

## PORTABLE WATER & EDUCATIONAL TRAILERS FOR WA



The #endtrachoma project in WA is in need of a further two trailers so that they can visit all of the trachoma affected areas. The Pilbara and Goldfields regions are currently missing out. These trailers travel to trachoma affected communities, provide support to Environmental Health Practitioners, and carry out bathroom maintenance and repair programs to ensure functional wash spaces, with working hot water, mirrors, and adequate drainage. #endtrachoma provide a community BBQ, a movie night and activities for the kids with a jumping castle as a thank you to the community for the engagement.

Funding a trailer will make a difference and support the elimination of trachoma in WA by the end of 2021.

The cost is \$43,000 per trailer.



## WHAT PROJECTS ARE NEXT?

### 10,000 Bath Towels are on their way



Imagine not having your own towel. That is the case for many Indigenous communities. Instead they dry themselves with their used clothes, or go without a shower all together, contributing to the spread of trachoma. Cost \$50,000.

**Health Hardware** - providing access to sanitation infrastructure in the Titjikala Community. Cost \$30,000. Thank you to **District 9550** - the major donors for this project.

**Hygiene Kits** - 500 were donated to Nganampa Health Council to be dispensed at health clinics in the APY Lands to ensure that infectious disease presentations could not only be treated, but prevented as well.

**Hygiene Station** for the Alekerange School \$1,200

**Portable Water & Education Trailer** - for WA  
Cost \$43,000

## Let's Stamp Out Trachoma

### We need your Used Stamps

Ask your Work, Schools, Universities, Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Council Offices etc, to keep their stamps and the funds will help fund projects to eliminate trachoma.

Remember every stamp helps!

Rotary Districts of Australia | EndTrachoma by 2020  
Building Healthy Communities

Please send your used stamps to:

Rotarian Camille Rogers

245A Glenferrie Rd, Malvern. Vic. 3144

Email: camille@sacredsource.com.au

Phone: 03 9509 2421

**Total raised from Used Stamps:**  
**\$25,322.49**

## PROJECTS UNDERGOING DEVELOPMENT

We currently have a number of projects in development with at risk communities in trachoma endemic regions. Potential requests include:

#Portaloos	\$11,269 each	#Semi permanent ablution blocks	\$58,200 each
#Portable water tanks	\$20,000 each	#Health hardware kits for schools	\$15 per kit

If your club would like to find out more about these projects with a view to sponsoring them, please contact Lien at [lien@endtrachoma2020.org.au](mailto:lien@endtrachoma2020.org.au)



FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR LOUNGEROOM

# HOMELAND STORY

*Saving Country*  
A film by Glenda Hambly

Join us on Zoom:

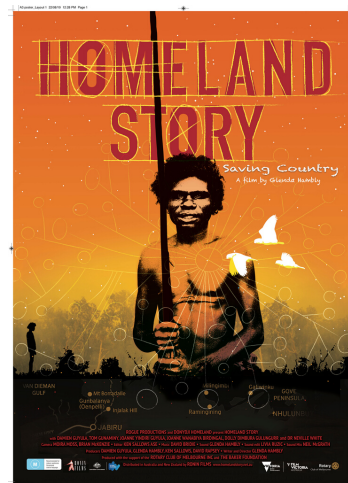
- \* Friday 12th June '20
- \* Friday 3rd July '20
- \* Friday 10th July '20

7:30pm AEST  
7:00pm ACST  
5:30pm AWST

Cost: \$10

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJRSD>

**HOMELAND STORY** is a remarkable *MUST SEE* story of cross-cultural cooperation in the development of Donydji, an Indigenous Homeland in Arnhem Land. The **Rotary Club of Melbourne** not only feature in the film along with the Vietnam Vets who worked with the young men of Donydji, it is thanks to their financial support that this film exists. The film charts the Donydji community's transition from nomadic life to the digital age, from the 1960s to the present day, and the work of genetic anthropologist and Vietnam Veteran, Dr Neville White.



Watch the trailer - <https://vimeo.com/336773143>

**EndTrachoma by 2020** has been given the exclusive opportunity to hold screenings around Australia, to not only benefit our project but also to help the Donydji community and enlighten as many as possible about our Indigenous Australians. We have held 3 online screenings with more screenings to come. Come join us.

Trybookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRSD>

Join us on Zoom from the comfort of your loungeroom to watch this remarkable film  
Contact Sandi: [sandi@endtrachoma2020.org.au](mailto:sandi@endtrachoma2020.org.au)

## COMPLETED PROJECTS

**7230 Mirrors** installed in homes across WA, SA & NT!

**2428 x Towel Hooks** installed in WA

**1 x Educational Water Trailer**

**3 x Portable Potable Water Tanks**

**Donations In Kind (DIK)** have shipped over \$10,000 in product to communities in NT and SA

**Rotary Community Day** in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) March 2019

**Laundry Facility** in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa)

**Hygiene Kits** for health clinics in APY Lands and health promotion teams in the NT  
*Some pilot projects were discontinued post-evaluation:*

**Soap Making Classes** enabled discussions about hygiene and health however were not deemed a viable project

**Face towels** found challenges with appropriate laundering; distribution continues through health promotion strategies with health hardware kits

**EzyWash Washing Machines** were suspended due to spare parts not being readily available.



# TRACHOMA FACTS AUSTRALIA, 2019

UPDATED WITH THE LATEST 2018 NTSRU REPORT DATA

## We are seeing less!



Trachoma was eliminated from mainstream Australia 100 years ago, and since 2008 it has dropped from over 20% of children in at-risk remote Aboriginal communities, to just under 5%

## We are seeing less trichiasis



This painful and potential blinding condition of inturned eye lashes reduced by over half among Aboriginal Australians living in remote communities between 2010 and 2015, from 2.1% to 0.9%

## We are seeing less at-risk communities



There has been a steady decline in the number of communities at risk of this infectious disease, from 244 classified communities in 2010, to 120 in 2018, as reported by each of the states and territory

## Was trachoma introduced to Australia through settlement?



It may have been introduced, but a couple of studies suggest trachoma could have pre-dated European settlement. Either way, it should not exist as a problem in our country today

## We need to improve the living standards of our least advantaged communities



Trachoma disappeared from many countries not because of regular antibiotic use, but because of improved hygiene and sanitation

## Our goal in 2020



To provide hygiene infrastructure asked for and owned by communities, who are empowered now and into the future with the tools and knowledge needed to sustain strong minds and bodies



## Good hygiene will eliminate this disease

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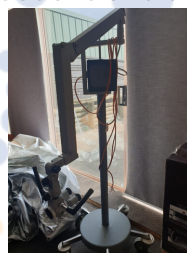
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## 180 HYGIENE KITS:

District 9820 Champion Sally Dell and husband Peter drove from Victoria to Alice Springs in March, to deliver over 100 Hygiene Kits (created by a wonderful team) along with boxes of requested funeral clothes, and a piece of medical equipment. They arrived as COVID-19 hit. Unfortunately they had to make a quick escape to get back to Victoria before the borders were shut.



Sally collected a medical machine to test ears, nose and throat from Bairnsdale Hospital, uniforms from Ambulance Victoria, as well as towels from Warragul Linen, and beautifully crocheted rugs from ladies in Woodend and these are also now in Alice Springs,



The Rotary community of Dorrigo, NSW, (District 9650) together with Dorrigo High and Primary Schools, have packed 80 hygiene kits that were ready to be delivered to the students at Ti Tree School, NT, just prior to the pandemic. David Scott and Nick Wright from Rotary Dorrigo, and Mark Troy from Bellingen Red Cross, were ready to make the delivery the first week of April. Hopefully they will be allowed to make the journey very soon.

## What is in these kits?

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| + Face washer        | + Toothpaste | + Toothbrush     |
| + Shampoo            | + Soap       | + Soap container |
| + Packs of wet wipes |              | + Hand sanitiser |
| + Deodorant          |              | + Water Bottle   |

If your club would like to put together hygiene kits that will go to students, the sick, and new mothers, please contact us. [sandi@endtrachoma2020.org.au](mailto:sandi@endtrachoma2020.org.au)