

RAWCS Rover

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2019



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN SRI LANKA & INDIA

RAWCS project 6/2016-17 Rotary Club of Hills-Kellyville D9685

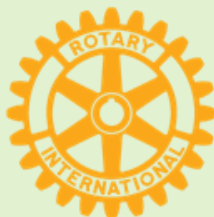
On Saturday 11th of May, we will be loading 2 x 40ft Containers with 120 Hospital Beds destined to be distributed across the medical facilities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka.

Come help us achieve this and enjoy a fun day filled with great fellowship with morning tea and BBQ Lunch, while making a difference.

8am-4pm 12 Anella Ave, Castle Hills at the HEERA (formerly DIK) Rotary Warehouse.

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Linking Eastern Region Districts, 9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700, 9710

You are invited...

RAWCS Eastern Region Quarterly Meeting

*Hosted by District 9650
May 18th and 19th 2019*

**MEETING VENUE:
CLUB TAREE,**

121 Wingham Road, Taree, NSW

Saturday from 12noon.

Special bonus presentation

12:30-1:30pm Mick Willis –

Updates and changes.

District and regional management responsibilities and processes for project managers and volunteers

***Break for participants to get lunch etc**

2:00 to 4:30pm

An afternoon of informative and interesting topics

2:00-2:15pm Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country

2:15-2:35pm Brittani Michelle -

Chulthedada Village Chicken Project – NEPAL

2:40-3:00pm Bev Stalling -

Chiedza Childcare Centre - Out of School Program – Harare ZIM-BABWE

3:00-3:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:30-4:00pm Mary Brell –

How to construct presentations to best engage with your audience.

RSVP: By Monday 13th May 2019.

Register ONLINE

www.trybooking.com/BCAGR

Come along for a great weekend!



Saturday evening

6:30 for 7pm

KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

Reg Pierce

RABS Drought Relief funding and distribution.

2 course Dinner \$40

Sunday morning: 08:30 –noon

RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting:

General meeting featuring "Have your say". Everyone gets a 2 MINUTE opportunity to talk.

**RAWCS Eastern Region Management Meeting:
Follows General meeting.**

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Chairman's Report

For General Meeting to be held in Taree on the weekend of 18th & 19th May 2019 hosted by D9650

I am looking forward to meeting you all again in Taree and I know the team in D9650 are working on hosting a brilliant weekend for you.

Last General Meeting held in Casula on the weekend of 23rd & 24th February 2019 hosted by D9675

Many thanks to District Chair Malcolm Brown and his team. We had a wonderful weekend with some very interesting speakers including PDG Bruce Allen from the Rotary Foundation showing us how RAWCS and The Rotary Foundation could work in unison. Alex Donaldson and PDG Keith Roffey updated us on HEERA (Health & Education Equipment Repurposing Activity). Keith Roffey said, HEERA was "the jewel in the RAWCS crown".

John Macpherson, regional coordinator of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) had been working in PNG and Timor Leste. RAM had received a Global Grant of \$US251,000 to help the government of Timor Leste to get rid of the scourge of malaria.



John was also awarded the Len Avard Award for his contribution to the work of RAM, announced by another Len Avard Award winner, Graham Morphet. Congratulations and so well deserved.

Pictured (John McPherson with two other Len Avard Award winners, Mary Brell and Sue O'Neill)

Guest speaker: Sister Myree Harris, a Josephite nun has for almost 30 years has devoted herself to helping the most vulnerable and unfit members of society, the intellectually handicapped and psychiatrically afflicted, learn to look after themselves and hopefully, live independently and hopefully out of institutions. In this thankless task, her organisation, the Gethsemane Centre based at Petersham, she has attracted widespread notice and has twice been appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to attend world conferences on homelessness in Rome. She co-founded the Coalition for Appropriate Supported Accommodation (BASA) for people with disabilities. Advocacy from CASA convinced the State government to commit \$66 million,

(St Myree with DG 9675 Sue Hayward)



Future Meetings

I truly believe if we can get more Rotarians to attend these meeting we will grow RAWCS and their engagement greatly. Save the dates and look out for details of the meeting venues;

D9685: 17 & 18 August 2019

D9700: 16 & 17 November 2019

D9710: 22 & 23 February 2020

D9670: 16 & 17 May 2020

D9675: 15 & 16 August 2020

D9785: 14 & 15 November 2020

Why not bring some members of your club or from your district along to learn about the great works of RAWCS?

Thank You

Special thank you to the Project Managers for the work they do with their RAWCS Projects, Thanks also to the support people who make these projects happen at Club, District and Region level. Special Thanks for my team who have supported me as Chair, especially Secretary Brian Goldstraw, Treasurer Janis Harvey, and the District Chairs.

Adrian: RAWCS Eastern Region Chairman

RAWCS Eastern Region Welcomes New chairman DG Brian Coffy



Time to hand over the Chairpersons Role

After 3 very enjoyable years for me, it is time for me to hand over the Chair's role to DG (soon to be PDG) Brian Coffey from D9670. Brian has been involved with RAWCS for many years as a District Chair.

Born and raised in Newcastle, 1 Of 10 children, Brian was educated at Hamilton Marist Brothers and Newcastle Boys High.

In 1979 Brian and wife Carol moved to Maitland and he commenced a 34-year career in law enforcement. They married in 1982 and have 2 boys and 2 grandchildren.

After being a guest speaker at two Rotary clubs, Brian was invited to join East Maitland Rotary Club, and was inducted early in 2000.

Brian and Carol immediately became involved in Youth Exchange, hosting their first student in 2000 and continuing their involvement to this day.

At Club level Brian has served two terms as President (2004-2005 and 2013-14) and has lined up for another year (2019-2020), Secretary, International Service, Vocational Services, Youth Service, YEP Counsellor, Club Service and Community Service.

Brian was recognised by the Rotary Club of East Maitland in 2008 and 2014 with Paul Harris Fellows, while members personally gifted him with others in 2013 and 2015. Carol received a Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of East Maitland in 2014 and a Sapphire was personally gifted by members in 2015. Carol also received the prestigious East Maitland Rotary Club Neville Arthur – Club Service Award in 2015.

At District level Brian has been involved as District Governor 2018-19, with Rotary Australia World Community Service as District Chair, Donations in Kind, Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children, Youth Exchange and Rotary Young Driver Awareness.

Through ROMAC, with Lyn Thorpe, Brian coordinated project "Charlies Angels" – the Talipes treatment at John Hunter Hospital of a young boy Charlie from Tanna Island. While Charlie and his mother Veronic were in Australia. Brian and Carol's home was one of the mainstays for Charlie and his mum (pictured).



Brian and Carol remain active at Club level assisting with the coordination of all major community projects and fundraisers for the Rotary Club of East Maitland.

Despite all this Brian and Carol still have time for their passion of family, holidays and muscle cars, with both having major roles in their Falcon GT car club.

Brian is ambitiously looking forward to his role as Chairperson in the Eastern Region RAWCS team and as Assistant Rotary Coordinator working with Rotary Coordinator Tim Moore.

I know you will give Brian the support he deserves as you all work together to make RAWCS stronger in Easter Region.

Adrian: RAWCS Eastern Region Chairman

NORTH QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

RAWCS project 75/2018-19 (RARF)

Rotary District D9550

Rotary Launches North Queensland Flood Appeal.

Rotary has set up an appeal to raise funds to assist people in recovery from unprecedented flooding across North Queensland. The appeal is primarily aimed at assisting those whose needs are not covered by insurance and government assistance.

It will be managed by Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), who recently partnered with Channel 9 in a telethon raising over \$10 million for Australians impacted by drought.

Tax deductible donations are welcomed from individuals or organisations.



Photo: Aerial view of the devastation caused by floods in Townsville

Funds will be distributed with local knowledge, input and compassion by Rotary clubs in Townsville and other organisations in North QLD communities affected by this destructive weather event.

Project Manager and senior Rotary leader, Robert Tardiani, who helped instigate the appeal, said “As a Townsville local for many years, I have first-hand knowledge of the impact this event has had on my community. Engaging the support of donors across Australia and beyond through this appeal is one way I can help my community to recover.”

“Rotarians are ‘People of Action’, always ready to assist their communities, especially in times of high need. I commend this appeal to those individuals, organisations and businesses looking for a way to assist the recovery of the communities affected,” said the region’s Rotary District Governor Greg Marlow.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY DISTRICTS DROUGHT APPEAL

RAWCS project 42/2018-19 (RARF)

RAWCS National

A staggering \$10.1 million was raised to support drought-affected farmers since the Fund launched on 2 August. The Fund was run as a partnership between Channel 9, Rotary Australia World Community Service and the National Farmers’ Federation (NFF).



The National Farmers’ Federation has now committed 100% of the Drought Relief Fund donations to worthy charities actively supporting farmers.

The final \$1,867,400 was distributed to the Western QLD Drought Committee (for farmers and small businesses), Blaze Aid, St Vincent de Paul, Drought Angels and the CWA.

“These organisations, along with others who received funding in previous distribution rounds, have done a fantastic job at delivering much needed aid to the doorsteps of struggling farmers, their families and communities,” NFF CEO Tony Mahar said.

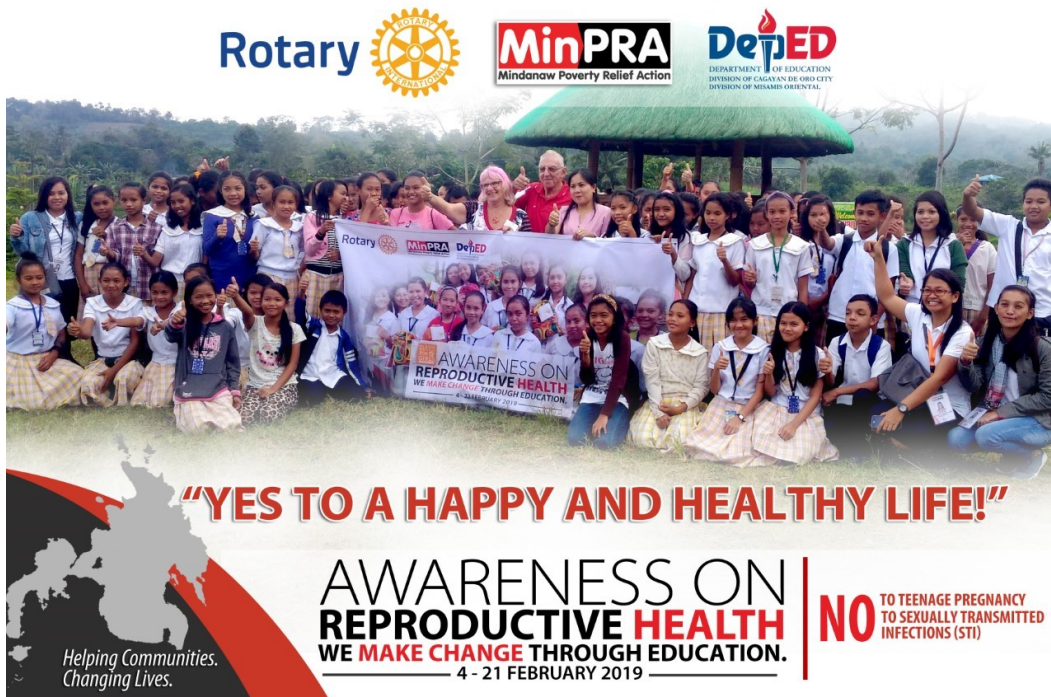
“This aid has come in the form of grocery and fuel vouchers, assistance with household expenses, mental health services, volunteer workers, and importantly – feed and fodder for livestock.”



Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION BY PICTURES

RAWCS project 69-2018/19 Rotary Club of Moruya D9710



In Feb 2019 Shirley and John Hayes managers of the RAWCS project 69/2018-19 **Sexual Health Education by Pictures** were in Southern Philippines. In three weeks they visited 14 High Schools and with the help of the local Mindanao Poverty Relief Action team they gave 3 hour lectures to over 3,000 students and staff.

THE UNITED MISSION HOSPITAL, TANSEN, NEPAL

RAWCS project 78-2018/19 Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney D9685



The United Mission in Tansen, Nepal, says a **BIG THANK YOU** to Val Bland PHF of the Rotary E-Club of Greater

Sydney, D9685, Project Manager of RAWCS project 78-2018-19, and all her generous donors, for providing funding for a C-Arm X-Ray machine.

The Hospital, known as the trauma centre, has now purchased the C-Arm X-Ray machine (pictured) especially for use in orthopaedic surgery. Accidents are common due to poor infrastructure. Having this equipment at the Hospital now allows life saving procedures to be undertaken at the Hospital.

HEERA

Health & Education Equipment Repurposing Activity – Fit for purpose – Fit for the future

HEERA, which commenced 1 Jan 2019, is a 12 months trial for Donations in Kind (DIK) Eastern Region to be re-established with the aim of creating a business model, that is sustainable, self-funding and in accordance with RAWCS Policies and Procedures moving forward.

The object of HEERA is to enable Rotarians, the public and the corporate sector to deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support through its activities.

HEERA's role is to provide humanitarian aid through the provision of our 'end of life' equipment. The focus is Health and Well-being, Education, Literacy and Vocational. The aid must be effective for the long term, sustainable, enhance people's lives and give Rotarians and others satisfaction for their efforts. New features include on-line inventory and container registration.

At the end of the trial a review will be undertaken and if it is deemed successful consideration will be given, in consultation with other regions, of expanding the model nationally.

HEERA Eastern Region Distribution Centre is located at:
Unit 4, 12-16 Anella Avenue, Castle Hill NSW 2154.

For more information on HEERA please contact:

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Health & Education Equipment Repurposing Activity (HEERA)
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This is what HEERA can achieve.
Re-purposed equipment furnished a school in Ghana

Eastern Region Executive Committee

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DG Brian Coffey

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THE DIDI FOUNDATION INC. NEPAL

RAWCS project 60-2012/13 Rotary Club of Northlakes Toukley D9685



The Didi Foundation Incorporated: working to educate under privileged children and to empower women.

Didi Foundation is a recent recipient of a \$35,000 Australian Aid Friendship Grant from the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Didi Foundation are now forging ahead with plans to construct a cooking school at the new Didi HQ. This income generating venture will provide employment opportunities for graduating deaf students as well as disadvantaged women and single mums.

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd AIM is to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities with humanitarian aid projects.

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