



Rotary
Club of Woodend



Project Vanuatu School

KEY POINTS

- The Rotary Club of Woodend [RCW], in partnership with the local Vanuatu Rotary Club of Santo is planning to build a community school in the village of Mwast on Espiritu Santo, the largest island of Vanuatu.
- Detailed construction plans for the project have been received from relevant authorities in Vanuatu. Material quotes are in hand.
- RCW is looking for financial support from Rotary Clubs and the local community to raise the initial funding, to achieve the total funding additional financial support will be sought from Rotary District 9800, Rotary International Grants and the Rotary Foundation Global Grants.
- In the event that more funds are raised, the project will be expanded to improve other amenities at the school site.

TIMING

RCW is aiming to apply for a District Grant in July 2019, with the hope of applying for a Global Grant in the same month or August at the latest.

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BE THE INSPIRATION

CURRENT POSITION

A project partnership to build an additional and approved new school building in the village of Mwast has been agreed with the Rotary Club of Santo. A draft memorandum of understanding has been sent to the Ministry of Education and Training [MoET] to formalise our Agreement. The Agreement is based on funding for the construction materials delivered to site and in kind support will be provided by Rotary and local Victorian communities. The MoET will provide supervision and technical support and members of the local Mwast community will provide labour, tools and power for the actual building. A formal agreement with community leaders will be established to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the school. This provides an opportunity for District 9800 clubs to take on an ongoing support role once the school is completed.

It is anticipated, that subject to the raising of sufficient funds, construction of the school will commence in August 2019 and be completed by December, 2019.



Photo of the current school building

PARTNERS

The Rotary Club of Woodend invites all clubs in District 9800 to partner in this project. RCW has set a program of raising the required funds from a combination of Rotary clubs and local community donations. RCW welcomes in kind assistance as well.

Working with the Mwast community would provide exceptional international service experience from partnering clubs.

RCW has prepared a short presentation on the project which it would be happy to present at club meetings across the District.



Classes are often outdoors as it gets too hot and crowded in the School



Photo of the Principal's office

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