Celebrating the Centenary of Rotary in Australia in 2021
MY REASONS FOR BECOMING AN END TRACHOMA CHAMPION
Video: 2017-18 R.I President Ian Riseley
What is Trachoma?
Vision with Trachoma

Through healthy eyes

Vision with trachoma
Trachoma in Australia

Mid West 11%

Kimberley

Pilbara

Barkly

Alice Springs

Remote 12%

Far North

Eyre & Western

APY Lands

National Trachoma Surveillance and Reporting Unit 2017 data
How our project began

Optometrist Lien Trinh examining a child with possible Trachoma
Goals

Eliminate Trachoma by 2020

Eliminate Trachoma from Australia by 2020
From L to R: Rob McGuirk (Rotary), Steven Johnson, Hadley Brady (Chairperson Amata Community Council), Jeremy Gaynor (SA Country Health) & Lien Trinh (EndTrachoma by 2020)
The S.A.F.E. Strategy

**S**urgery

Surgery is needed to reposition turned-in eyelashes so they do not scrape against the cornea.

**A**ntibiotics

Antibiotics treat the infection and decrease transmission in endemic regions.

**F**acial cleanliness

Facial cleanliness helps to reduce transmission.

**E**nvironmental improvements

Environmental improvements such as access to water and basic sanitation, reduce risk of exposure and infection.

Rotary Australia | EndTrachoma by 2020
Our main aim:

To prevent infectious diseases, like Trachoma, by enabling communities to practice good hygiene.
Providing acrylic mirrors to homes.

Being able to see one’s face will help them to be healthy.

Cost: $15 per home
Pilot Project: Face Washing

Aim: To providing each child the ability to wash their face and avoid further contamination.
Project Map

EndTrachoma by 2020
Hygiene Tools Delivered through Rotary Australia

- WA Trachoma Reference Group
  - 20 SpaTaps
  - 428 Towel Hooks
  - 3000 Acrylic Mirrors
- Western Australia
  - Environmental Health Bathroom checks
- Centre for Disease Control
  - 5 SpaTaps
  - 300 hygiene packs
  - 12 Manual Washing machines
- Northern Territory
  - Australian Trachoma Alliance
    - 5 SpaTaps
    - 200 Face-washing Chamois
    - 10 Manual Washing Machines
    - Soapmaking supplies for 3 workshops
    - 3 SpaTaps
- Indigenous Eye Health
- South Australia
  - APY Lands
    - Nganampa Health Council
    - DKK towels, sheets, blankets
    - Water Trailer Project
    - 900 Acrylic Mirrors
    - 5 SpaTaps

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Building Healthy Communities
How can you help today?

Help raise awareness in your club and locally

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“We need to have all Rotary Clubs in Australia galvanized into action to make sure this project succeeds”

- RI President 2017/18 Ian Riseley
Video: Trachoma Live Highlights
Our Indigenous Australian Elders have told us:

“We too have the right not to go blind”
How will you help to eliminate trachoma?

The End Trachoma Project Team:

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