

# RAWCS Rover

Linking Eastern Region  
Clubs in Districts; 9650,  
9670, 9675, 9685, 9700, 9710

Rotary



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NEXT RAWCS meeting  
May 14th & 15th  
The Entrance, NSW  
Host District: 9685

## Chairman's Report

**Casula Meeting:** I would like to record my thanks to Lloyd Chatfield the D9675 RAWCS committee for the excellent venue and the organisation of the very successful meeting at Casula on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February. Thanks to Graham Taylor who did a great job of running the meeting in my absence. It was reported to me that the guest speakers were excellent. Well done to all concerned.

I would like to thank the Pink Umbrella Foundation for their awards of \$1000 to six different projects again. These awards are having a huge effect on the attendance at our quarterly meetings.

**Website Changes:** The National Website is constantly under review and if you have specific recommendations please contact me as I am Chair of that committee and we meet at monthly to discuss the changes to be made.

From recommendations made at Casula we will be:

- Adding wording on the credit card donation page to indicate all donations made by credit card are subject to the 3% fee (even if from a Rotarian or Rotary Club.)
- We will refine the search for a project further
- We will conduct a website training session at the next two quarterly meetings including the new Project Manager Reports and Team Leader Reports.

**Project Managers are encouraged to develop their own websites or at least use their own Rotary Club website to promote their projects with links to the RAWCS website and donations page. A very useful way to promote their project is by sending emails to interested donors with the link to their donations page.** The RAWCS website is our record of registered projects and we are not responsible for the promotion of donations to any specific project.

**Next Meeting:** I look forward to seeing a big roll up at the next meeting to be held at Diggers Club, The Entrance on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**PP John Roberson - Chairman**

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**RAWCS  
YOU  
CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

## RAWCS VOLUNTEERS

RAWCS volunteers provide their time, effort and personal commitment to help others throughout the world.

**How to volunteer:** Becoming a RAWCS volunteer is simple. Visit our website [www.rawcs.com.au](http://www.rawcs.com.au) and find a project that interests you. Contact the project manager to register your interest.

Or register your own project. Contact your District Chair for more information.

RAWCS volunteers are eligible for insurance cover by Rotary Travel Insurance for overseas projects.



**Barbara Mitchell, Rotary Club of Nepean, Aussi Bangla Smile and Days for Girls volunteer in Bangladesh.**

"I was so honoured to be able to look after burns victim Eshita in recovery. She had an apron of contracture skin linking her two legs together. This was removed this trip".

**Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd AIM** is to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities with humanitarian aid projects.

Visit RAWCS Eastern Region website: [www.rawcseastern.org.au/](http://www.rawcseastern.org.au/) Visit RAWCS National website: [www.rawcs.com.au/](http://www.rawcs.com.au/)

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## Eastern Region Executive Committee

**Chairman** John Roberson

**Secretary** Ted Lewis

**Treasurer** Jack Elliott

**Immediate Past Chairman** Harry Durey

**Assistant Secretary** Ron Marcus

**Project Registration Co-Ordinator** Sue O'Neill

**Volunteer Co-Ordinator** Lloyd Chatfield

**Project Report Co-Ordinator** John Glass

**Benevolent Society Co-Ordinator** Alan Chesworth

**Donations in Kind** Miriam Jacka

**R.A.M. Co-Ordinator** David Pearson

**RAWCS Rover and Promotion** Sue O'Neill

**Training** Barry Silburn

**Webmaster** Brian Goldstraw

**Assistant Webmaster** Bruce Gendre

## District Representatives

**District 9650** Bob Neich

**District 9670** Brian Coffey

**District 9675** Lloyd Chatfield

**District 9685** Jan Pryor

**District 9700** Chris Finkel

**District 9710** Brian Goldstraw

## National Representatives

**National Administrator** Belinda Griffen

**National Chairman** John McLaren

**National Secretary** Michael Perkins

## RAWCS Eastern Region meeting

May 14th and 15th 2016



*you're invited!*

Please join us at  
**diggers @ The Entrance**  
Central Coast HWY,  
The Entrance, NSW  
May 14th and 15th 2016



### PROGRAM:

**Saturday afternoon - from 2pm - 5pm**  
**an energetic afternoon of Rotary information**

*Hear short informative sessions from:*

**Tina Latham - Rotary Club of Kincumber**

**Haran Ramachandran - Rotary Club of Hills-Kellyville**

AFTERNOON TEA

**Saturday evening Dinner Meeting:**

**2 course meal**

**Guest speaker**

**Presentation of Pink Umbrella Foundation Grants**

**Sunday morning - from 9:00 am to 12:30:**

**RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting:**

**featuring "Have your say"** everyone gets an opportunity to talk about their project or special interest.

*Please join us for a great weekend.*

*Hope to see you there!*

**RSVP:** Secretary Ted Lewis: [lewisted@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lewisted@ozemail.com.au)

or book online: <http://goo.gl/forms/RyDaNaWciw>



## Showcase your project

at the RAWCS  
Quarterly Meeting

The organising committee, would like to invite you to display your project at the above meeting.

To do so please complete the following on-line form <http://goo.gl/forms/RBa6nL57XZ>





## Aussi Bangla Smile, BANGLADASH Rotary Club of Nepean

RAWCS project number # 7-2007/08

A team of eleven flew out to Bangladesh on March 3 loaded with 500kg of supplies. On March 4, the nine doctors and nurses on the Aussi Bangla Smile team, headed off to purchase extra supplies necessary for surgeries. The Days for Girls team met the head of Days for Girls America, visited Mother Theresa's orphanage and held a meeting with Rotary and Days for Girls Bangladesh members to finalise the details for the next days.

The surgical team headed to the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital loaded with supplies. In the next four days the team carried out 31 cleft lip/palate and burn contracture surgeries.

During these four days, the Days for Girls team were stationed in Dhaka and travelled to schools to teach and distribute DfG kits. Education was given on anatomy, physiology, the care and use of the sanitary kits as well as hand washing techniques, hygiene and personal safety techniques.

The surgical team moved onto the Jibon Mela Hospital on the Indian Border. In the next four days the team carried out 44 surgical procedures similar to those on the Jibon Tari. Ninety potential patients had presented on the first day with a further 19 on the second day. All patients were assessed and 15 burn contracture patients who were unable to be added to our timetable were given preference for their operations to be carried out by our Bangladeshi surgeons who assist us. The project will fund these. The remaining patients will be seen in the future. Many of our little patients had returned for follow up surgery.

At the Mela we also rotated 59 nursing students through the operating theatres, recovery and the post op ward with teaching and supervision. They were also given Days for Girls kits and the education program.

In Dhaka we held debrief meetings with the Rotary Club of Dhaka and the Impact Foundation before the flight out. Everyone returned with a great sense of team bonding, both with each other and our Bangladeshi colleagues, a strong attachment to our little patients and their family members, and a hope that we had afforded these families opportunities they may not have had without our visits.

**Barbara Mitchell**  
Aussi Bangla Smile and Days for Girls Emu Plains



## Online Project Reporting

### Online Project Manger Reports:

During February the National Projects Manager started sending out emails to all Project Managers with a link to fill out the first half yearly online Project Manager Reports for the period – 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. The reports were initiated by the RAWCS Board to comply with a request from the auditors to have more complete information available on how the expenditure of each project is actually allocated. **Remember that you must justify your expenditure authorised through RAWCS Ltd. in terms of sustainable development aid. The expenditure that is given tax deductibility must not be used for welfare.**

### Online Volunteer Team Leader Reports:

By the end of April, it is hoped that the new online Volunteer team Leader Reports will become operational. The Team Leader will be automatically sent an email with the link to the report that they have to fill out. The main change will be a requirement to tell a story about your trip and team plus uploading two photographs. This portion of the report will be sent by separate email to RDU when the report is submitted so that it can be used immediately on the RAWCS Facebook site and perhaps for an article at a later date in RDU. The entire report will be automatically sent to all the relevant officers and be placed on the project file when submitted by the Team Leader.

The present requirement for the Regional Coordinator to request a report will cease and there will be no requirement to upload the report to the volunteer website.



Above: Nabirye community, UGANDA



## Management training for the woman of Kopanang Geluksdal, SOUTH AFRICA

Rotary Club of Wahoonga D9685

RAWCS project # 79 -2014-15

This project aims to train members of a Women's Income Generating Project in Geluksdal, in essential skills so that in three years the project will be self-managing. Geluksdal is a very poor community of black South Africans on the far outreaches of Johannesburg. The goldmine closed 15 years ago and there is now 80% unemployment in the townships. HIV AIDS decimated the population and many children are raised by their grandmothers. Sister Sheila Flynn, a Dominican Sister and artist working in Johannesburg, established the Project to teach the grannies and other women embroidery and design skills so they can make and sell embroidered products. Sister Sheila has run the project for the past 13 years but will soon retire. The members see the project as their salvation.

Wahoonga Rotary Club is raising money to pay for three years of training for the women in basic English, computer skills, driving skills, basic finance and accounting and management skills. We are now on the second year of training. The Rotary Club of Aurora Benoni, in Johannesburg, is supporting us. Their President and members have provided free financial training, advice on marketing and assistance in kind to the children of the Project. Without this training, the project will fold after Sister Sheila leaves and the women will be left without food on their tables.

[www.kopanang.org](http://www.kopanang.org)



## Manjeri School project, UGANDA

Rotary Club of Sydney D9675

RAWCS project # 52 -2015-16

This project aims to support rural communities in Buikwe, Uganda through education and sustainable development enterprise.



Ensuring that every child has the chance to reach their full potential



Continually measuring and self-assessing our social impact



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" - Nelson Mandela



Building a sustainable future for the Ennah Manjeri School

[www.manjerischoolproject.org](http://www.manjerischoolproject.org)



## Wheelchair project

Rotary Club of Turramurra D9685

RAWCS project # 48 -2015-16

Facilitating the delivery and installation of wheelchairs from "Wheelchairs for Kids".



Wheelchair distribution BANGLASDASH

The objective of the project is to support Rotary's Area of Focus related to Maternal and Child Health, specifically Child Health Care. It is intended to maximise the sustainability of the Wheelchairs for Kids (WFK) project which in making wheelchairs for impoverished disabled children in under resourced countries. WFK is approached by organisations that, through their work have identified a need for specialised wheelchairs to assist with the mobility of disabled children. If the cause is accepted by WFC as needy, WFK will donate wheelchairs for delivery to the beneficiaries, under the management of a local facilitating organisations or project sponsor. There is no donor funding to cover this activity and this project proposes to fund the intermediary activities between the factory and beneficiary to ensure the donated wheelchairs are able to be effectively delivered and put into service, this improving the sustainability of the overall project.



## Wheelchairs for Kids

*You can give a disabled child a wheelchair*

## Financial Reports

### From National to Project Managers

Financial Reports for all Project Managers are being received soon after the consolidation of accounts **each month**. Please check the recorded transactions and contact Belinda if you have a mistake recorded. Also contact her if you are not receiving a monthly statement.

Belinda Griffen - [belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au](mailto:belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au)

(02) 8833-8317

# Online!



## Training :

The following RAWCS National Training Power Point Presentations are now available on the website:

### [What is RAWCS – PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Useful for providing RAWCS information at Rotary Meetings

### [How to Search for a Project on this website](#)

How to use the Website Search Function

### [How to make a donation](#)

How to make a donation to RAWCS.

### [How to Initiate a Volunteer Team](#)

How Team Leaders and Project Managers Initiate a Team.

### [How a volunteer registers their details](#)

How a volunteer registers their details on the Volunteer Website.

## Nominations for the Prestigious LEN AVARD Award

Before the end of the Rotary year nominations will be called for the RAWCS Eastern Region LEN AVARD Award.

The Len Avard award is an annual award given to the RAWCS Rotarian judged to be RAWCS Rotarian of the Year within Eastern Region.

This is a most prestigious award and has included volunteers and RAWCS administration Rotarians.

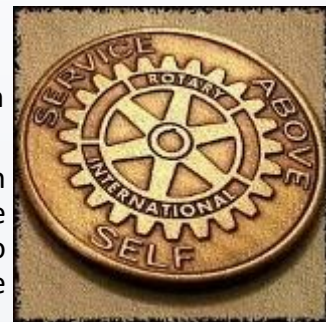
Previous awardees include:- Ron Marcus, Jack Elliott, Ron Wynn, Bill Walker, Ron Sommers, Lou Brown, Sue O'Neill and many more worthy recipients.

You are welcomed and encouraged to nominate a RAWCS volunteer for this Award. Submissions should be a written nomination limited to one A4 page.

Nominations need to be CONFIDENTIAL. Please take time in researching your nominated Rotarian.

### **Morph - (Graham Morphett)**

nominations can be email to Morph [gc.morphett@gmail.com](mailto:gc.morphett@gmail.com) and ER Chairman John Roberson [johnroberson@bigpond.com](mailto:johnroberson@bigpond.com)





## Refurbishment of Fauabu Clinic, Mailata, SOLOMON ISLANDS

### Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise D9650

RAWCS project # 7 -2011-12

To repair and refurbish the clinic buildings as well as provide training for the staff at Fauabu Clinic.

Project leader Paul Harvey travelled to Solomon Islands and met with the director of the clinic and the head nurse. They asked for assistance with 2 building projects, the extension of the maternity ward and the refurbishment and reconnection of the toilets at the clinic.



## School for Life, Mpigi, UGANDA

### Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney D9685

RAWCS project # 7 -2009-10

Mbazzi Riverside Primary School [www.schoolforlife.org.au](http://www.schoolforlife.org.au)



## Project Changes in Vanuatu

Recent communications with the Ministry of Health in Vanuatu and the Rotary Club of Port Vila leave all projects in Vanuatu with a requirement to ensure that they have an MOU in place with any government department if they are working on government land.

RAWCS is developing a standard MOU form that will be on our website to assist this process.

**If you are travelling to Vanuatu on a RAWCS trip please contact Project Coordinator Lloyd Chatfield to ensure that you are fully informed of what is required.**



## Editor's Comment

**Welcome to the  
RAWCS Rover!**

I hope you have enjoyed this issue and you have been inspired by the sample of great projects.

There are lots of exciting developments in the RAWCS organisation.

RAWCS is a big business with an exciting future.

The RAWCS management

team are putting in sound strategies to enable more growth and more opportunities for Rotarians to do wonderful humanitarian work locally and internationally.

With the emergence of Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) we can now respond to humanitarian need or a crisis in our own local community.

RAWCS is a growth area of Rotary. Volunteers both Rotarian and non-Rotarian working on RAWCS projects continues to increase.

Our quarterly meetings are a great opportunity to see what RAWCS is all about. All Rotarians and friends are welcome to attend. If you can make it we would love to see you there. It is a great chance to hear about some wonderful Rotary work undertaken and meet some inspiring Rotarians.

**With RAWCS YOU can make a difference!**

**Yours in Rotary Service, PP Sue O'Neill**

**Rotary Club of WOY WOY D9685**

*If you have an inspiring project or any RAWCS or RABS news we would welcome a report to include in a future RAWCS Rover. Please email RAWCS Rover editor: Sue O'Neill: [sue\\_oneill@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_oneill@hotmail.com)*



## CROWD FUNDING

Did you know you can set up your RAWCS or RABS donation page as a crowd funding campaign link.

*How you ask??*

**CREATE:** a campaign for your project with the link to your RAWCS project donation page.

**SHARE:** the link by email, facebook and across multiple social networks.

**FUND:** receive donations from friends, family, fellow Rotarians, work-mates and Rotary Clubs.

*Remember donations are tax deductible!*

