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**LINKING EASTERN REGION CLUBS IN  
9650, 9670, 9680, 9690, 9700, 9710, 9750**

## THEY NOW NEED OUR HELP

Remember that hugely emotive photo that came out of PNG in WW11. This was Pte G.C. Whittington being led to safety by Raphael Oembari, Kokoda Track, 25<sup>th</sup> December 1942.

Now is a time when we can revisit that comradeship with people in great need our help.

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### ANOTHER AVENUE

So your club wants to explore yet another International Project but is not ready to branch out into a Volunteer Program.

No worry!

Take a look at the list of projects that could benefit from a club donation. They come under a topic called **Project Funding** and cover a vast array of interesting projects around the world.

You can check out the various listings by contacting Project Funding Coordinator Howard Grigor on 02 4982 8876, or 0412 496761. Ask him for a list by email at [hngregor@bigpond.com](mailto:hngregor@bigpond.com).



### THEY STILL LIVE SOME ONLY IN MEMORY

From the very area where such acts of human kindness brought many of our men safely back from the terrors of jungle warfare now comes the need for help in rebuilding homes and services.

Oro Province in PNG was inundated with 3.2 (12FT) of rain in six days in November 2007. All major bridges were washed away, over 200 lives lost, plus general destruction of buildings, food gardens, water supplies etc. This disastrous event received very little media coverage in Australia and although the Australian Army Services provided emergency assistance, as did Rotary and other agencies, sadly local

### AN URGENT CALL

**Ranfurly Library is in urgent need of Infants and primary school books for dispatch to Pacific countries. With the BER program supplying furniture for o/s schools there are opportunities to ship books in containers to supplement real needs.**

**Books can be delivered to the Ranfurly Depot, Building 501, on the site of the old psychiatric hospital off Glover Rd., Leichhardt on Thursdays 8am till 2pm. The DIK depot will also receive donations**

**SUPPLIES ARE DEPLETED**

services did not have the capacity or expertise to carry out the much needed work of reconstruction and restoration. There is still much to be done and only Rotary has the capacity and expertise to address the many ongoing problems, especially in health and education. Many people are still living in "Care Centres" and children are denied schooling. In some cases the population does not have safe drinking water and health services.

In the short term teams of Rotary Volunteers are urgently needed to undertake repairs to buildings damaged by the cyclone, which are beyond the capacity of the local villagers.

These are the direct descendants of the famous Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels and PNG soldiers, who played such a vital part in gaining victory over the invading Japanese in WW11.

An urgent call now goes out to all clubs and districts in Eastern Region and beyond to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in PNG. There is still much to be done and only Rotary has the capacity and expertise to address the many ongoing problems, especially in health and education.

### *Goodwill Furniture Project*

"What a great project. It is not often we have been able to send such an amount of equipment without an enormous cost to clubs in both time and money. Our club money can be spent on the actual projects rather than freight, and our time as volunteers available for other things. Imagine how many volunteers we would have needed to pack what will be more than 40 containers and the money we would have needed to raise."

Comment from: **Elaine Lytle**

## Management Decisions

1. All Project Team Leaders are to be notified that constant attention to the DFaT website is essential for updating of travel warnings. Insurances for volunteers are voided if travel is undertaken when there is a "No Go" notification issued by DFaT.
2. Further, that the ER website will now contain a link to the DFaT website.
3. Following the successful publication of the OH&S policy for DIK, David Waterhouse is asked to develop duties documents for all ER committee members.
4. A survey will be sent out asking whether Business Papers can be sent out by email rather than general mailings.
5. A recommendation was made that any group seeking to take advantage of the RAWCS concessions for overseas travel, should have a Rotarian on its Board.
6. Graeme Boler has asked for country representatives to notify him if there are schools in that country requiring school equipment. They must be able to provide an importer and a release agent.
7. It was agreed that letters of Appreciation be sent to the Minister Verity Firth, Hansen Yunken, Graeme Boler & David Beslich and that suitable Plaques be produced and presented to these persons at our November Meeting.
8. Treasurer Jack Elliott indicated that any donated funds for Shelter Box are forwarded to RAWCS and then go to the group that manages the Shelter Boxes.
9. Discussion on TRF Grants Limitations resulted in the following statement being issued: "Non Pilot Group" that wished to work with a "Pilot Group" would have to have all of their Rotary Foundation funding go to the "Pilot Group" for distribution.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

1. **D. 9750 Sutherland**  
13/14 November 2010
2. **D. 9670 Dubbo**

# ROTARY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



In a remote highland village south of Goroka and 12 miles off the formed road, a straggle of people of all ages could be seen returning home carrying desks and chairs that had been assigned to their remote school from the BER refurbishment program back in Australia. Graeme Boler's months of frustrating planning had begun to show results. Now with the pilot program proving to be a success, the next huge exercise is about to commence. Rotary's role is to identify schools beyond Australia that could benefit from excess furniture set aside through the influx of capital under the Govt.'s schools renewal program. Neither finance nor labour are required though contacts are essential along with information on transport at the point of entry. The school in focus here is at Gouno, a recently refurbished establishment brought back on line after many years of neglect. To Graeme and Jackie Wood of the Salamander Club must go most of the credit for having

- delivered and installed sufficient furniture for all the Gouno School classrooms
- built a temporary Library to house the 86 cartons of library books
- made up school packs for every child in Gouno School
- Teachers aids sourced 14 adult desks (teachers & nurses)
- 315 student desks (these need to be reassembled)
- 566 student chairs 18 adult chairs

Have you invited your club to send a Saturday at DIK ? It's a good social day while providing much needed assistance. Give Miriam Jacka a ring and check things out.

## Manado Project .....Eastern Highlands, PNG

Mando, a small village set amongst the clouds in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea, is a magical, beautiful and peaceful place ... that is until the RAWCS Team 17 advance party (Wendy Stein, Judy Richardson, Jim & Wilma Simmons) arrived on 25 August, 2010 There was great rejoicing and welcoming, singing, dancing and partying – not because we had arrived – but because we had brought the first rain in four months. Team Leader, Mando Flower (aka Wendy Stein) was immediately raised to goddess status definitely not for her dancing talent displayed in the women's welcome "tolai" dance but for breaking the drought – a substantial achievement to subsistence farmers. Mando village returned to be the special magical and peaceful place it always was but now with improved classroom and teaching facilities; capacity to educate special needs students; improved teacher housing, further support for mothers to deliver babies in supervised health centres; new living skills and sustainable school fundraising projects; clean, running water and water tanks . For us all, we now have a real understanding of *building communities, bridging continents*.

## TIMOR LESTE DENTAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER 2010

**This report from Andy Moran and Tony Slater notes just a few of the problems encountered by volunteer teams arriving on projects ready to get on with the job.**

1. We arrived Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and collected the troopy at the airport. Vehicle has a defective starter solenoid which necessitated the use of a few taps with the wheel brace on the starter motor when starting. We put \$65 fuel in on arrival but have left both tanks full.
2. Composite light is totally u/s (switches on and off when it wants, made up two new battery packs and no difference) so a new light (? Two) required. We were given mixer at Maubara which turned out to be a new one with no cord.
3. Our announcement of dental clinic at Sunday Mass in Suai was lost in a confrontation over the redesign of the new cathedral – an hour long slanging match at mass with threats to burn down houses etc.
4. The generators at Suai are failing to run after 3-4 hours of operation. Shall send new fuel filters. Also probable overheating; they had put on very long exhaust extensions. I told Lucas to remove them and lo and behold the next day both generators were back to original spec and he had also hammered a great hole in the wall for more ventilation.
5. I still get the horrors every time I see the Maubara exhaust but at least the top extension has now fallen off. Suai has a Southern Cross windmill for their water supply. This is not pumping too well and I shall get a kit to refurbish the siphon pump in the bore.

### HOWEVER IN SPITE OF ALL THIS ANDY AND TONY ALSO REPORT

Worked at Nasuta, Makata, Railaco Leten, Toluluci and Railaco Villa – total of 141 patients, 171 exos, 106 fills in 5 days. At R. Villa, 58 patients, 54 exos and 56 fills).

## Alliance of Smiles

The China Harbin Project brought Rotary Districts 6450, 5020, 9670 and 6050 together in a team of 36 volunteers from US, Cuba, UK, Malaysia, Germany, China Canada and Australia. Run by the Red Cross, the Children's Hospital in Harbin serves an industrial city producing cars and planes. Health in the community is not free but all essential services are available to those who can afford it.

The team consulted with 150 patients all in need of assistance. They carried out 100 cleft lip and palate operations in a convivial atmosphere. The project brought together a multinational team promoting goodwill and comradeship.



Recognise anyone here ?

## It's Not All Plain Sailing

The "settling in" process, before the real works starts. ... The Mando Project

- unpack the onsite container,
- reorganiz /reassess the tool box and supplies,
- survey the school and assess and prioritize needs in consultation with the new principal
- attended numerous school meetings,
- make a list and allocate jobs on a team blackboard,
- set up the "palace" - team accommodation,
- chase lots of rats around and out of the house,
- do some minor maintenance,
- negotiate with local staff,
- shop for food and essentials in anticipation of the large team,
- set up a BBQ plate for cooking (just in case the gas ran out and no electricity)
- purchase supplies from various hardware shops
- purchase and set up sewing machines ready for classes,
- track the whereabouts of the container of school furniture.

**No Bunnings, no Woolies or Coles, poor mobile phone coverage, unpredictable supply of water and electricity and shopping is a whole day very frustrating excursion in Gorki.**