

Rotary Improving Hearing and Dental services in Samoa

This RAWCS project was set up to enable the provision of hearing services in Samoa by running clinics several times a year by Australian volunteers and locally trained assistants. It was also intended to provide and install equipment for dental clinics on the island of Savaii, which has much fewer services than the main island of Opuolu.

We have made 23 visits to Samoa over the last 13 years and we have had had several experiences where we saw children's faces light up when they heard for the first time. Due to Covid, we have not been able to visit since March 2020.

Three parcels with donated and other spare parts and earmoulds were sent to the Senese school for deaf children Samoa. We have telephoned and held Zoom meetings with school staff in Samoa in order to replace software from their laptop computer, which had been lost when it was sent away for repair.

Dental equipment has been built and refurbished for the dental clinic in Samoa. It was packed and sent by sea to Samoa where the Rotary Club of Apia got it through customs and transported it to the island of Savaii in Samoa. This was equipment, which would have a value of \$100,000 if it was new. John Green from our Club donated and worked on the equipment and PP Bob O'Shea from our Club arranged shipping.

Philip and Cristy Newall
Rotary Club of Carlingford



John Green with dental equipment ready for shipping.



Child wearing hearing aid and hearing for the first time.



Lunch with the Prime Minister of Samoa, Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa.



Parcel of hearing aid spare parts arriving in Samoa