

RI District 9685
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Overview

The session was facilitated by PDG Graeme Davies as David Mylan was unable to attend the District Assembly. The session however was planned by David Mylan. Some points David wished emphasised were presented at the outset. The session included introductions of all participants naming the International projects undertaken by their clubs. The table below is a summary of those projects. This was followed by two case study presentations by Laurie Facer on the Bo Hospital Project and Sue O'Neill on Health Education and Community Development in Uganda. Sue also gave an overview of the operation of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). We were fortunate to have both Sue and Theo Glockemann (Chairman RAWCS Eastern Region) in the group. These projects were then assessed according to the criteria for conducting service projects presented by PDG Paul Ericson at a previous Assembly session.

Many issues and questions about their club projects were raised and discussed by participants. Whilst many of the group had extensive International Service experience there was a group in Clubs that had limited involvement in International projects. One particular issue raised and discussed was "how do you find a project?" A breakout session provided an opportunity for specific follow-up through individual networking.

District Assembly EXPO

The EXPO included the following International Service stands.

- Romac
- Interplast (www.interplast.org.au)
- Bo Hospital
- ShelterBox
- Pittwater Friends of Soibada (Tamara Sloper Harding (RC Pittwater))

David Mylan's announcements and invitations to the incoming International Service Club Chairs

- An International Seminar is being planned for the October 2015 – thoughts and input on topics and or areas of interest welcome
- There will be a open day at the RAWCS Donation in Kind Depot at Minchinbury - tba
- DGE Gina requested on 31 March 2015 Club Presidents and Presidents Elect to update the spreadsheet showing projects in the district by club. The original sheet was compiled by PDG David Rands, and clubs were asked to update it for the current year. The last amendment was made on 1 February. The sheet is also available on the website under Club Services > Projects > Club Projects. to review the list to ensure that it accurately reflects the club's current projects. Then, for you to incorporate any changes that you expect for 2015-16. It is best that you amend the sheet then send it to Les Walsh with advice of the club name for which details have been updated. That way the updated data may be copy/pasted. Should no change be necessary, please also state that by reply email. Please

reply as soon as possible but in any event by 30 April. Subsequent updates should be forwarded as necessary and during 2015-16. DGE has advised that the comprehensive list is vital and it will be referred to in my official visit to your club after 30 June.

- Expressions of interest are going to be sought from Rotarians interested in the role of Chair District 9685 Committee Rotarians against Malaria Program. Please keep a look out and promote consideration within your club
- Expressions of interest are going to be sought from Rotarians interested in joining the District's International Committee

David's "Take home" message

- Clubs should support and work together on overseas activities and projects
- Expertise, skills and knowledge should be shared within the District – possibly a community of practice could be established within the International Committee or as an extension of RAWCS
- Overseas activities and projects can attract non Rotary sponsors, new members, younger people and enrich the life of a club
- The District's International Chair/Committee can be a source of assistance, advice, linking up activities and projects, assist in awareness raising and promotion of projects and activities through newsletters and information to clubs
- RAWCS is the District's preferred and encouraged overseas projects delivery mechanism and Clubs know how to get involved

Special Announcement

- Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 5020 (Seattle) in November 2015. (Graeme & Lyn Davies)

CASE STUDIES

About the Presenters

PP **Sue O'Neill** has been a Rotarian for 8 years. Sue has held various different Board positions during that time.

Sue is an active Rotarian participating in all avenues of service. Her passion is International and she has been active with RAWCS since joining Rotary. Currently Sue is RAWCS Eastern Region PR person and produces the RAWCS Eastern Region 1/4erly newsletter.

Sue was awarded a Meritorious Service Award in 2010 for her contribution to International service and was a recipient of the Rotary multi District Inspirational Woman of the Year in 2011 for her work in establishing a primary school in Fomu, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

Sue currently participates in many RAWCS projects making around 5 trips a year to visit, monitor and evaluate projects. Currently her involvement is mostly in Uganda and Cambodia. Sue is a Director - **Pink Umbrella Foundation** www.pinkumbrellafoundation.com

Laurie Facer works full time as a consultant assisting leasing companies to install a contract, asset, and finance management system. He is a former member of the Rotary Club of Turrumurra and in his 15 years of membership served many positions including Club President and Chairman of the Youth Exchange Committee. Laurie resigned from the Club so that he could focus on the establishment and running of the Bo Children's Hospital Foundation and currently holds the position of CEO of that organisation. Laurie has two children, five grandchildren and is completing an online university degree in psychology.

Case Study: Bo Children's Hospital Sierra Leone, West Africa

How many great Rotary projects are the result of one person's inspiration and dedication? The Children's Hospital in Bo, Sierra Leone, is one. It was the vision of Dr Nuli Lemoh, a Sydney pediatrician and Rotarian, born in Bo now living in Sydney, where he is a member of the Rotary Club of Turramurra.

The infant mortality rate in Sierra Leone is 185 in 1000, the highest in the world. 1 in 6 women will die giving birth.

Laurie Facer outlined the development of this project resulting in the opening of a children's hospital on 2 June 2012. The continued development of the project is supported by the Bo Children's Hospital Foundation. The PPT below is Laurie's full presentation and emphasises "Factors for Success".

He made the following points about lessons for Rotary:

- Club projects can be effective and long term
- Partnerships are important
- Get local "buy-in"
- Have a plan for future growth
- Only bit off what you can chew – but get started on what you can as soon as you can

Case Study Two: Sue O'Neill

Through our RAWCS project (24/2011-12 Health, Education and Community) the Rotary Club of Woy Woy supports Alive Medical services in Uganda. Alive Medical Services today provides free comprehensive, compassionate medical care to over 12,000 HIV+ clients living in Namuwongo - one of Kampala's poorest urban areas.

After studying medicine in Russia on scholarships (a remarkable feat in itself) Drs. Pasquine and Adebiyi Ogunsanya decided to settle in the nation's capital, Kampala in 2005, Pasquine and Adebiyi started working out of a small clinic in Namuwongo providing community medical services with emphasis on the treatment of HIV/Aids.

Many of the people in Namuwongo are internally displaced from zones of violence in Uganda. The residents face problems such as no access to safe water, poor sanitation, low quality shelter and low literacy levels. In addition to a high HIV+ rate, there is high incidence of other diseases and infections.

No one anticipated Alive Medical Services (AMS) would grow to serve over 12,000 HIV+ patients a year. Today AMS is a clinic of excellence with its doors always open to anyone in need - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 1 in 4 people who come to the clinic for testing are found to be HIV+ and they have immediate access to comprehensive care.

Alive Medical Services is a model of HIV care, providing free treatment, nutritional support, prevention of mother-to-child transmission services, family planning and volunteer counseling and testing to a community that would otherwise have no access to care.

Dr Pasquine and Dr Adebiyi remain relentless fighters for health care for Uganda's poorest. They have made it their mission to provide medical care to those who need it most, and since 2005 they have helped thousands of HIV+ patients and their families. They attribute their success to a

dedicated team of medical professionals and support staff who share the passion to make life better for the people of Namuwongo.

Assessment of Case Studies

Participants discussed these case studies against the principles of good project development and management presented by PDG Paul Erikson in an earlier session at the Assembly. The view was both case studies exemplified best practice particularly noting:

- The high quality governance of the projects
- The scope suitability of project partners
- The emphasis placed on respect for and working with stakeholders and beneficiaries as partners in the project.
- The fundamental role that both RAWCS and The Rotary Foundation play in International projects

Q and A

Whilst this was an important component of the session only one matter will be included in this report, how to find projects.

The ideas to emerge were:

- Start the conversation and needs and opportunities emerge
- Contribute financially to another club's project that is of interest and learn
- Become involved in Disaster Aid. Many projects develop from ongoing community development needs of countries that have been devastated by a disaster.
- Look at existing projects on The Rotary Foundation or RAWCS sites
- Check out websites such as ShelterBox, Interplast, District and RI
- Invite a Rotarian from a club involved an International project as a Guest Speaker.
- Explore websites and Newsletter of Rotary Action Groups such as Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group WASRAG or Food Plant Solutions.
- Talk with team members of the District Rotary Foundation or International Service. Contact details are in the District Directory.

About RAWCS

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) assists Rotary Clubs in Australia with the development and management of international community service projects. Any Club thinking about an International should find out how RAWCS can assist. www.rawcs.com.au

Whilst the Club is always in control of and responsible for any project, RAWCS can assist with:

- Project development
- Project registration
- Information about other similar projects
- Insurance
- Raise donations
- Provide tax deductibility
- Seek volunteers and partners

RAWCS projects include:

- Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund
- Rotary Australia Benevolent Society
- Donations in Kind
- Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
- Safe Sanitation and Water Saves Lives (SSWSL)
- RAWCS Project Volunteers

Graeme's Final Thoughts

The three rules for an International Service Project

Rule One: Engagement – Engage the Club (not simply “Rtn John’s project”) – **Strength of Ownership**

Rule Two: Engagement – Other Clubs and organisations – **Power of Diversity**

Rule Three: Engagement – a **contributing partnership** with beneficiaries – **Gift of Sustainability**

Finally always reflect upon purpose and outcome

When the white missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land.

They said, “Let us pray”. We closed our eyes.

When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.

Desmond Tutu

Attachment 1

Club Projects

Laurie Facer	Turramurra	CEO Bo Children's Hospital
Sue O'Neil	Woy Woy	RAWCS PR and Bulletin Ed. Eastern Region. Exceptional knowledge and experience in International Service.
Theo Glockemann	Pennant Hills	RAWCS Chair Eastern Region. RYLA, RYPEN & Rotaract incl. Community Service by Alumni Timor Leste Orphan in Indonesia
David Hart	Upper Blue Mountains	INTERPLAST
Maurie Schokman	Northlakes Toukley	Cararoo Foundation (Philippines) www.cararoorfoundation.com.au
John Leslie	Mosman	Water Project Laos Hearing Aids to Vietnam
Peter Read	Turramurra	Bo Hospital Sierra Leone School Timor Leste School Banda Aceh Indonesia Wheel Chairs Bangladesh
Richard Paine	Glenhaven	Teaches for Timor Vietnamese Orphanages
Tony Page	Galston	Bus for Children India
Greg Timewell	Hornsby	RAMS, Malaria Research International Coin Collection
Greg Hoile	Windsor	Water Tank for Mota and Boat for school on Gava, Vanuatu
Jessica Keast	Epping	Water filters for Occusse
John Donald	Lane Cove	NTT Small projects in Flores, West Timor
John Tainish	St Ives	2 projects in development
Daisy Montano	Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista)	Medicos Bolivia Cardiology VTT TRF GG in preparation
Jean Beveridge	Pittwater	Friends of Soibada Timor Leste "Build your Future Today" Cambodia
Derek Matz	Northbridge	Hospital Linen Vanuatu Solar Lights Fiji Pipeline Timor Leste Eye project Cambodia
Larry Howard	Blackheath	Interested in Bo Hospital or Timor Leste
Tiffany Kellar	Crows Nest	Lao Water Project
David Turnbull	WP Hills Cherrybrook	RAWCS project Vanuatu ongoing
Barry Henwood	Gosford	Hospital Kokoda & Aid Posts PNG Interplast Cambodia Sanitary block Sth Africa
Judith Macaulay	Belrose	
Monica Hart	Erina	Midwives East Timor Water Project Uganda

		Sustainable small Birthing Facility Timor Leste
Garry Maloney	North Ryde	
Floro Valder (Pam Lawrence)	Carlingford	Fishing Boats, Support for Disadvantaged and proposed Milk Bank in various locations in Philippines
E. Curcic-Daher	Ryde	
Phill Issacs	Upper Blue Mountains	RAWCS Project 31 2011/12 "Solar Powered Computers Worldwide" Extensive experience in Vanuatu
Marco Ubbiali	Macquarie Park	2 x projects in PNG "Hope for Africa"
Danielle Fogaty	Rotaract Club of Lower North Shore	Renewable Energy & Materials Institute (REMI) Project Lao PDR
Georgina Manning	Kur-ring-gai	ShelterBox, ROMAC, Lao's Water Project The School for Life
Anne Prescott	Wahroonga	Teacher Training Nepal Toilets and re-building of schools Nepal Batacava Orphanage Sri Lanka
Phil Davis	Castle Hill	X Ray Machines Nepal Water Wells India Building Homes Fiji
Peter Kindred Graeme Davies	Chatswood Kincumber	Garbage Tip Maliana Timor Leste TRF Toilets in Schools, Maliana District Timor Leste (Wheel Chairs Cambodia)

Attachment 2

From the District Training Team: Rotary District 9685 District Assembly Template – Avenues of Service Chairs

Guidelines for Presentation to Club Avenue of Service Chairs:

Roles and Responsibilities:

For example – Discuss how to manage your role within the club and the Board.

Managing your Committee:

Discuss how to select a committee and how to delegate jobs within that committee so the Chair of the Avenue of service doesn't end up carrying all the work load.

Communication:

Committee members: Committees should meet regularly and identify available resources, discuss ongoing projects and new initiatives, and develop strategies to achieve committee and club goals.

How can you help committee members do their job?

What are your committee's long-range and annual goals?

Your club: Report your committee's activities, including action plans and progress toward goals, to your club's president, board, and all club members.

Other committees;. The work of one committee affects the work of another. Your committee should work with the following club committees:

- Rotary Foundation committee (to identify how the Foundation can serve as a resource to achieve service goals)
- Public relations committee (to ensure timely promotion of club service projects and member participation)
- Membership committee (to ensure that all members are involved, especially new members)
- Club administration committee: (to highlight service projects in the club newsletter or to submit news about successful projects to RDU or your club's own social media)
- Your district: If your committee needs guidance or information, contact your district counterpart or your assistant governor

How to plan and budget

Ask what projects have been done in their avenue in their club?
How has planning been done in the past?

Before 1 July, work with the outgoing committee chair and the club treasurer to determine what funds your committee will need and that these funds are included in the club's budget. Be sure to include any planned fundraising activities.

Provide oversight of committee funds, transactions, and reports, and be aware of the financial condition of your committee's budget at all times. By meeting regularly with your club's treasurer, you can take action if issues arise.

How will your committee support the club's strategic plan?
What fundraisers will ensure appropriate funding for projects?

Risk assessment

Ask if risk assessment currently done in the club – do they know that there is a risk assessment tool on the District website? It is located under Club Administration>Risk Management. Presidents will be given a session on this at PETS.

Life Cycle of a Project

How do clubs assess the life cycle of a particular Avenue of Service project?
How relevant are current projects to the local or the international community and the club?

What kinds of projects will have the greatest impact on the community?

Other questions to consider:

1. Is this Avenue of Service an area where your club excels?
2. How do projects in this Avenue of Service fit with the rest of your club program?
3. Do you have a plan/budget for this Avenue of Service?
4. Is this included in your club's strategic plan?
5. What do you want to achieve in your year? Will you keep with the same programs or will you introduce new ones?

6. Does your club work with other Rotary clubs or outside partners in this Avenue of Service?
7. Do you know where to find resources for this Avenue of Service?
8. Have you accessed the District website?
9. Have you accessed My Rotary?

There are links to manuals for Youth service, Vocational service and Project Assessment tools on the Rotary.org website.

You could also include up to two examples of successful projects within your Avenue of Service from clubs in the District – approach clubs to arrange a representative to talk about their club's project and cover the following:

- ☐ How the project/event came about – what was the need in the community, how was the need established?
- ☐ What resources were utilised and where were they sourced? E.g. – Rotary, local or international community, corporate partnerships, local councils.
- ☐ What were the challenges?
- ☐ What were the successes and/or failures?