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February 2018

Comment from The Chair

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

We begin 2018 with a busy year for the Rotary

Foundation.

Humanitarian Projects:

• District Grants starting to be paid out in

full as projects are completed and

reported to David Dean, Grants Chair.

Some of these will be featured at the

District Conference at Leura

• Global Grants – 10 in draft, one awaiting

three authorisations from India, and five

submitted. Four approved in this

Rotary Year and 4 from previous years

closed (i.e. completed projects) DDF

available is now down to $45,000 after

$15000 of committed grants are paid.

This enables us to proceed with one

global grant scholarship for 2018. One

completed global grant is featured

below and I hope you enjoy reading the

report.

Scholarships:

1. We have now opened this year’s global

grant scholarship for applications and

have three interested parties already.

Applications close end March 2018.

Details on the D9685 website.

2. Peace Fellowship applications are open

too and applications close for these at

the end of May 2018. Application

details available on the RI website

3. Team members are encouraged to seek

applications from appropriately

qualified young people in their own

clubs and in their zone clubs.

Paul Harris Society Dinner

On Monday 5th March we will host a Paul Harris

Society dinner at which the Guest speaker will

be Past RI President John Germ who will be

here for our district conference. Rotarians who

become PHS members now or have become

members in the last few months will be

recognised by PRIP John at the dinner.

David Rands

D9685 Rotary Foundation Chair

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http://rippc2018.com.au/

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Polio Update

Finished 2017 with 21 new

cases of wild poliovirus

reported – 37 in 2016 and 74 in 2015. A long

and difficult process but heading in the right

direction. Financial support still critical as

immunisation must be continued now and for

three years after the last case is recorded. The

task is huge as immunisation levels are starting

to drop below the considered minimum safe

level of 91% in some countries where polio

ceased to be endemic many years ago. We

cannot afford to be complacent.

Poliovirus Weekly Update

31-Jan-2018, World Health Organization

Please scroll to the end for a summary of officially reported cases.

New wild poliovirus cases reported this week: 0

Total number of wild poliovirus cases in 2018: 1

Total number of wild poliovirus cases in 2017: 22

New cVDPV cases reported this week: 0

Total number of cVDPV cases in 2018: 0

Total number of cVDPV cases in 2017: 91

Headlines

New on www.polioeradication.org: As part of the GPEI’s plan to capture and

share lessons learnt since its inception, the programme has released

detailed best practice guides or active surveillance for polio eradication,

monitoring the quality of polio eradication campaign performance, and

microplanning.

Last week, member states and partners met to discuss polio transition and

keeping the world polio-free after eradication at the WHO Executive Board

Meeting.

Chris Maher, a long-time polio eradicator and a central part of the polio

programme, has been recognised in the Australia Day honours list named as

an Officer of the Order of Australia. His recognition comes for his

distinguished service to community and international public health through

technical, operational and management roles in the global eradication of

poliomyelitis.

Summary of newly-reported viruses this week:

Afghanistan: Advance notification has been received of two new cases of

wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Kandahar province. These will be

confirmed in next week’s data reporting.

Five new WPV1 positive environmental samples have been reported from

Hilmand and Kandahar provinces. Pakistan: Three new WPV1 positive

environmental samples have been reported, from Sindh and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa provinces.

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Scholar Contact details

Of our recent 5 global grant scholars, we now

have 3 back in Australia having completed their

studies. Alison and Michaela are based in

Canberra, but are in Sydney from time to time

and if it can be arranged would be delighted to

talk to your club. William is travelling a bit but

based in Sydney and so is more available. He

addressed Rotarians at Turramurra on the 6th

February and spoke of his studies in Milan and

his aspirations in the future.

Marshall and Caroline are still away on their

studies but will be pleased to hear from D9685

Rotarians.

Peace Fellows Sharon Edington and Patricia

Garcia are both in Sydney and have already

given wonderful talks to several clubs.

Their contact details are as follows:

Global Grant Scholars

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Sharon was a Rotary Peace Fellow at the

University of Bradford from 2013-2014. Since

then, she has been working in her ‘dream job’ at

Act for Peace in Sydney, coordinating

humanitarian aid and development programs in

Africa, the Middle East, and also in Australia

related to refugee resettlement. During her time

as a Peace Fellow, she volunteered as a

caseworker with the British Red Cross refugee

drop-in service, designed an ongoing design with

Syrian refugees in Lebanon over Christmas

2013/14 and interned with the UN High

Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo

supporting resettlement of Syrian and Somali

refugees as well as policy change for stateless

Roma. She also co-authored a forthcoming book

chapter on Roma statelessness and refugee

resettlement, got her first peer-reviewed journal

article published, and joined Shelterbox as a

short-term response team member.

Studied at the University of Bradford

Currently working at Act for Peace in Sydney

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Update on the Bo Hospital in Sierra Leone

In 2015 Rotary Turramurra applied for a Global Grant to build a The project was completed in 2017 . .

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BO CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL CONTINUES TO GROW…..

The Hospital has treated over 21,000 children since it opened in June 2012

The Bo Children’s Hospital in Sierra Leone

West Africa is now into its 6th year of

operations. Since its inception in June 2012,

the hospital has treated over 21,000 children

with only a few mortalities. This much needed

hospital has changed the lives of many people

in the community - as well as saving children’s

lives, it has educated many parents in better

ways of nutrition and hygiene, preventing

many unnecessary deaths. The hospital runs a

vaccination program twice a week for children

under the age of 5.

The Ebola outbreak was a devastating blow to

Sierra Leone and we had to close the hospital

for 3 weeks at one stage so the virus did not

contaminate the hospital. Thanks to our many

wonderful donors and a Grant from Rotary, we

have the much-needed Isolation Ward for the

containment of infectious diseases. The virus

also caused an economic disaster impacting on

businesses, food production and stifling

economic growth, it will take a long time for

the country to recover.

The Bo Children’s Hospital is operated by

qualified staff from the local community who

take full responsibility and ownership of

running the hospital. The hospital relies on our

ongoing support to help with running costs,

capital equipment and the expansion of its

services. It is because of our wonderful donors

that we have been able to make a lifesaving

difference to the children of Sierra Leone, West

Africa.

New Isolation Ward Hospital Superintendent Vandi Sombie with

child patients and mothers

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District 9685 Giving July – December 2017

To date in December our district has

contributed US$ 193,000 in total vs $188,000

to December last year. This increase comes

mainly from generous giving by clubs and

individuals to the Annual Fund which is up

from $110K to $138K over the comparable 6

months. This is very healthy as this figure

determines our DDF available for grants in

three years time. Polio giving is also up as little

on last year at this time.

As mentioned above we still need to keep

emphasis on this vital task. Endowment

income was higher last year by $15K but we

cannot control that, nor the giving associated

with funds input into global grant projects

which shows below under ‘other’. So overall

our clubs and our individuals continue to

recognise the vital part of the Rotary

Foundation to our Rotary mission in the world,

which is great!

Warmest thanks for the continued generosity

of our clubs and Rotarians in supporting this

vital work of Rotary.

Annual􀀀Fund􀀀 Polio􀀀 Endowment􀀀 Other􀀀 Total􀀀Contribu ons􀀀􀀀$192,928􀀀􀀀

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Paul Harris Society / Major Donor Dinner

A reminder to PHS members to register for the dinner with PRIP John Germ. The evening will be held at the Pennant Hills Golf Club,Copeland Road Beecroft

Monday March 5, 2018 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost $50 per headRSVP before 20/2/18 to David Rands

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