-term involvement and investment.

The ‘Adopt a Bungalow’ scheme invites individuals to invest money in a time-share style approach to building new accommodation or renovating current buildings. Investing in a ‘Home away from home’ provides the ideal holiday location for family and friends, as well as providing funding for such a good cause within the foundation.

Eco-Logic are also calling out to companies with a Corporate Social Responsibility plan to get involved with the foundation for team building or away days, which the resort can either organise or host.

However we want to be involved, Eco-Logic and TCDF is a glowing example of two people’s vision and their partners and teams’ commitment to make a lasting difference to both those in need and those that can help.

And in the process, we all get to experience something that no money can buy. A loving community upheld and in harmony with its natural environment and resources.

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