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A POWERHOUSE OF GOODWILL

An icon in the annals of our RAWCS achievements has passed on to receive the rightful rest that his long years of service to those in need so justly deserves. Bob Young's so many friends, admirers and work mates directed flowing tributes from across Australia and the Pacific when they learned that their tireless leader and companion had passed away.

EASTERN REGION EXECUTIVE COMM

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HARRY'S HERALDING

1. Attended the Annual General Meeting of RAWCS at the Zone 7B /8 Institute in Brisbane in November.
2. A close relationship with RDU and the National Body has been established with a dedicated contact person.
3. There is a perceived inconsistency in Regional Reporting of Volunteer numbers in comparison to the projects undertaken.
4. The National Chair will issue a paper relating to applicable tax deductibility for RAWCS involvement.

Bob was a man of many talents. A skilled tradesman he held a Clerk of Works Certificate but devoted much of his time to passing on his skills to others. As a carpenter and joiner he joined the NSW Dept of Education as a tech teacher progressing on to become a principal of TAFE at Griffith before moving to a similar position at Taree.

He became greatly involved in the local Presbyterian Church as an elder devoting over 20 years to property maintenance and business committees.

Joining Taree Rotary Club in 1973, his leadership qualities were soon recognized, becoming President in 1980 and District Governor of D.9650 in 1984/5.

He was quick to embrace FAIM activities and set off to rebuild schools and houses destroyed in cyclones in The Solomon Is.

Thus began Bob's love affair with our Pacific neighbours.

Some 44 trips later he could look back on many successful ventures mainly in PNG but extending also

into Indonesia.

Bob would have regarded his most successful and frustrating project as the establishment and maintenance of the Kokoda Hospital. Along with the associated villages of Waju and Wairope, he helped with water supplies, school buildings and various accommodation centres.

He became known affectionately by the locals as "Uncle Bob" and even had babies named after him as well as being regarded as an honorary chief of the villages.

In recent years Bob over saw the exchange of nursing staff between Kokoda and Taree. The hospital continues today with dental and birthing clinics, staff quarters, water supply, solar lighting and an early childhood unit supplied mainly by Australian aid.

Bob served as a national chairman for FAIM and was still ER rep. for PNG up till his death.

Long will his memorials endure in the Highlands and Oro Province.

Management Decisions

1. A request will be made for John Read and Peter Davies of Orange Club to survey Rotary projects along the Kokoda Track and report on their condition.

2. Country Co-ordinators will not be appointed unless specifically required by the Management Committee.

3. District Chairmen are to be asked to report on all current projects via an Excel File under the following headings:

Proj.No., District, Country, Status, Last Visit, Last Report, Proposed Next Visit, Dist. Chair Contact.

4. The National body is to be contacted with regard to obtaining a booth at the International Convention to be held in Sydney in 2014.

5. The Treasurer requested the opening of two new accounts to cover specific projects viz. 1. Rot. Aust. Overseas Aid Fund Bo Hospital. 2. Rot. Aust Overseas Aid. Fund Dhaka Hospital Cancer Unit.

APOLOGY

The editor offers an apology for the delay in producing editions of the Rover. Hopefully there will be a return to a more regular publication in the future.

SCHOOLS PROJECTS FEATURING IN PNG AID

Reports from two PNG projects highlight the work being undertaken in educational work being conducted with Project Volunteers over the past months. This work, along with D 9650's Adopt a School Project, is offering support both in professional expertise and material resources as well as encouraging exchanges with teaching personnel.

NONDUGL JIWAKA (West. Highlands)

Thirteen volunteers presented reading and music to students whilst refurbishing the library with delivered new books.

Cleaned and painted Health Clinic facilities. Installed beds in the hospital and started some in-service training for nurses.

Provided sewing machines and training for local women. Checked out electrical items in Clinic.

Completed installation of 5 rain water tanks.

A return trip is planned to train the librarian, award scholarship holders, install computers, select students for exchanges. **Chris Roach D.9670**

EIWO PRIM. (Oro Province)

Established Sister school relationship and sought out others who might be interested. Monitored the future development of Adult Literacy in more remote communities.

Prepared the way for knowledge in computer awareness following the promised power supply. Evaluated the success of a teacher exchange program with participant.

Assessed the transport difficulties for container delivery for future despatches from DIK.

Further work is being planned to continue tutoring, arrangements accomm. for future teams and cultural interchanges. **Trish Davies D.9670**

DISTRICT PROFILE

D. 9710 Jock Robertson

1. Primary School Book collections for Ranfurly are underway with the contents of a closed school's collection being accessed and directed to the depot.

2. Cold weather clothing from ski resorts in the Snowy Mountains is being sought for transfer to Nepal. Looking for a shared cost container to carry items to Kathmandu.... any help appreciated.

3. The Interact Club of Telopea Park School is interested in assisting with a school building project in Vanuatu

4. Milton Ulladulla Club (Eyes for Africa) and Goulburn Argyle Club (Manus Is. Water Project) have both undertaken projects.

5. Cooma Club continues to be involved with PNG and plans further containers of needed items through DIK.

6. The Uganda project set up by Annabelle Chauncey is moving into its second stage along with the support of a benefactor.

Project Application Forms (PAF's) are still causing concern. All details must be addressed with necessary signatures before submission to District Chairs. It would seem that some District Chairs are unaware of projects being applied for. A review of the current PAF is being undertaken to ensure that the District Chair's signature is included in the application.

DONATIONS IN KIND REPORT

A massive depot cleanup resulted in some 4.5 tonnes of rubbish being dumped. Much of this and should not have been sent on to the depot in first place.

After paying dumping fees we were able to recover \$900 from scrap metal. If hospitals are throwing out old equipment then clubs should be alert to the future usage of same and reject items if they are at all doubtful for shipment. If items are not usable in Australia then they are not usable overseas.

Eleven containers have left the depot recently with working hours at the depot at 416 hours from 92 volunteers.

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA

Peter Thomas, a past chairman of the National RAM Committee, has just been appointed to the Pacific Islands Malaria Co-ordinating Committee. He joins a distinguished band of professional, government and social works representing 22 countries around the Pacific area. Larvacide is being used on water courses and along with the treated bed nets and education programs, there have been dramatic decreases in the incident rate in places like Honiara. Richmond Manyweathers notes that the Australian Army Malaria Institute, also closely connected with Rotary, is very proactive in the field. The growing threat for the future comes from the mobility of people and the importation of the disease.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Howard Grigor has completed 8 trips around the backblocks delivering needed medical equipment.

Graeme Boler has proposed that Rotary takes up the challenge to provide solar lighting to underprivileged families around the world.

Looking for Reports from other successful projects? Then check some out on the ER Website.

So far this Rotary year there have been 39 teams active across 14 different countries. PNG has been the most preferred venue with 9 teams over the period.

X Ray and Ultrasound units will no longer be accepted at the DIK Depot at Michinbury. Any future arrivals will be redirected to the sender on a charged basis.