



## Welcome PDG David Kennedy



After leading District 9700 as the District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC), David has agreed to serve another year to steward the new District 9705 through its first year, allowing District 9710's DRFC, PDG Rowley Tompsett, to retire.

David has assembled a formidable team to assist him in the coming year: a blend of experience and enthusiasm from both sides of the Hume Highway.

While David is no stranger to Rotarians in District 9700, he is keen to get to know those in the old District 9710. David is a realtor based in Blayney. He and Rowley served together as Governors in 2014-15, and Rowley will remain to assist David by editing the Arch Klumph Newsletter.

We look forward to David's leadership and guidance over the next year as he assists DG Michael, DGE Leo and DGN Geraldine develop Foundation activities in the new District.

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## Foundation support in Nepal

### Members of Berry Rotary decided to support the re-build of a school in Nepal. PDG Bill Seelis reports:

Many of our Rotarians who have joined more recently were not be aware how our Rotary Club has been supporting schools in Nepal for many years, previously through FAIM (Fourth Avenue in Motion) projects, but these days under the banner of RAWCS (Rotary World Community Service). The Shree Manjushree School in Nepal was significantly damaged in the 2014 earthquake in Nepal and as a result they lost some of its classrooms as well as a lot of equipment.

Through previously established connections with PP Col Hanbridge, the Manjushree School's plight was raised with him on a visit to Nepal on another project. He was asked whether Rotary (our Club) could support the purchase of some land from a local farmer so that the school could build new classrooms and also extend their classes to include year 12. When members of the Club travelled to Nepal in March 2019 in support of the polio fundraising effort by 21 trekkers to Everest Base camp, "The Everest Assault", five of us visited the School with PP Rtn Tilak of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East to view the progress of the new buildings on the land, the purchase of which was funded by the Rotary Club of Berry to the tune of USD6,000.00.

During the wonderful reception we were given at the school by both the students and the teachers, we were also presented with a further request of support to assist in funding replacement laptop computers and a data projector, later converted to be a digital/interactive white board. The previous desktop computers had been destroyed in the earthquake and the school wanted to establish a new computer learning centre and needed a minimum of 20 laptop computers with the appropriate operating systems and other software programs. We were not able to commit to this request immediately as we needed to establish cost and other issues associated with such a project.

On returning to Australia, the project was discussed by the Board and member support for such a project was sought and given. This gave rise to a successful application for support from District Grant funds and, by adding additional community funds from our funds as well as a small contribution by the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East, we were able furnish the school with the much needed hardware and software, the project value being

well in excess of \$10,000. This project will help to educate the students to hopefully lead better lives into their futures. We gratefully acknowledge the co-ordination efforts of this project in Nepal by PP Rtn Tilak Thapa Magar, without whose support this project would not have been possible.



*Boxes of computers delivered to the school*

We received \$6000 from the District Grant, the RC of Kathmandu North East contributed USD500 and my Club funded the balance of \$A3,700.00.



*Computers in the classroom*



## The PLUS in PolioPlus

Story: **Vanessa Glavinskas**

Photography: **Andrew Esiebo**



Musa Muhammed Ali, a farmer in Borno state, Nigeria, has had to deal with the many ways polio has affected his life. For instance, he used to have to pay for transportation when he needed to buy feed for his animals. But after receiving a hand-operated tricycle funded through Rotary's PolioPlus grants, Ali (pictured above) can now spend that money on other necessities. His life was changed by the "plus" in PolioPlus.

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realise how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases.

In this story, we take you to Nigeria, which could soon be declared free of wild poliovirus, to show you some of the many ways the polio eradication campaign is improving lives.

### Preventing disease

Polio vaccination campaigns are difficult to carry out in northern Nigeria, where the Boko Haram insurgency has displaced millions of people, leading to malnutrition and spikes in disease. When security allows, health workers diligently work to bring the polio vaccine and other health services to every child, including going tent to tent in camps for displaced people. The health workers pictured here are in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno, where the insurgency began 10 years ago.



The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), of which Rotary is a spearheading partner, funds 91 percent of all immunization staff in the World Health Organization's Africa region. These staff members are key figures in the fight against polio — and other diseases: 85 percent give half their time to immunisation, surveillance, and outbreak response for other initiatives. For example, health workers in Borno use the polio surveillance system, which detects new cases of polio and determines where and how they originated, to find people with symptoms of yellow fever. During a 2018 yellow fever outbreak, this was one of many strategies that resulted in the vaccination of 8 million people. And during an outbreak of Ebola in Nigeria in 2014, health workers prevented that disease from spreading beyond 19 reported cases by using methods developed for the polio eradication campaign to find anyone who might have come in contact with an infected person.

Children protected from polio still face other illnesses, and in Borno, malaria kills more people than all other diseases combined. Worldwide, a child dies of malaria every two minutes. To prevent its spread, insecticide-treated bed nets are often distributed for free during polio immunisation events. In 2017, the World Health Organization, one of Rotary's partners in the GPEI, organized a campaign to deliver antimalarial medicines to children in Borno using polio eradication staff and infrastructure. It was the first time that antimalarial medicines were delivered on a large scale alongside the polio vaccine, and the effort reached 1.2 million children.

Rotary and its partners also distribute soap and organize health camps to treat other conditions. "The pluses vary from one area to another. Depending on the environment and what is seen as a need, we try to bridge the gap," says Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "Part of the reason you get rejections when you immunize children is that we've been doing this for so long. In our part of the world, people look at things that are free and persistent with suspicion. When they know



something else is coming, reluctant families will bring their children out to have them immunised.

Rotarians' contributions to PolioPlus help fund planning by technical experts, large-scale communication efforts to make people aware of the benefits of vaccinations, and support for volunteers who go door to door.

Volunteer community mobilisers are a critical part of vaccination campaigns in Nigeria's hardest-to-reach communities. The volunteers are selected and trained by UNICEF, one of Rotary's partners in the GPEI, and then deployed in the community or displaced persons camp where they live.



They take advantage of the time they spend connecting with community members about polio to talk about other strategies to improve their families' health. Fatima Umar, the volunteer pictured here, is educating Hadiza Zanna about health topics such as hygiene and maternal health, in addition to why polio vaccination is so important.

Nigerian Rotarians have been at the forefront of raising support for Rotary's polio efforts. For example, Sir Emeka Offor, a member of the Rotary Club of Abuja Ministers Hill, and his foundation collaborated with Rotary and UNICEF to produce an audiobook called Yes to Health, No to Polio that health workers use.

#### Providing clean water

Addressing a critical long-term need such as access to clean water helps build relationships and trust with community members. Within camps for displaced people, vaccinators are sometimes met with frustration. "People say, 'We don't have water, and you're giving us polio drops,'" Tunji Funsho explains. Rotary and its partners responded by funding 31 solar-powered boreholes to provide clean water in northern Nigeria, and the effort is ongoing. At left, women and children collect water from a borehole in the Madinatu settlement, where about 5,000 displaced people live.



Supplying clean water to vulnerable communities is a priority of the PolioPlus program not only in Nigeria, but also in Afghanistan and Pakistan — the only other remaining polio-endemic nations, or countries where transmission of the virus has never been interrupted. "Giving water is noble work also," says Aziz Memon, chair of Rotary's Pakistan PolioPlus Committee.

Access to safe drinking water is also an important aspect of the GPEI's endgame strategy, which encourages efforts that "ensure populations reached for polio campaigns are also able to access much-needed basic services, such as clean water, sanitation, and nutrition." The poliovirus spreads through human waste, so making sure people aren't drinking or bathing in contaminated water is critical to eradicating the disease. Bunmi Lagunju, the PolioPlus project coordinator in Nigeria, says that installing the boreholes has also helped prevent the spread of cholera and other diseases in the displaced persons camps.

Communities with a reliable source of clean water enjoy a reduced rate of disease and a better quality of life. "When we came [to the camp], there was no borehole. We had to go to the nearby block factory to get water, and this was difficult because the factory only gave us limited amounts of water," says Jumai Alhassan. "We are thankful for people who provided us with the water."

#### Creating jobs



Polio left Isiaku Musa Maaji disabled, with few ways to make a living. At age 24, he learned to build hand-operated tricycles designed to provide mobility for disabled adults and children, and later started his own business assembling them. His first break came, he says, when a local government placed a trial order. It was impressed with his product, and the orders continued. Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee recently ordered 150 tricycles from Maaji to distribute to polio survivors and others with mobility problems. The relationship he has built with local Rotarians has motivated him to take part in door-to-door polio vaccination campaigns.

"It is not easy to be physically challenged," he says. "I go out to educate other people on the importance of polio vaccine because I don't want any other person to fall victim to polio."

Aliyu Issah feels lucky; he's able to support himself running a small convenience store. He knows other polio survivors who have attended skills training programs but lack the money to start a business and are forced to beg on the street. However, the GPEI provides a job that's uniquely suited to polio survivors: educating others about the effects of the disease.



"Some of my friends who used to be street beggars now run their own small business with money they earn from working on the door-to-door immunization campaign," Issah says.

#### Improving health care

In Maiduguri, Falmata Mustapha (below, upper right) rides a hand-operated tricycle donated to her by Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. She is joined by several health workers for a door-to-door immunisation campaign, bringing polio drops to areas without basic health care. UNICEF data show that polio survivors like Mustapha have a remarkable success rate persuading reluctant parents to vaccinate their children — on average, survivors convince seven of every 10 parents they talk to. In places where misinformation and rumours have left people hesitant to

vaccinate, the survivors' role in the final phase of the eradication effort is critical.

"Since working with the team, I have seen an increase in immunization compliance in the community," Mustapha says. "I am well-regarded in the community because of my work, and I am happy about this."



Eighteen million people around the world who would have died or been paralyzed are alive and walking because of the polio eradication campaign. Health workers and volunteers supported by PolioPlus grants have built an infrastructure for delivering health care and collecting data that, in many parts of the world, didn't exist before. It's already being used to improve overall health care and to fight other diseases, proving that the legacy of PolioPlus is more than eradicating a deadly disease from the planet — it's also building a stronger health system that provides better access to lifesaving interventions for the world's most vulnerable children.





## POLIO IN NUMBERS

### Wild poliovirus in 2020 (2019)\*

**Global Total: 72 (37)**

### Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus in 2020 (2019)\*

**Global Total: 168 (21)**

\*Data as of 23 June 2020. Numbers in brackets represent data at this time in 2019.

## Centurion Program

### How can you become a Rotary Foundation Centurion?

All it takes is a commitment to donate \$100 to the Foundation each year. You know, that's less than a cup of coffee a week!

To make it easy to be a Centurion, the District makes available Centurion money collectors at no cost; each collector will hold exactly \$100 in \$2 coins. If you add a coin each week you go to Rotary, you will be a Centurion in 50 weeks. If you add the odd extra coin, the time will be even shorter. Take the completed collector to your Club Treasurer ... it's that simple! Then you can start a new collector.

For more information, see your Club's Foundation Director.



## District grants ...

For those looking for inspiration, here are some grants successfully completed in 2019-2020.

### RC Batemans Bay

**AUD4,000**

Related to Maternal Health with the provision of reusable sanitary products for mothers in a number of the Pacific Island. This is supportive of the 18-19 project and follows up on the Vocational Training Teams that came to D9710 from the Pacific Island over a number of years.

### RC Berry

**AUD6,000 .**

Provided computers and software to a school in Nepal after their original equipment was destroyed in a devastating earthquake. The Berry Club worked in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East.

### RC Bowral Mittagong

**AUD4,000**

Covered the refurbishment of Manua Central Primary School on Efate and Eles Primary School on Nguna Island in Vanuatu. This follows these areas being impacted by Tropical Cyclone Pam in March 2015.

### E-Club Brindabella

**AUD1850**

Supported the women's sewing centre within the Timor Learning Centre for Youth and the Community. Women are employed in the centre to sew products – mainly aprons and bags – which are then sold in Timor-Leste and Australia. The money was used to purchase materials for the sewing group.

### RC Canberra City

**AUD3,000**

Supplied a Scholarship for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to study Certificate II in ATSI Primary Health Care. This was organised through the "Purple House" and the student will then come back to pass on the learning to others.

### RC Canberra Sunrise

**AUD\$3,000**

Supported a Dream Cricket Gala Day in the ACT. Dream Cricket allows and encourages children with a disability to participate in sports.

**RC Canberra Weston Creek AUD3,600**

Provided School Library Establishment Kits for four schools in Papua New Guinea. The purpose of the Kits is to set up a new school library or to re-establish a depleted library.

**RC Gungahlin AUD3,000**

Supported the upgrading of the current children's playground in the centre of Gungahlin. A section of the playground will be named "Rotary Corner" and include a "Bird Nest Swing".

**AUD1,000**

Supported the provision of educational resources for Timor-Leste.

**RC Jerrabomberra AUD\$5,000**

Supported the purchase and erection of a shade structure over a children's playground.

**RC Moruya AUD3,432**

Provided ongoing support construction and development of a horticultural farm on Atauro Island (Timor-Leste) that will provide training and work experience for approx. 700 Island youth in intensive horticulture.

**AUD4,000**

An additional Grant approved by the District Committee provided hand sanitising stations to the schools of the Eurobodalla Shire during the COVID-19 crisis.

**RC of Narooma AUD6,000**

Supported the purchase of a people mover for the use of Yumaro (a disability enterprise) and Eurobodalla Meals on Wheels. The majority of funds were raised by a community race day organised by the three Eurobodalla Shire Rotary Clubs in conjunction with the Moruya Jockey Club.

**RC Merimbula AUD4,000**

A community project that supported the provision of Defibrillators in Merimbula and Tura Beach.

District Grants Chair PDG Phil Armstrong added, 'On behalf of the Districts Foundation Team and our charity – the Rotary Foundation – thank you to all of those that utilised a District Grant to "Do Good in the World" in 2019-20 and to those of you continuing to do so in 2020-21. I know that we always seem to be chasing you to put more into the Foundation but when you see it coming back as District or Global Grants – hopefully that encourages you to donate more to Rotary's own charity – the Rotary Foundation.'

**... and now to this year**

The expected DDF available for District Grants for the 20-21 year is approximately USD58,504. At the current conversion rates (July 2020) of 1.46 or 0.68493, this will convert to approximately AUD85,416.

The following are recommendations for District Grants to the Rotary Foundation. While it is expected that they will be approved, until formal notification is received from the Foundation, the Clubs do not have formal approval to spend the funds.

**Aurora Gungahlin AUD5000**

Supporting "Powerchair Football" which is a competitive sport developed specifically for electric wheelchair users with a number of different movement-limiting disabilities. Follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCK5twQ-AOU>

**Batlow AUD5000**

Production of a community phonebook which is particularly important after the bushfires when many lost all of their contact information.

**Berry AUD5000**

Supporting the drilling of new water wells in Uganda to provide additional clean water opportunities to additional villages in the country.

**Blayney AUD2000**

Supporting the provision of food hampers to supplement homes in the local community with the provision of some basic food items and targeted at homes impacted by COVID-19.



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<b>Bowral Mittagong</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>	<b>Goulburn Mulwaree</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>
Supporting construction of a community garden including a potting shed, amenities block and garden beds in Welby, NSW.		Repairing a community hall/children's kindergarten with the replacement of the roof and construction of toilets in the Village of Vatukarasa in the Coral Coast of Viti Levu – Fiji.	
<b>Canberra</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>	<b>Gungahlin</b>	<b>AUD1000</b>
Supporting the Assisi Centre for Social Justice in Uganda. This is run by a former Rotary Peace Fellow and is assisting market works who have lost income and opportunities due to COVID-19		Providing educational resources for children in Timor-Leste through an organisation called Play & Learn for large numbers of children at four sites in Dili and two in sub-district Maliana.	
<b>Canberra Burley Griffin</b>	<b>AUD2500</b>	<b>Jerrabomberra</b>	<b>AUD2500</b>
Supporting the refurbishment of scout halls in conjunction with Scouting ACT.		Supporting the provision of two hand wash stations at the Queanbeyan Library and the Q Theatre in Queanbeyan which will assist with the control of COVID-19 as well as health issues in the future.	
<b>Canberra Sunrise</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>		<b>AUD1000</b>
Supporting the supply of fresh food and produce for the community services pantry which is a community food outlet for people with genuine need.		Supporting the provision of community park benches.	
<b>E Club of Brindabella</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>		<b>AUD1000</b>
Supporting a Learning Centre for Youth and Community in Timor-Leste and in particular the women's sewing centre.		Providing a defibrillator in one of the local schools.	
<b>E Club Serving Humanity</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>	<b>Merimbula</b>	<b>AUD1794</b>
Supporting a program of learning and teaching English in underserved village primary schools in Sri Lanka. English is the "link language" between the two mother tongues of Sri Lanka.		Supporting seniors by the provision of a television for use by the local U3A (University of the Third Age).	
<b>Forbes Ipomoea</b>	<b>AUD4200</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>AUD2500</b>
Carrying out refurbishment work at the Aruma Community Hub which is for post school people with a disability in Central West NSW.		Organise, run and participate in a sustainability Expo aiming to improve the local community as well as focus on economic and environmental sustainability.	
<b>Ginninderra</b>	<b>AUD5000:</b>		<b>AUD2500</b>
Retrofitting houses in Vanuatu with simple (fly/mosquito) screens to assist in the prevention of Malaria.		A celebration of cultural heritage and Australian poetry and, therefore, providing economic stimulus.	
		<b>Pambula</b>	<b>AUD5000</b>
		Installing handrails and complete disabled ramps at Jigamy Youth Land camp which brings together youth from all walks of life and provides access to training opportunities for disadvantaged and challenged youth.	



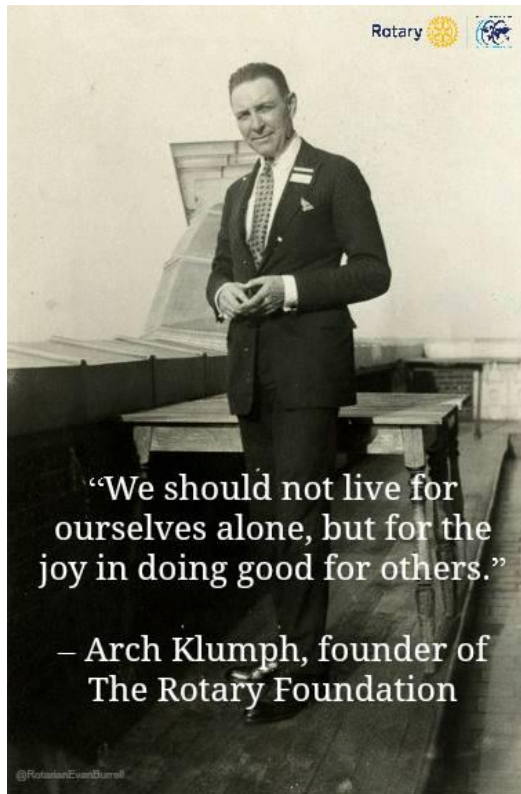
**Parkes****AUD1500**

Supporting the renovation of the community Peace Precinct which is used by Rotary as well as other community organisations, including the police, to encourage focus on peace and reconciliation within families, the general community and especially Australia's First Nations people.

**Woden Daybreak****AUD3300**

Supporting the upskilling of teachers in Namibia. The funding will allow a teacher training program to be run and the program is endorsed by the Namibian Ministry of Education.

**Note:** Four other District Grant applications - Merimbula (2), Bega (1) and Batemans Bay (1) - were referred to the District Bushfire Recovery Committee and have been funded by that Committee as the projects were directly related to bushfire recovery. The District has also applied for some funds contingency funds which brings the total application to the Foundation to AUS\$85407. The Committee thanks Clubs which lodged applications to utilise Foundation funds to continue to do good in the world.

**SITUATION VACANT**

The Foundation team has a vacancy  
for a

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