



RAWCS rover

Linking Eastern Region Clubs in Districts;
9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700, 9710

NEXT RAWCS meeting
November 14th & 15th
Warners Bay, NSW

Host District: 9670
RSVP: Secretary Ted Lewis:
lewisted@ozemail.com.au

Chairman's Report

I would like to record my thanks to PP Brian Goldstraw and the Rotary Club of Goulburn Argyle for the excellent venue and the organisation of our very successful meeting at Goulburn on the weekend of 29th & 30th August. Well done to all concerned.



RAWCS National Meeting:

The Board discussions included:

- ◆ The website committee is making progress. Still on track for a November 20th public release.
- ◆ Evan Burrell at RDU is ensuring that the social media aspect of RAWCS is dealt with and at least one new post a week is being initiated by him on our behalf. He will be looking for up to date material.

Strategic Review of Projects:

RAWCS Regional Chairs are reviewing current projects from their District to ensure all meet the Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund criteria. Projects need to supply sustainable development aid not welfare.

Financial Reports from National to Project Managers:

Financial Reports for all Project Managers are being received **each month**. Belinda Griffen is the contact if you have a mistake or not receiving a monthly statement.

belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au or phone: (02) 8833-8317

Online Reports for Project Managers

By January 2016 the Board will introduce online reporting for Project Managers. The Project Manager will be asked to list how funds transferred to their project were specifically spent. Funds **MUST** be for expenditure that is within the RAOAF and DFAT guidelines.

Training:

The first RAWCS National Training Power Point Presentation should be available by the Warners Bay RAWCS meeting.

Eastern Region Chairman John Roberson

ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE



allows you and your club to implement charitable initiatives to address issues that matter to you.

The process is simple:

IDENTIFY THE NEED



TAILOR IT TO FIT RAWCS CRITERIA



RAISE THE FUNDS

and SEE YOUR IDEA COME TO LIFE



RAWCS provides the support and infrastructure for the projects and volunteers. Project donations are tax deductible. There are programs which facilitate turning your ideas into reality.



Overseas Aid Fund (OAF) facilitates practical initiatives that foster long-term change in developing communities.

Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) is one of the very few charities that allow you to gather community support to relieve the suffering of an individual or cause in the local Australian communities.

Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited's AIM is to: "Support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities with humanitarian aid projects."

Our objective is to:

"Enable Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to undertake humanitarian aid projects."

Visit RAWCS Eastern Region website: www.rawcseastern.org.au/ Visit RAWCS National website: www.rawcs.com.au/

RAWCS meeting in Warners Bay

Please join us!

The next RAWCS meeting will be held in Warners Bay hosted by District 9670

14th & 15th November 2015

Venue: **Sinclair's Function Centre**

270 Hillsborough Rd, Warners Bay NSW 2282

PROGRAM:

Saturday afternoon - from 2pm - 4:30pm

an energetic afternoon of Rotary information

Hear short informative sessions on:

Donations in Kind (DIK) - Miriam Jacka

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) - Steve Carrol

Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) - Chris Dorn

Days for Girls (DfG) - Gloria Buttsworth

NONDUGL - Health & Education in PNG - Geoff & Judy Hicks

RAWCS in D9670 - Brian Coffey

Saturday evening Dinner: 6:30 for 7pm

2 course meal - \$35

Our Key Note Speakers will be RABS recipients:

Marny Cringle - bionic leg

William - young DV victim

and....

Presentation of Pink Umbrella Foundation Grants

Sunday morning - from 9:00 am to 12:30:

RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting:

featuring "Have your say" everyone gets an opportunity to talk about their project or special interest.

Hope to see you there - YOU ARE INVITED

RSVP: Secretary Ted Lewis: lewisted@ozemail.com.au

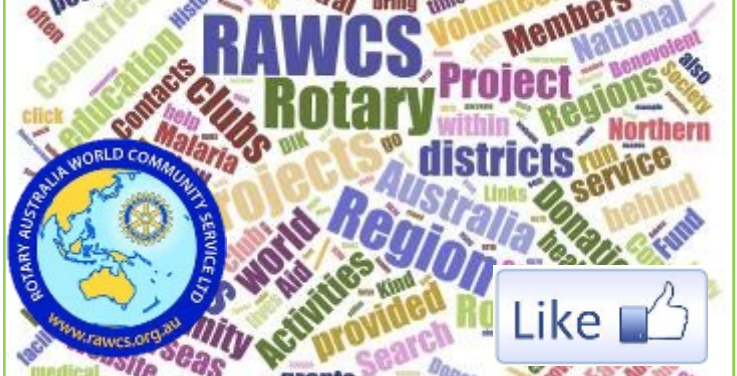
Guest speaker Marny Cringle, 42, is an amputee chosen for a world-first procedure to attach a bionic leg to her lengthened leg stump.

Ms Cringle, from Bolwarra in the Hunter Valley, lost her leg after falling beneath a train on the London Tube in December 1996.

The remaining stump was initially too short to fit a prosthesis. But recent cutting-edge surgery and months of painful treatment have managed to lengthen the bone by 5cm in preparation for the artificial limb. **Rotary Club of East Maitland RABS Project 4/2014-15**



RAWCS on facebook!!



RAWCS Rotary Australia World Community Service

Non-Profit Organization

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT RAWCS ON FACEBOOK!!

If not, jump online and "like" our facebook page. While you are there check out some of the great projects that have been hi-lighted.

Would you like your project featured on facebook?

We are always looking for stories and photos of your projects in order to help with promoting RAWCS and associated programs. Not only do we hope to give your projects useful exposure but also to utilise your work as an example to generate interest in the development of new projects amongst rotary members not yet involved.

Our appointed social media facilitator Evan Burrell will share content across platforms such as facebook, Twitter and Instagram to help build RAWCS online presence and generate publicity. Stories may also be used in brochures and other publicity materials.

Send summaries of your project of approximately 200 words along with two high res photographs. We are happy for the summaries to be in dot points. Our in house writer will refine and edit submissions depending on the medium in which they are to be published. We will be highly grateful for any and all assistance in this area – it will help us build a stronger RAWCS.

Email: EvanBurrell@rotarydownunder.com.au with your submissions. **Share your story!**

Solar lights delivered to traditional birth attendant in rural UGANDA



St Peters School - Gulu, UGANDA

RAWCS project number #100-2010-11

Rotary Club of Parramatta City

The school was established in January 2009 with an intake of 30 students into Kindergarten, one class has been added each year since then. In 2015 there are now 314 students from K to Grade 6, 14 teachers and 3 support staff.

Since 2008, the Rotary Club of Parramatta City and friends have been able to assist the school on a number of occasions. Assistance has included provision of classrooms, water bore, new school bus and, most recently, with financial help to pay for the cost of additional land. This new area will be used to set up a poultry project and for additional playground area.



The students in Grade 6 will be sitting for National exams in 2016 and the school wishes to provide boarding facilities to assist them and to enable them to perform well.

Recently a request has been received to assist the school to do this by providing funds to enable 2 existing classrooms to be converted to a dormitory, for 2 new replacement classrooms and for solar lighting for dormitory and classrooms.

The labour and materials for these works will be sourced locally in Uganda and the cost has been estimated at AUS\$10,000.

The Rotary Club of Parramatta City will be endeavouring to raise funds to support this new project of the school.

The school website is www.spjs.ac.ug

PP Keith Henning Project Manager
Rotary Club of Parramatta City D9675



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RAWCS Len Avard AWARD

The Eastern Region RAWCS Len Avard Award was inaugurated in 1996 to honour the work Rotarian Len Avard had performed in Papua New Guinea.

When the Award was originally created RAWCS, was known as FAIM (Fourth Avenue In Motion). The Fourth Avenue of Rotary Service is International.

The Award acknowledges the long history of Rotary Australia World Community Service.

Len Avard's name was the first to be placed on the Perpetual Trophy and another 13 have been added since.

The "Len Avard Award" is an annual award given to the RAWCS Rotarian judged to have been the RAWCS "Rotarian of the Year" within Eastern Region. This is a most prestigious RAWCS award and recipients have included Project Volunteers as well as RAWCS Administration Rotarians.



This year the worthy recipient was Ray White for his ongoing contribution to RAWCS projects in Vanuatu.

Above: RAWCS Chairman John Roberson presents the RAWCS Shield to Ray White at the Goulburn RAWCS meeting August 2015.



Working with Children Check

RAWCS requires all NSW overseas volunteers aged 18 years & over to be registered with the new working with children. For more information follow this link: <https://wwwcheck.ccpw.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application#>

It is a simple process. It requires completing the online application and then an identity check at your local RTA. It is an important process for Rotarians and volunteers working with children locally or overseas to complete.

RAWCS National is looking at a standard approach that is legal in all states for RAWCS Overseas Volunteers.

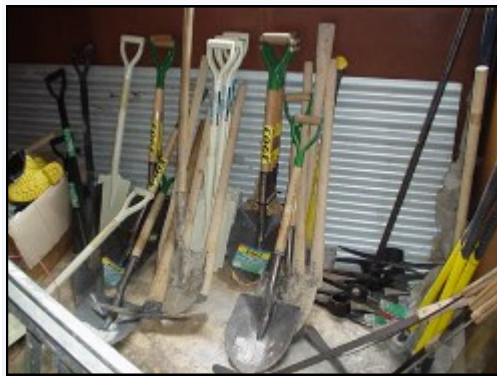


HEALTHY VILLAGES TOOLS PROGRAM

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Following the decision by the Global Fund to take over supplying bed nets for the Solomon Islands which had previously been supplied by RAM through the Adopt A Village program (AAV) it was decided to use the AAV funds and new donations received to provide tools to villages to enable them to keep their villages free of mosquito breeding areas. The new program is called "Healthy Villages". Under this scheme villages develop a plan of work to be undertaken and then apply to the Health Promotion Director (Solomon Islands Ministry of Health) and are required to sign an agreement that they will look after the tools. Once approved and tools purchased they are then collected by a representative of the village and transported to the village.

The first tools were provided to 30 villages in 2013, a further 38 villages have been provided with tools in 2014/15 at a cost to RAM of AUD\$ 106,000. We have received a request from a further 81 villages for tools at an estimated cost of \$142,000. RAM is currently fund raising to meet this need and expected extension as more new villages are approved.



Each village is provided with the following tools at an average cost of \$1,750

Bush knives, brush knives, axes, flat files, spades, mattocks, metal rakes, crow bars and wheelbarrows.

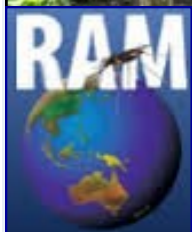
Although further

monitoring and evaluation needs to be done on the success of the program the feedback from the villages has been good with comments that they do not need to use bed nets as there are no mosquitos. We also know the program has been very successful in Isabel province where the incidence of malaria is now very low and malaria elimination programs are currently underway. This truly is a sustainable self help program.

Healthy Villages is supervised by PDG Wayne Morris OBE



of the Honiara Rotary Club. RAM hopes to introduce this program into other countries, where we work, as another tool in the strategy to eliminate malaria.



RAM - Rotarians Against Malaria

RAWCS project number #32-2010-11

sponsored by RAWCS National

Refurbishment of Lapaha School -TONGA

Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra

RAWCS project number #90-2010-11

Jerrabomberra Rotarians and friends travelled to Nuku'alofa, Tonga to refurbish the Lapaha Public School. Situated about 25 km from the capital of Tonga, the school has about 280 students and eight teachers and serves the surrounding rural area. The school's facilities were extremely run down and in drastic need of refurbishment. As part of a matching grant between Rotary International and our club, fifteen volunteers from the Rotary Club of Jerra', along with other Rotarians and friends from southern NSW and the ACT carried out a program of refurbishment works that enhanced the teaching facilities, upgraded classrooms and toilet facilities, removed pigeon access points to classroom and storage areas, mended broken drainage and sanitary fittings and provided the school with reliable potable water.

To assist the local community even further additional works were conducted by local contractors.

The Jerra club is again taking 13 volunteers over to carry out further works to the other school buildings. These works will involve labouring type work on the other school

blocks, some of these tasks will be but not limited to:

- ♦ Finish security mesh to the original building.
- ♦ Security mesh the other school building.
- ♦ Pigeon proof 2nd building.
- ♦ Tiling at least 1 or 2 rooms and office.
- ♦ New ceilings at least 2 rooms.



We have already purchased scientific and teachers aids requested by the Principal, we will be taking

these items over in our shared luggage:

Robert Chilman Project Manager
Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra D9710

MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH Project Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney

OBJECTIVE of the MACH (Maternal and Child Health) project is to reduce maternal and child mortality and morbidity in the developing world.

The MACH project is focused on four key areas –

1. Maternal and obstetric services
2. Family Planning
3. Birth Injury Repair
4. Neonate, Infant and Child Care

PREVENTION: Maternity and Obstetric Services

- ◆ Train Midwives & Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA's)
- ◆ Supply and train in use of anaesthesia machines
- ◆ Provide Ultra Sound training and equipment

2015-2016 Targets

200 midwives/TBA's trained
12 anaesthesia machines supplied to clinics
160 health care workers trained in Ultra Sound Scanning
80 US machines provided to qualifying centres

Ultra Sound training



PREVENTION: Family Planning

- ◆ Supply 4 year contraceptive implant
- ◆ Train health workers on implementation
- ◆ Awareness programs on implants

2015-2016 Targets

3,000 implant insertions
20 health workers trained
3 awareness programs



Implant program



TREATMENT/CURE: Birth Injury Repair

- ◆ Facilitate fistula surgery camps
- ◆ Provide treatment options for prolapse
- ◆ Engage uro-gynaecologists to train local Doctors

2015-2016 Targets

8 Fistula camps - 300 surgeries
2,800 treatments, including 1,250 surgeries
10 local doctors trained



TREATMENT/CURE: Neonate, Infant and Child care

- ◆ Install emergency equipment in Neonatal Intensive care Units (NICU's)
- ◆ Correct club foot in children
- ◆ Fund essential paediatric surgery

2015-2016 Targets

29 hospitals equipped and trained
800 club foot corrections
400 surgeries - cleft palate, ENT, burn, ortho, etc

Intended Partner Countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Somaliland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia.

The MACH project has been running for a year and we have achieved many of the targets. We are grateful for the support of RAWCS.

Dr. Grace Maano and Dave Rickards: Project Managers
Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney, District 9685

RAWCS project number #17/2014-15

School assistance at Merville, Paranaque,
PHILLIPINES RAWCS project number #29/2005-06
Rotary Club of Northlakes Toukley

It is now 17 years since we started a privately funded feeding program for around 2000 "less fortunate" people living Merville, Paranaque Philippines. In 2005 we established and registered with RAWCS a Community based Education Program. We now have 95 children registered and attending nursery, elementary and high school – 4 students in college and 2 college graduates in full-time employment.



New students 2015

Our partners in the Community based program is Rotary Club Makati Dasmariñas.

In 2012 PDG Tony Castley and wife Sandra visited our project in Merville and on returning Sandra made the following statement in a Newsletter article:

"Our visit to the Melville squatter village in Paranaque took my breath away, literally. I have never seen anything like this in my life, and we have visited many places in need. 'In need' is an understatement. I would dearly love to see these people picked up and moved to somewhere safe and clean."

A majority of the funds are raised in Australia, it cost around A\$700 to send a single child to school, including 2 meals, daily vitamins, health checks, all school related items. NO excuse for the child not to attend school. My dream is for every Rotary Club in our District to donate \$500PA to project 29/2005-06. Education and good health is the only way out.

Recent Typhoon Koppu bypassed our village, only damage from strong winds to roof of canteen and learning centre. Cost to repair is going to be around \$1,500.

www.cararoofoundation.com.au also on Facebook.



daily vitamins

Maurie Schokman: Project Manager

 **Cararoo Foundation Inc**

Project Re-Build, after Typhoon Haiyan
PHILLIPINES RAWCS project number #45/2013-14
Rotary Club of Northlakes Toukley

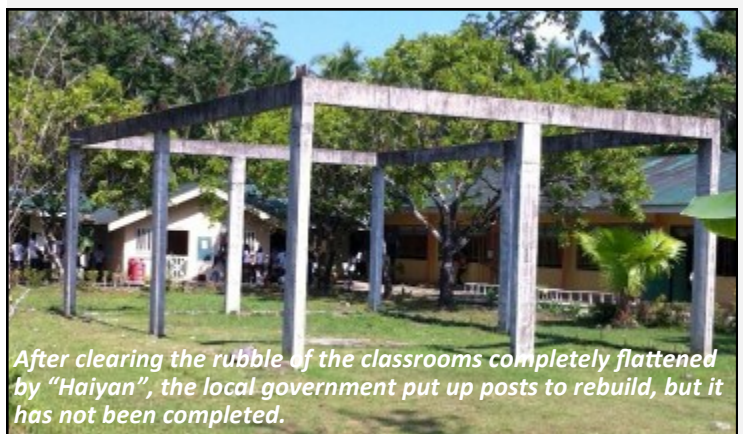
To raise funds in Australia for a rebuilding program after Typhoon Haiyan. Working with Rotary Clubs in the Philippines and to be conducted over 3 years.

Typhoon Haiyan one the strongest ever recorded devastated large parts of the Philippines back in 2013. PDG Graeme Davies established a small committee to focus on long-term rebuilding program 3 to 5 years. This view was also supported by Philippines Consul General Anne Jalando-On Louis.

Following discussions with Consul General and Rotary Club Makati Dasmariñas and Rotary Club Goulburn we have identified 3 projects.

Maurie Schokman will be travelling to Manila to review and get projects started:

- ♦ Re-build part of National High School in Lalawigan Eastern Samar. The only high school supporting 9 Barangays (small towns).
- ♦ Solar-powered water desalination – Hilabaan Island.
- ♦ Goulburn have a project to re-build a school library at Catanauan, and after discussions with Jarvis Hayman following the last RAWCS meeting it has been decided to bring this project into 45/ 2013-14.



After clearing the rubble of the classrooms completely flattened by "Haiyan", the local government put up posts to rebuild, but it has not been completed.

Funds raised to date:

Project 1 - \$22,600 + possible District Grant in 2016, we need around \$30,000 for this project.

Project 2 - \$10,000 plan to apply for Global Grant, we will need around \$35,000

Project 3 - \$5,000 donated by Goulburn, require \$10,000. The plan is for a group of Rotarians to go to Catanauan in May 2016 to re-build the library. This should keep the cost down.

We need funds. Donations can be made

online: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=748&ReturnTo=4>

Maurie Schokman: Project Manager



"Haiyan" completely stripped off the school's Multi-Purpose Hall.
Photos 22.08.2015 by Mrs Aleli Cajegas.

Ever wonder where RAWCS Volunteers work or what they do??

During the last 3 months 185 RAWCS volunteers have registered to travel to 11 different countries.

Here are some RAWCS projects volunteers are working on.

FIJI - Computers for St. Francis College and other Schools, near Lautoka. To ship computers donated by North Parkes Mines, NSW to Fiji, install computers, and train local technician to manage computers. # 15/2015-16

NEPAL - Mera Primary School, Kharikhola. To support education, sanitation, health and hygiene. To establish a productive garden, educate school children and the community in horticulture and marketing of the produce to the school, north eastern Nepal # 54/2011-12



CAMBODIA - Vision Project, to arrange trips with teams of professionals to carry out sight restoring cataract operations for poor people. Cambodian Vision is committed to providing the best possible eye care and observing Australian hygiene standards. # 49/2009-10

SOLOMON ISLANDS - Community development and education assistance. To provide and build community and vocational training centres in Santa Isabel Province. Assist in training to provide vocational education, leadership, drug, alcohol and youth development programs. # 9/2010-11

BANGLASDASH - Aussie Bangla Smile Project, to send surgical teams to repair cleft palates and carry out post burn reconstructive surgery and, at the same time, train local doctors and nurses to perform these procedures. # 7/2007-08

VANUATU - Solar Hospital and Arep School Project, Vanua Lava. Construction and improvement of 22 bed Solar Hospital and complete refurbishment of Arep Secondary School at Vanua Lava. # 125/2004-05



EAST TIMOR - Health, Education and Infrastructure Project. To construct schools, teacher accommodation, medical clinics, provide youth teams to work in schools and construct water supply facilities in rural communities. # 70/2011-12

THAILAND - Sarnelli House Aids Orphanage, Nong Khai, to fund a 4WD, install solar irrigation pumps, improve soil fertility to make the orphanage self-sufficient in vegetables and meat

for residents and staff and build, equip and conduct a dental clinic at Sarnelli House Aids Orphanage, Nong Khai, # 75/2013-14



Share your project reports online

Have your RAWCS project report posted on-line at Eastern Region Website www.rawcseastern.org.au/

Send your reports to;

WEBMASTER – Brian Goldstraw

email: brian.goldstraw@bigpond.com

Rotary Club of Hall D9710

or **Assistant Webmaster** - Bruce Gendre

email: jbknight@bigpond.com

Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace D9670.

Please note: **File Size Limit** - The web server for the Eastern Region Website has a file size limit of 2MB which limits to size of reports that can be uploaded.

Check the website for the latest reports.



Online Volunteer Registration

The online volunteer system has been available for 16 months now. This system has seen tremendous change to the amount of time spent processing volunteer applications, the storage of data and notifications to the stakeholders. Those being DFAT, ACE Insurance, Club Presidents both in Eastern Region and the visiting countries, District Governors again both in Eastern Region and the visiting countries. In the main, users of the system have been very proactive and positive in their approach to using the system. The user's guide can be of great benefit to assist when using the online system for the first time. The stand out issue of confusion for volunteers is the downloading, uploading and emailing of forms and the Working with Children document. With time we hope we stream line the system even further making it as user friendly as possible.

RAWCS notifies key stakeholders for you!

Our Volunteer co-ordinator is Lloyd Chatfield;

need help email Lloyd

lloyd.chatfield@bigpond.com

Volunteer Insurance: Please note that we have been informed by our insurance company that RAWCS Volunteers will not be covered when they travel in Afghanistan, Chad, Chechnya, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Israel, Somalia and Sudan.

These countries are excluded from our insurance cover.

CHARLIES ANGELS

A visit to Tanna Island, Vanuatu enabled East Maitland Rotarian Brian and Carol Coffey to change the life of young Charlie.

Venturing into the village of their host, Veronic, amongst free roaming dogs, pigs and chickens they meet a small shy boy struggling to walk. Tears flowed as Veronic said this was her son, Charlie. Recognising the condition as club feet, Brian and Carol captured photos with a promise to do something for Charlie.

With D9670 ROMAC 'Project Charlies Angels' was organised with humanitarian surgery to be undertaken at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. Charlie arriving in April 2013.

7yo Charlie lacked mental and physical stimulation. Little mobility, communication and coordination issues confronted us.

Surgeon Dr Eric Ho cited this as the most advanced case of Talipes he had seen; also attending to skin fungus, Vitamin D deficiency and mental health concerns.

Over the ensuing weeks, plasters slowly stretched tendons and joints, Charlie's ankles were crushed and reset, tendons cut and rerouted, turning and lowering the feet with many painful and sleepless nights between operations.

Charlie responded; speaking, laughing, counting, playing and showing a gutsy determination to walk. Gone were mental health concerns, while mum Veronic attended playgroups, engaging with Charlie.

In one week of physiotherapy Charlie walked;

Charlie returned to Tanna supported with an education fund; he started school.

Hardly a month goes by when someone in D9670 does not ask "How's Charlie going?" We keep in touch and there have been visits.

A lot has changed in those few years; Veronic gained confidence and is developing into a community leader. Charlie is now just a normal NiVan kid running and playing with the other village children.

When cyclone Pam hit Veronic provided this graphic report: *'It was Friday. Warning was coming out of radio. Joseph and I put big woods on top of our hut and tied it with rope. We want to go to the coffee factory or the school, but another message say it change direction. We sleep in our hut with no radio, phone. So that was our big problem. It was 4:00am Joseph and I didn't sleep. We heard the wind started getting strong. I woke the kids. I make a prayer with tears. It took of our roof. Joseph took Charlie and Annie. I took Niji. We ran to the grand parents house, it was 5:00am. We stay for 1hr but it took of iron roofs again. We want to go somewhere safer but too late. We ran to small hut with no hope. But thanks to my strong husband and his brothers and also I believe in miracles, when the wind push the hut down they push it up, and when it pull it up they pull it down. We were very scared it hits us 3 to 4hrs then it change direction. It take long time to go away. Kids were hungry. Boys bring fruits in and told us about our houses and our gardens. We all cry bcouse nomo food nomo tree to built houses. I lost all my kitchen things. No electric. Using solar but not working good. We are sleeping under a tapolen. Need a good house some more warm clothes and some solar if possible.'*

An East Maitland members fund raiser night enabled us to send \$1500 to their aid.

Joseph has bought iron and building materials to build a strong house, one or two of the bungalows have been rebuilt – life is returning to normal.

To have been part of Charlies Angels is a special thing for our club. I have no answer to why other than **Rotary empowered us to 'Change Lives' – ordinary people doing extraordinary things.**

Brian Coffey: D9670 RAWCS Chair



Rotary Australia Benevolent Society

RABS



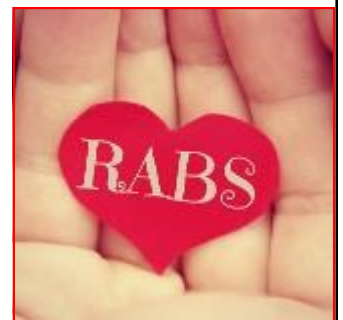
RAWCS has established the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Aus-

tralia to respond to needs within their own communities.

The main requirement for RABS projects is that they provide direct relief to people in need. If the clients are disadvantaged, the relief should target that disadvantage, i.e. a place to sleep for the homeless, food and support for those in poverty, counselling and support of those in distress. The relief provided is only for 'people in need'

All Benevolent Society projects must address one of the following criteria that arouse the compassion of your community:

**Poverty,
Sickness,
Suffering,
Distress,
Misfortune,
Disability,
Destitution,
Helplessness.**



RABS has been registered with the ACNC - Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission and has Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office.



Eastern Region Executive Committee



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Donations in Kind

Donations in Kind (DIK) is a program supported by Rotary Clubs in Australia which grew

out of the compassion and concern of returning overseas volunteers. This **recycling and reuse** program involves the collection, sorting, packing, dispatch and distribution of donated items to countries in need of these goods.

Many goods and products, for which organisations in Australia have no further use, are valuable commodities in needy countries.

Eastern Region has been informed that the lease on our present Donations in Kind depot at Minchinbury Salvation Army premises will have to be vacated by December 2016. It was agreed by the Management Committee that the Region should search for a suitable premises to relocate and that the relocation take place as soon as we can organise for it to occur. We will relocate before we are expected to vacate if we find a suitable site.

Please discuss this at your Club you may have someone who can help.



Editor's Comment

Welcome to another RAWCS Rover!

It has been my pleasure to compile the RAWCS Rover. I hope you have enjoyed reading it and you have been inspired by the sample of great projects and news of developments in the RAWCS Organisation.



RAWCS is a big business with an exciting future. The RAWCS management team are putting in sound strategies to enable more growth and more opportunities for Rotarians to do wonderful humanitarian work locally and internationally.

With the emergence of Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) we can now respond to humanitarian need or crisis in our own local community.

RAWCS is a growth area of Rotary. Volunteers both Rotarian and non-Rotarian working on RAWCS projects continues to increase.

Our 1/4erly meetings are a great opportunity to see what RAWCS is all about. All Rotarians and friends are welcome to attend. If you can make it we would love to see you there. It is a great chance to hear about some wonderful Rotary work undertaken and meet some inspiring Rotarians.

RAWCS is all about ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Yours in Rotary Service, PP Sue O'Neill
Rotary Club of WOY WOY D9685

If you have an inspiring project or any RAWCS or RABS news we would welcome a report to include in a future RAWCS Rover. Please email RAWCS Rover editor: Sue O'Neill: sue_oneill@hotmail.com

DONATE NOW

All RAWCS and RABS projects in all Regions are now registered for online donations.

Save the Date!

We hope to see you our RAWCS meeting 20 & 21 February 2016
Location: Kiama,
Host District: D9675

RAWCS Overseas Aid Fund is a [Deductible Gift Recipient](#) so is able to offer **tax deductible donations** to support organisations with worthy projects outside Australia. Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) can provide a similar service within Australia.

Our **Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund** ABN: 21 388 376 554 holds the following registrations:

- ◆ Deductible Gift Recipient
- ◆ Tax Concession Charity
- ◆ Income Tax Exempt Fund