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To: All Rotary Clubs of Australia

Cure for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Project.

<u>What is it?</u>
MND is the name given to a group of diseases in which the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, swallow, and breathe fail to work properly, and eventually die.
With MND the average life expectancy is 27 months from diagnosis.
MND can affect anyone.
In Australia, at least 2 people are diagnosed with MND every day, and a further 2 die from the disease. There are currently more than 2,000 people with the disease in Australia, and in 2013 there were 787 deaths related to MND.
At this time there is no effective treatment for MND, and no known cure.

<u>Who are we supporting?</u>
The Rotary Club of Belvoir-Wodonga is raising funds to support "The Cure for MND Foundation. Many will be aware of AFL legend Neale Daniher's battle with this disease, and the huge media focus on raising funds for this foundation. Many will have the perception that they have raised significant monies already, but the reality is that researchers need $10 + million a year to progress clinical trials on the drugs that are being tested.
Refer to their website below for more details.
https://curemnd.org.au/

<u>Why should you support.</u>
Our club could make a small donation to the "Cure for MND Foundation directly, which would not have a significant impact on results. However, through engaging over 1,000 Rotary Clubs throughout Australia, through the power of many we have the opportunity to play a significant role in assisting the Cure for MND Foundation.
As such, our club, has raised a project under Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) to support this worthy cause.

<u>How can you help?</u>
We urge all clubs to donate to this project, whether it be the proceeds of one "sausage sizzle" or a percentage of your forecast income for the year.
If every club donated just $100 we would raise $100,000 for the foundation. Such is the power of so many clubs. We would hope to do significantly better than that, and have donated $2,000.

Rotary International has largely eliminated Polio from the world.
Just Maybe Rotary Australia could "Cure MND".

The project is open until June 30th 2017. We urge you to donate now, via the following link.
https://directory.rawcs.com.au/ProjectDisplay.aspx?ProjectNo=39&YearRegistered=2016-17