

RAWCS Eastern Region Meeting (February 2023) District 9685

Number of Projects in District

Type of Project	Number
RAOAF – Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund	64
RABS – Rotary Australia Benevolent Society	8
RACG - Rotary Australia Compassionate Grant	6
TOTAL	78

Number of RAOAF Projects by Country

Country	No	Country	No	Country	No
Australia	14	Lao	1	Sri Lanka	3
Bangladesh	2	Mongolia	1	Tanzania,	2
Cambodia	5	Nepal	7	Thailand	3
DR Congo	3	Nigeria	1	Timor-leste	7
Ethiopia	1	Papua New Guinea	1	Uganda	2
India	1	Philippines	2	Vanuatu	0
Indonesia	1	Samoa	1	Vietnam	0
Kenya	4	Senegal	1	Worldwide	11
		Sierra Leone	1	Zambia	1

Title	PROJECTS REGISTERED 2022-23	Project Manager		Club
5-2022-23	Kenya Clean Water Project (RAOAF)	Michael	Blair	Castle Hill
10-2022-23	Medical supplies Apeksha Cancer Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka (RAOAF)	Haran	Rama-chandran	The Hills-Kellyville
11-2022-23	Samraong Primary School Cambodia (RAOAF)	Michael	Harriden	Lower Blue Mountains
23-2022-23	Time + Tide Foundation educational and economic opportunities (RAOAF)	Susan	O'Neill	Brisbane Water
29-2022-23	Moree East Public School	Pam	Pritchard	Turramurra
37-2022-23	Fiji Women's Sewing	David	Rivett	Gosford North
41-2022-23	Gaia Sustainability in Action in Senegal	Ann	Prescott	Wahroonga

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Jan Pryor	60-2012-13	ROAF (Overseas)	The Didi Foundation	Northlakes Toukley	Nepal
It was an honour RI President Jennifer Jones visited Didi HQ in December. We were one of the two projects visited. She spent much of her time talking with the women and hearing their stories. Currently collaborating with the UNHCR to build another level at Didi HQ's for beauty-school and negotiating and the Australian Embassy is funding a cooking course					
Maurice Schokman	029 2005/06	ROAF (Overseas)	Cararoo Foundation Inc.	EClub of Greater Sydney	Philippines
Students back at school. Held 2022 Allan Atkins English Writing Contest, 17 entries winner Rhomelyn. Member from EClub Doug Vincent and family visiting project for 2 weeks taking games, musical instruments books etc. Plan to hold joint concert for families in village. Mental Health program proceeding on track, plan to have first interviews of students completed by end January 2023, results so far are very surprising.					
Phill Isaacs	55 2021/2022	RABS (Australia)	Action 55 of 2021-22 Bell Clarence Dargan Communities (NSW) Bushfire Recovery Relief	Upper Blue Mountains Clubs	Australia
The Community Project is proceeding slowly as there are significant local Government requirements for a Community Hall in a Bushfire prone area. A DA has been received and we have now submitted the Construction Certificate. We have been granted a RAWCS bushfire grant of \$140,000 and this month were successful in receiving a NSW grant of \$411,000. We are working to conclude a global grant mainly from Bendigo Bank.					
Phill Isaacs	102 2019/2020	RABS (Australia)	Housing for the Homeless People in the Blue Mountains	Upper Blue Mountains Clubs	Australia
We now have approval to commence discussions with the State Government on a requested block of land. We have raised \$34,000 in a tax-deductible account. We have produced a Cookbook and so far, have sold 500 for \$20,000 for this project. We have received a grant of \$40,000 from the State Government to help purchase the first Tiny Home for the land. Our partner, Link Wentworth Housing are working on developing the plans to move forward.					
Phill Isaacs	31 2011/2012	ROAF (Overseas)	Low Power Consuming Computers for Developing Countries Worldwide	Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise and two Vanuatu Clubs	Vanuatu at this stage
Slow going as the country has now entered the cyclone season. Possible next visit will be later this year to install a system which has already been delivered to Luganville. At the same time all already installed systems will be visited and confirmed to be operational					
Lucy Hobgood-Brown	20-2013-14	ROAF (Overseas)	Lotumbe Community Development	E-Club of Greater Sydney	Democratic Republic of Congo
In January 2023 our team completed obstetric emergency training for 100 doctors, nurses and midwives at 3 locations; conducted visual storytelling workshops for 30 community leaders in 2 locations; planted the first Rotary Peace Pole in the DRC; conducted project evaluations					
Lucy Hobgood-Brown	47-2015-16	ROAF (Overseas)	Building a Healthy Congo	E-Club of Greater Sydney	Democratic Republic of Congo

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Provided obstetric emergency training to 3 locations in collaboration with the DRC Emergency Medicine Assoc www.amurdc.org and Congo Protestant University; delivered medical equipment for ongoing training in collaboration with DAK Foundation					
Pam Pritchard	29.22.23	RACG (Grant)	Moree East Public School (RACG)	Turramurra	Australia
The final payment for the literacy project, 'Books in Home' for 2023 has been made for Moree East Public School. The students will receive two books per term for three terms. The next goal is to raise \$12,000 for 'Books in Homes' for 2024. Fund raising will include a Trivia and Fun Night and a Pudding fundraiser. I plan to visit the school for the first 'Books in Homes' Assembly probably in March, date to be confirmed.					
Philip Newall	132201920	ROAF (Overseas)	Samoan Childrens Hearing and Dental Project	Carlingford	Australia
We have sent equipment and supplies and liaised by email and phone with our colleagues in Samoa. We are to visit Samoa to work for a week on the project from 11 to 18th March this year					
David Rivett	37-2022-23	ROAF (Overseas)	Fiji Womens Sewing Training & Health Education Programs	Gosford North	Fiji
Team is organising equipment and supplies for their project and plan to travel to Fiji in March 2023 to complete project.					
Peter Bray	49-2021-22	ROAF (Overseas)	Sepik River dental Clinic	Kenthurst	Papua New Guinea
We are continuing to fund raise currently \$20,000.00 raised so far of which some money has been sent to hire a portable saw mill to cut the timber for the Clinic Building which will be to the same design as current huts on site Also the it should be noted that the Hut will be built by the villages and the timber being used is a renewable resource We have been selected to partner with RYLA ELEVATE to move together on this project					
Kathy Kendall	77-2018-19	ROAF (Overseas)	Shamida Bright Vision	Berowra	Ethiopia
Shamida occupants will be moving to a new house in February on the compound of a Catholic School and monastery as the current house is being sold. We are hoping the children of Shamida will be able to attend the onsite school which will save a lot in transport costs. The renovation of the government property (8 buildings) continues to move ahead albeit slowly with construction prices having skyrocketed in Ethiopia (as worldwide).					
Denise Curry	46/2006/7	ROAF (Overseas)	Bo Children's Hospital	Rotary Club of Turramurra	Siera Leone
Upgraded equipment has been purchased for the laboratory so that the range of available on-site tests can be expanded, and our laboratory technicians have received appropriate training. Also, a new internet system will soon be installed. BCH will continue its programmes for vaccination, treating malnutrition and providing education on preventative health care.					
Sue O'Neill	3/2008-09	ROAF (Overseas)	Sustainable Development, Worldwide	Brisbane Water	Zambia and Madagascar
This project is support by Time + Tide Foundation. The project provides home based education support, female student empowerment and sponsorship for students to support the child & their families. Time + Tide focuses on education and health care in Zambia and Madagascar					

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Sue O'Neill	30/2015-16	ROAF (Overseas)	Uechtriz Foundation projects	Brisbane Water	Rwanda
Mustard Seed Institute Rwanda is a social enterprise operating in the rural village of Rwankuba, Murambi Sector, Gatsibo District, Eastern Province, Rwanda. Our focus is on community development through agricultural innovations, training and education. www.msi.rw Agahozo Shalom Youth Village Rwanda empowers orphaned and vulnerable Rwandan youth to build lives of dignity and contribute to a better world. www.asyv.org					
Susan O'Neill	24/2011-12	ROAF (Overseas)	Health, Education and Community Empowerment	Brisbane Water	Uganda
Our project provides specialised Montessori teacher training at Divine Mercy Montessori nursery school at Buwampa, Buikwe District, Uganda. We support the school with wages, resources, uniforms and just put in water tanks and a pump to bring ground water up.					
Susan O'Neill	40/ 2020-21	RABS (Australia)	Dementia Cafe	Brisbane Water	Australia
Our fortnightly cafe is a for people with dementia and their carers. The café creates opportunities for people to connect with others who understand what they are going through. The café is designed to be a safe and welcoming social get-together where people with dementia can continue to be connected and engaged and address the common feelings of isolation that are often experienced as a result of a diagnosis of dementia.					
Val Bland	78-2018-19	ROAF (Overseas)	United Mission Hospital, Tansen, Nepal	Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney	Nepal
Another very busy but successful Christmas and New Year period of 60 days was conducted selling Rotary cakes and puddings, with the help of EFTPOS. Proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation, the Hospital and two Clubs. Another fundraiser dinner is proposed soon to raise more funds for a Global Grant to assist the Hospital to acquire five pieces of equipment urgently required, including two new ventilators for COVID-19 and snakebite patients.					
Jan Pryor	2021-22	Australia	Zonta Central Coast	Northlakes Touley	Australia
RAWCS has offered us a wonderful opportunity to raise funds through tax-deductibility. We have been able to purchase and provide warm winter clothing and other items to women in our local refugees and support other women suffering hardship.					
Libby Bleakley	33/2014-15	ROAF (Overseas)	Sentru Formasaun ba Juventude - Timor Learning Centre	Blackheath	Timor-Leste
I visited our Centre for the first time in 3 years and was happy to see how it continued to run smoothly. In company with Mary Brell and Rob Uhl (Rotarians)we upgraded our curriculum for the English School-training our teacher; taught the sewing staff how to make coffin shrouds for a company in Australia who ordered 100; worked on our environmental curriculum-composting and gardening with staff and members. Conducted an audit of the centre and retrained staff.					