

News Update | Autumn 2019



Will You Donate By End Of June

We are fast approaching:

- End of the Rotary Year.
- End of Australian Tax Year.

If your Rotary Club wants to disburse funds; or
If you want to reduce your Personal or Company Tax.

Please consider Disaster Aid Australia.

2nd Cyclone Hits Mozambique



Six weeks after the deadly Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique a 2nd disastrous cyclone, Kenneth, blasted the country with the force of a category 4 hurricane.

For the first time in recorded history the nation has suffered from two of the worst cyclones in a season.

Raging flood waters, resulting from 100mm of rain in 24 hours, have cut roads to Pemba City

The government have estimated 160,000 people are at risk, with more torrential rain forecast.

Local reports state there has been 'total devastation' affecting a 60 kilometer stretch of coastline and nearby islands.

Cyclone Idai

Disaster Aid Response Team (DARTs) volunteers Dave Tuzewski and Peter Collins deployed into Mozambique.

While in country they worked with Rotarians in Mozambique and South Africa.

During the deployment they were able to train the local people in the use of the Sawyer Filters donated by Disaster Aid Australia and its Disaster Aid Partners in Canada and Brazil.

A SkyHydrant™ installation was also constructed in conjunction with Hilfswerk* a Non Government Organisation (NGO) that has an existing operation in Mozambique.



DART Dave Tuzewski in Mozambique





Happy Birthday Balay Mindanaw

Our long term partner the Balay Mindanaw Peace Foundation celebrates its 23rd Birthday in May.

Operating from its base in Cagayan de Oro, on the Philippine island of Mindanao, they have installed, and continue to monitor, 58 of Disaster Aid' provided Skyhydrants across the Philippines.

At their meeting of 5th May the Board of Disaster Aid Australia have agreed to supply a further 10 Skyhydrants to Balay Mindanaw this year, together with a grant for the purchase of tanks, pipes and fittings for the installations.



SkyHydrant installation in Cambodia by the Rotary Club of Somerset.

Rotary Club Of Somerset

Disaster Aid Australia are always happy to help other organisations such as the Rotary Club of Somerset, Tasmania provide water to their projects.

Rotary Club of Somerset support a school in Kampot, Cambodia and installing a SkyHydrant to supply Safe Drinking Water was a high priority.

We were able to supply them with a SkyHydrant and advice that enabled them to complete the installation.

The SkyHydrant will mean the School can now provide 10,000 litres of water a day to the pupils.



DAA Patron Prof Rhett Butler

Acknowledgement of SkyHydrant Inventor

Rhett Butler has been recognised by Sydney University with an Alumni Award for Service to Humanity.

To date over 6,000 SkyHydrants have been installed to provide safe drinking water for communities and schools.

With the low cost, light weight, simple operation, and effective removal of contamination; the units have become an important part of Disaster Aid Australia's 'Smart Aid' and 'Safe Water for Every Child' initiatives.

Each SkyHydrant is capable of providing safe water for more than 500 people which means that millions of people around the world are being protected by Rhett's invention.



Rotary



See Bhutan and Give Safe Water

Our Bhutan 2020 project aims to provide safe water to 120 schools by the end of next year.

To raise funds for the project we are promoting fully inclusive holidays in Bhutan from \$6,450 per person (twin share).

During your trip you will be able to personally present 'your' SkyHydrant to a school.

On your return you will receive a tax receipt for your \$5,000 donation with the potential to receive a tax refund of up to \$2,250.



Ted Burton Rotary Club of Youngtown and Peter Faulkner
Chairman of Disaster Aid Australia



Des Watts Rotary Club of Berri and Peter Faulkner
Chairman of Disaster Aid Australia

DAA Chairman Conference Report

The annual conference of DAA was held on Saturday May 4th. It is an opportunity to inform representatives and supporters of our achievements during the past year and to create enthusiasm for the coming year. Our keynote speaker was Dr Madenjit Singh from an educational organisation AHHA Education, ahhaeducation.org. Dr Singh told us how he had set up schools in Cambodia, Laos, India, Thailand and Timor Leste. The Rotary Club of Phillip Island San Remo has provided a SkyHydrant to supply clean water to the students of one of Dr. Singh schools in Dili.

Two of our DARTs Dave Tuzewski and Peter Collins inspired us with details of the deployment in Mozambique and other speakers covered topics related to our operation.

The day concluded with dinner and an entertaining and stimulating talk by Winston Marsh, www.winstonmarsh.com.au, on fundraising, promotion and marketing.

During the dinner DAA Chairman Peter Faulkner presented awards to Ted Burton and Des Watts. Ted has been the representative of DAA in Tasmania for many years and in the past year has done such a great job promoting DAA that Tasmania contributed 16% of the total donations, more than the total of all the states except Victoria.

Des contributed to DAA by raising funds on various trips around Australia on a motor bike and by car.

Many positive comments were received and our thanks go to Jan, Martin, Cherie and Brian for their significant input into the success of the conference.



**Will you please help support the work of Disaster Aid?
It is a Rotary Club project that really is ... making a difference**

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