



2011-12 Annual Report of the District 9790 Flood & Cyclone Recovery Committee

Generally the role of the District 9790 Flood & Cyclone Recovery Committee is to provide longer-term responses to flood and cyclone disasters at the community level and not the individual level. The various authorities generally meet immediate responses. A common message received back from recipient Rotary Clubs is that *it is important for the communities to know that people care.*

During 2011-12 the District 9790 Flood & Cyclone Recovery Fund received a further \$8,577.56 from Rotary Clubs in the District, with \$356.80 and \$8,220.76 designated for Queensland and Victoria respectively. This added to the \$41,680.35 (\$15,465.38 - Queensland; \$26,214.97 - Victoria) brought forward from 2010-11. Also carried forward from 2010-11 were two commitments against the Victorian funds of \$19,000 (\$5,000.00 – Rotary Club of Charlton; \$14,000.00 – Rotary District 9780).

Over the two years of the fund's existence, \$70,257.91 (\$35,822.18 – Queensland; \$34,435.73 – Victoria) has been donated by Rotary Clubs in the District and by individuals. Of this, \$51,000.00 (\$30,000.00 – Queensland; \$21,000.00 – Victoria) has been spent and a further \$5,822.00 is committed in Queensland. Present uncommitted funds are \$13,435.91 (\$0.18 – Queensland; \$13,435.73 – Victoria). A copy of the balance sheet for the fund is provided at **Attachment A**.

The following funding decisions were made during the year to assist community wellbeing:

- The provision of a 5kVa solar power system for the Tully & District Senior Citizens public hall, which is being re-built following destruction of the earlier hall by Cyclone Yasi. \$10,000 has been committed to the Rotary Club of Tully (District 9550). These funds have been sent.
- The provision of community facilities in Rotary Park at Mission Beach following the destruction or damage of all Club beach projects undertaken by the Club over the last 25 years. The committed \$5,822 brings the Rotary Club of Mission Beach (District 9550) close to its fundraising goal of \$250,000, which will enable it to provide the first stage of community facilities at the beach. Payment is still to be requested.
- \$2,000 for the Rotary Club of Numurkah for the purchase of steel droppers to be used for holding up fences affected by the March 2012 floods before long term re-fencing can be undertaken. This, and other work on the farms, was undertaken by about 60-70 Rotarians from the nine clubs in the City of Boroondara, as well as by Rotarians from the four clubs in the Moira Shire. These funds have been sent.

Payments for the following projects were made in response to commitments made in 2010-2011:

- 2011 Charlton Art Exhibition support. \$5,000 was provided to the Rotary Club of Charlton (District 9780). The event is an important event in Charlton’s social calendar, the running of which brought some normality to the people whose world was turned upside down by the floods. As all local sponsors had been hit badly by floods they could not be called on to help.
- “Defying the Drift” program. \$14,000 has been provided to the District 9780 Rural Support Committee to help fund fourteen flood affected students take part in the program in partnership with Marcus Oldham College. This already successful program will assist rural teenagers investigate the benefits of a career in rural Victoria while dealing with the many issues arising from the floods.

In response to the March 2012 floods in northern Victoria the Committee encouraged Rotary Clubs in District 9790 to contact their own Assistant Governors if they wished to assist local Rotary Clubs respond to the needs of flood affected communities in Group Area 6 (Goulburn Valley – AG Neta Kirby) and Group Area 7 (Moirra-Northern – AG Gary Cleveland). The Assistant Governors were encouraged to work with Neta and Gary to determine the best approach to assistance, as needs were identified. The \$2,000 project listed above was proposed by Gary on behalf of the Rotary Club of Numurkah. No further requests for funding assistance have been received from the area at this stage.

Committee members further supported several of the projects through:

- inspecting damage at Toowoomba and in the Lochyer Valley, south east Queensland, with PDG Errol Wildman.
- attending the launch of the 2011 Charlton Art Exhibition by the Rotary Club of Charlton.
- attending a session of the “Defying the Drift” program, run by the District 9780 Rural Support Committee.

The Committee has developed an application form similar to that used by the District 9790 Drought and Bushfire Recovery Committee, and is developing a version for completion on the web.

I would like to thank Committee members DGN Philip Clancy (RC of Southern Mitchell), PP Gary Fitzgerald (RC of Yea), Ross Lloyd (RC of Yarrawonga-Mulwala, PP David Redfearn (RC of Moreland) and Laurie Watters (RC of Benalla) for ensuring that our Committee could provide timely responses to identified needs. There was no need for the Committee to meet formally during the year. All funding decisions were unanimous and were undertaken by email. It has been a great pleasure to work with all members.

Lindsay Jolley
 Chair
 District 9790 Flood & Cyclone Recovery Committee

24 May 2012

**Balance sheet for the District 9790 Flood & Cyclone Recovery Fund:
1 July 2011 to 21 May 2012**

	<u>Queensland</u>	<u>Victoria</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bank Account Balance as at 1 July 2011	\$25,465.38	\$26,214.97	\$51,680.35
Balance Available as at 1 July 2011*	\$15,465.38	\$26,214.97	\$41,680.35
<u>Receipts</u>			
RC Cobram		\$600.00	\$600.00
RC Rutherglen		\$3,051.76	\$3,051.76
RC Sunbury		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
RC Preston		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
RC Broadmeadows	\$356.80	\$369.00	\$725.80
RC Southern Mitchell		\$200.00	\$200.00
RC Broadmeadows		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	\$356.80	\$8,220.76	\$8,577.56
<u>Payments</u>			
RC Charlton		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
RC Tully	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
RC Numurkah		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Rotary District 9780		\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
	\$10,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$31,000.00
Bank Account Balance as at 21 May 2012	\$5,822.18	\$13,435.73	\$19,257.91
<u>Commitments to be paid when requested</u>			
RC Mission Beach	\$5,822.00		\$5,822.00

* \$10,000 cheque number 52 to the RC of Toowoomba Garden City had not been banked as at 30 June 2011.