

### SERVICE WITHOUT FRONTIERS

#### NEWSLETTER C' QUARTER 2017

Dear International Service friends,

We are extremely pleased to present this new issue, full of achievements from the activities of our International Service team!

Emma Cork did her magic again and managed to raise more than \$47,000 in one night for the poor Cambodian families under the Cambodia Family Support Helping Hand. Moreover, it was a great night that we all enjoyed with great food and many exciting moments during the auction thanks to the kind donations of the sponsors and the generosity of Macquarie bank.

ECAS project in India is our new International Service "baby" and thanks to Shoma Mitra and Prof. Sanka Mitra, we are confident that it will grow and it will become something that will make Rotary and Rotary Club of Perth even more important in people's lives. Shoma just came back from India for the scope of the project and Prof. Mitra is coordinating from Perth, in view of the commencement of the pilot phase.

Helen and Vin never stop thrilling us with their tireless efforts and achievements under Cambodia Family Support and in this issue they kindly share one of their latest success stories.

Mike Gurry knows how to make House that Jack Built more and more attractive year after year and enriching the house building teams with people who represent a variety of ages, social profiles, professions, etc. This time we have our ROP Rotaractors going to Cambodia to build houses along with Scouts WA. A very exciting moment for the project and for the participants, too.

Finally, a new friend of our Club, Rotarian Jan Roberts unfolds her International Service project and the history behind it. This is a great one for the books story that ignited a lifechanging endeavor for the beneficiaries in this remote village in East Timore.

I'm sure you will find interesting this latest issue of Service Without Frontiers and we are looking forward to welcoming you in one of our project teams very soon!

Yours in Rotary International Service

*Vangelis Katsaitis*

International Service Director ROP



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#### CAMBODIA FAMILY SUPPORT

Emma Cork and the project team of CFS Helping Hand organised the Helping Hand fundraiser on 19/10 with great success again, raising more than A\$47,000. All this money will go to Cambodia Family Support.

In Pailin, Kamrieng and Rattanak Mondul Districts where CFS works and about 25% of the population lives on a daily income of less than A\$1.50. CFS has helped many rural poor but there is still plenty more to do. Dr Samnang will use the money raised to directly help 75 families in 3 villages. Establishing a self-help group is the first step in 'helping them to help themselves'. Each village will also have a Village Self-Help group and a Literacy Centre. Thank you to all who contributed to this great fundraiser!





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#### ECAS PROJECT IN INDIA

This highly promising project is about to launch under the District Grant which has been granted for its pilot phase to R. C. of Perth and R. C. Heirisson. Shoma Mitra was in India in October and visited the area where the project will take place. On day one, she visited the area where the project can progress once the pilot is successfully completed. On day two she visited the area where the pilot will take place and she interviewed a dozen women who are hopeful of being involved in the training as Community Health Workers. She also talked to the local council leaders who promised their cooperation and help.

Shoma and Prof. Sankha Mitra have put an enormous amount of work and time to establish the foundations for the startup of this project which will become a milestone for our Club and for Rotary in general in the years to come.





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#### Success story from Cambodia Family Support

Helen and Vin Keane sent us a very interesting correspondence from the Cambodia Family Support activity:

"Kan Ken and his wife are poor villagers living in Kamrieng District. They have 3 children and were poor even by rural Cambodian standards.

CFS staff heard about this family and visited them several times to figure out the best way to help. There are several steps to effectively help the poor. Create trust and a good relationship; make them feel confident that they can better their situation, and provide lots of follow-up.

Kan Ken accepted help from CFS. We gave him a few materials and seeds to allow him and his wife to start a small market garden. We also encouraged them to join a village Self-Help Group.

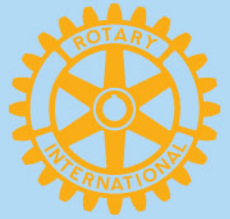
Kan Ken's farm was fruitful. He then was given a piglet (passed on from another family in his self-help group) and is now also raising pigs. Other self-help group members assisted the family to build a new house. Thanks to CFS interventions Kan Ken's family situation has completely changed for the better."

A great success story from two International Service champions of our Club! Thank you Helen and Vin.





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# Building Dreams

## THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

One of our most successful and lifechanging projects: The House That Jack Built, has been growing in positive influence and attraction thanks to its champion Mike Gurry. This time a group consisting of our Rotaractors and members of Scouts WA will travel to Cambodia for a week on 21st November to build houses for the poor ones.

After a successful fundraiser on 25/9, the team is now ready to go and we will have more of their news in our next issue.



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#### Across the Timor Sea

We are proud to have such a long list of International Service projects, that this newsletter is not enough to fit them all. However, we are always looking for more opportunities through the work of other Clubs and we are always happy to assist or to joint the effort of other Rotarians for a good cause. This time, we were lucky to be introduced to the International Project of a passionate pensioner and Rotarian of R.C. Scarborough, Jan Roberts.

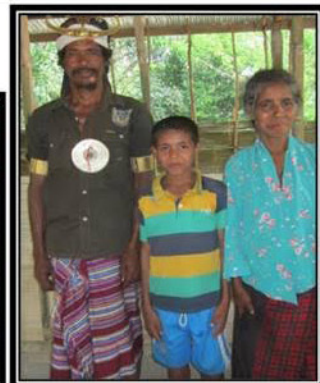
Jan founded, organised and now coordinates a very important endeavor in East Timor under the name "Across The Timor Sea".

During WW2, Australian soldiers in East Timor hired "criados", who started out as 'helpers', but became so much more. The word 'criado' fails to describe the relationship between these young Timorese and their soldiers— a deep bond of friendship and mutual respect was forged, which still exists today. In 1942, the Japanese were advancing through Asia with the Allied armies in retreat. The Australian 2/4 Commando deployed elements in Timor to report on Japanese movements and harass the invaders. The Commandoes operated in small groups, with one based in the village of Ailalec. A member of this Commando team was Captain Norman Nicolay, the uncle of Jan Roberts. Captain Nicolay's criado was Domingos Baretto, known as Nicolof.

The two men were fated not to meet again as Domingos Baretto died on 26 December 2010 and Norman Nicolay on 2 March 2011. Jan decided to honour their memory through establishing a scholarship for a boy and a girl to attend secondary schooling.

One boy and one girl are awarded each, a "Baretto Nicolay Award." This covers fees, general costs and boarding. In addition, each student receives a backpack containing school supplies, sporting equipment and personal items. These assist the transition to a new school and community. The intent is to maintain support of two children for six years, which means in effect that 12 students will be supported annually when the award is matured. Recently this project has developed further by providing school equipment and supplies and there are plans to provide assistance for the improvement of hygiene in the village of Ailalec.

Jen had visited our Club in one of our lunches recently and she'll be back again soon to speak about Across The Timor Sea.



— Domingas Lopes Penira and Nelson do Carmo Xavier, with their parents, after receiving their 'Certificate of Excellence' awards, which acknowledges them as recipients of the 'Baretto/Nicolay' award.