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Welcome to our first issue of "Service Without Frontiers" for 2016!

2016 started with so many good news and happy Rotary moments... Rotary Youth Exchange has gained so much momentum and appreciation thanks to our members and to our host families! Lano returned from Belgium while Lauren is already in Norway. Gonzalo has the time of his life in WA and all three students have become excellent Rotary ambassadors.

Helen and Vin in Cambodia Family Support never stop to impress with their outstanding project performance and the numbers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2015 are beyond everyone's expectations.

Nokor Tep women's hospital in Cambodia will be completed within the current year providing they receive our help. There is a number of fundraising walks organised in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney & Perth and you are all invited to join this meaningful cause.

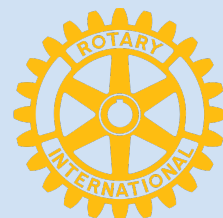
Finally, our first group of Lao Clean Water and Sanitation volunteers leave for Lao in mid-February and they will report on the completion of the project. In our next issue we will definitely have many details and photos from this substantial and absolutely successful project!

Yours in Rotary service,  
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# Youth Exchange Excellence !



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What could anyone say about the praise and the congratulations that our Exchange Students (inbound and outbound) have been receiving... It gives great pride and pleasure to all of us to know that the name of Rotary is honoured by our Exchange Students in Perth and around the world!



*"...I have been meaning to email you to let you know what an absolute delight Gonzalos was in Margaret River.*

*Personally I loved being able to ask anything about what it is like to be a youth in Spain which was invaluable for sending Ben off. Gonzalos was a ball of energy and laughs but, to me epitomised the spirit of RYE with his positive attitude, willingness to join in and warm communication with all.*

*He is committed to being an excellent ambassador to Spain.*

*We all loved him so much that we were hoping to bring him to my parent's farm in Badgingarra on the long weekend in March. He was keen to come and join in family life on the farm for a weekend."*

*Catalano Clay, returned from Belgium leaving the best of impressions to his host families:*

*"We are the 2nd host Family of Lano and we just wanted to write to you to tell you that it has been a great pleasure to have Lano with us during these 4 months. Lano is a very well educated and nice boy who really shared the daily life of our family. He is very flexible and can adapt himself to different environment which will be a great advantage for him in his future life and career."*



CATALANO

LAUREN

Lauren Elliot, our outbound exc. student is in Kongsvinger in Norway and she is giving her news through her blog:

[My Not Gap Year!](#)

*"So it has officially been a week since I arrived here in Kongsvinger. Definitely still feels like I just got off the plane, although so much has happened already – I'm still in a state of shock I think... Physically – from jumping from 30° to -20° in 24 hours, mentally – from the realisation that this is going to be my life for the next 12 months, and emotionally – from discovering that they don't have Nandos here.*

*Right now I'm living with my rotary counsellor Carl Jan and his wife Anne Maren. They are lovely people and have made me feel very welcome during the past week. Last Tuesday I was greeted at the airport by Carl Jan, who still had a big smile on his face despite having to wait at the arrival gate for an hour because my plane landed an hour later than scheduled. That day when we arrived in Kongsvinger after an hours drive, I was taken on a short site-seeing tour by Carl Jan to see the fortress and the school that I would be starting at tomorrow. We arrived at the fortress just in time to see the sunset which was beautiful – much more beautiful than the sight of me slipping on the ice and falling flat on my face 3 times in a row..."*



# Cambodia Family Support

**Project Head : Helen & Vincent  
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Helen and Vin gave us an update on CFS achievements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2015 and the numbers are extremely impressive!  
Mike Gurry will be visiting CFS in the first week of February for the animal Bank project while Helen and Vin are working on raising secure funding for CFS to help the organisation to become totally self-funding.  
Congratulations to everyone in this fantastic team!



<b>CFS Achievements – July through December 2015</b>		
<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Rattanak Mondul District</b>	<b>Kamrieng District</b>
Families given livelihood (income generation) assistance	10	19
School students participating in peer-to-peer training (anti-trafficking, domestic violence, health, etc.)	0	59
Teachers participating in training (anti-trafficking, domestic violence, health, etc.)	0	41
# villagers participate in community –based awareness-raising sessions (anti-trafficking, domestic violence, health, etc.)	3247	1447
# children participate in school-based awareness-raising sessions (anti-trafficking, domestic violence, health, etc.)	1347	1069
Community-based networks strengthened	26	29
Water jugs installed	32	12
Latrines installed	12	11
Families given emergency assistance	4	3
Marginalized referred to health centers	62	98
Drop-out children referred back to school	198	91
Animal bank piglets passed to other families	15	47
Animal bank calves passed to other families	19	16

## Nokor Tep Women's Hospital

**Project Head : Mike Gurry  
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Great news also for the Nokor Tep hospital project!

According to Mike Gurry, during 2015 great progress was made with the construction. At the end of December the basement, first floor & second floor structures were complete and the pouring of the third floor is now in progress.

2016 will be a big year for finalising the construction of the hospital and they need our ongoing support.

On January 30, the 5th annual 10km “Walk for Nokor Tep Women’s Hospital” will be held in Phnom Penh. This Cambodian walk has grown significantly over the years and in 2015 attracted over 770 walkers raising in excess of \$US75,000. To coincide with Phnom Penh walk, groups of our Australian Nokor Tep Friends are organizing “Family & Friends Walks for Nokor Tep” in Melbourne , Adelaide, Sydney & Perth over that weekend.

If your interested in participating in one of these walks please email [info@nokrtepausustralia.org.au](mailto:info@nokrtepausustralia.org.au) for details.

Alternatively if you would like to make a donation, you can do so directly thru this link <http://www.nokortepausustralia.org.au/index.php/donations/australian-donations> . Please insert the comment “Australian 2016 walk” when processing your donation.



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