

TOP 5 REASONS TO SUPPORT END TRACHOMA BY 2020

The World Health Organisation has a global goal to eliminate trachoma by 2020. Trachoma is an infectious eye disease that can be prevented with good hygiene practices. But it is still present in remote Aboriginal communities and can lead to permanent blindness.

The work of the Australian Government, the Fred Hollows Foundation and Indigenous Eye Health to treat trachoma infections has seen rates in affected communities reduced substantially. But we now need to ensure that hygiene practices and the community environments are improved to completely eliminate the disease.

In line with the World Health Organisation's global goal, incoming Rotary International president Ian Riseley wants a trachoma-free Australia by 2021, to coincide with Rotary's 100th year in Australia. We are the only developed country in the world where trachoma remains.

Here are the top five reasons why your club should support Ian and the World Health Organisation in their goal:

#4 **We are working with every trachoma organisation in Australia**

Every dollar you donate prevents unnecessary blindness by improving the hygiene and health of our least advantaged, remote Indigenous Australians. Your club can even collect stamps to support the 'Philatelic Garbology' fundraiser, run by Rotarian Carrol Farmer (ericfarmer@bigpond.com). Send used stamps to 423/ 1286 High St, Malvern, Vic, 3144

#1 **Rotary in Australia turns 100 in 2021**

What a way to celebrate!
Work together on a single Australia-wide project for communities aspiring for better lives.

#2 **Let's rid Australia of trachoma!**

How can Australia be the last developed country with trachoma? Together, we can join the World Health Organisation's global effort to eliminate trachoma by 2020.

#3 **Australians working for Australians in need**

Indigenous Australians still have health as poor as in many developing world slums. We can help fix this!

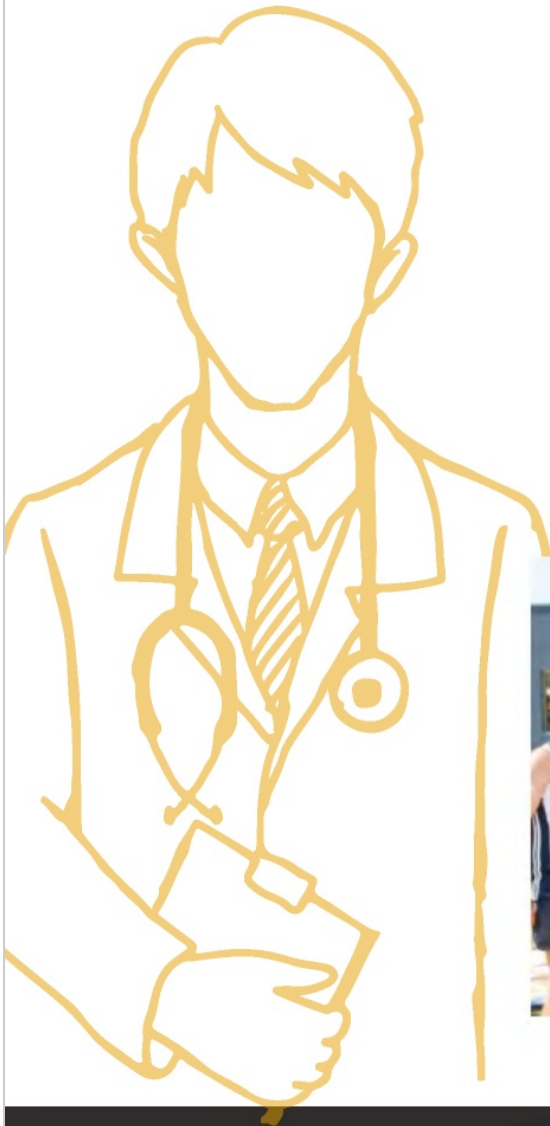


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*For more information,
visit www.endtrachoma2020.org.au*

#5 2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley wants your support

It's barely once a decade that a Rotary International President is Australian. Ian, from the Rotary Club of Sandringham Victoria, wants us united on this centenary project. Make sure your club has seen Ian's call to action: <http://tinyurl.com/z44fnb4>



Pounding the pavement for a great cause

Four members of the Rotary Club of Taree North, NSW, who entered the 2016 Alzheimer's Australia Jog and Memory Walk in Port Macquarie are in training once again for this year's jog on June 4, as well as the Taree Jog on June 25. The two events aim to raise awareness and much-needed funds for the 342,000 Australians living with dementia, along with their families and carers.

A report by the Australian Bureau of Statistics named dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, as the second leading cause of death in Australia. As the peak body in their space, Alzheimer's Australia provides advocacy, support services, education, information and undertakes research.

Jog participants Susan Bell, Denice Hryzak, Ian Cahill and Jan Swift have been in training for several months to take part in the 6.5km jog along Port Macquarie's foreshore and river bank. They will be encouraged along the way by supporters from their club, who will travel with them to Port Macquarie and also attend the Taree event.

"Susan was the highest fundraiser last year, with an incredible \$3230 in sponsorship," club president John Hryzak said. "We are very proud of all our members' efforts and would like to see other service clubs get involved in next year's event."

To learn more about Alzheimer's Australia visit fightdementia.org.au



Ian Cahill, left, Cath Sheehy, Janet Byrne, Michael Byrne, Steve Ison, Debbie Ison, Susan Bell, Jan Swift, Denice Hryzak. (plus MC Doris Younane).