



EndTrachoma by 2020

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GLOBAL TRACHOMA NEWS

The World Health Organisation validates countries as having eliminated trachoma when they can maintain prevalence threshold below 5% once mass antibiotic distribution discontinues. This year, Ghana was the first country in WHO's African Region and Nepal, the first country in South-East Asia to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem. This leaves 39

countries where trachoma still persists as a public health problem, including Australia.

Ghana and Nepal made significant advances over decades of work to improve their health systems and environments since work on trachoma began, and are an inspiration to us here in Australia

Approximately \$50 000 in support has been delivered to remote communities affected by or at risk of developing endemic trachoma through our project EndTrachoma by 2020. We continue to listen to and respond to communities seeking assistance. Our projects are piloted and evaluated before a larger scale implementation to ensure that the support we provide to improve hygiene in communities, does just that.

Our last newsletter called out to Rotarians across Australia to join our team and represent their districts. Thanks to the tremendous response, we now have 18 out of 21 Districts of Australia represented and championing the effort to EndTrachoma in Australia by 2020. We've heard from the remaining districts, and are sure it won't be too long before we can unite Australia towards this effort to help our fellow Australians. Join our effort, raise awareness in your community, fundraise and stamp out trachoma (literally by collecting stamps), and be the inspiration for a better Australia!



*Fusi, an Ophthalmic nurse screens communities in Yendi
Photo: Ruth McDowall/Sightsavers 2016, WHO*

Did you catch our Trachoma Live video series in February? It's all you need to know about trachoma and this project.

Visit www.endtrachoma2020.org.au/trachomalive

PROJECT UPDATE

MIRRORS (\$15/HOME)

After a successful pilot, our Mirror Project is being implemented in communities around Australia. Mirrors are an important tool not only for self-care, but also for self-pride. Many homes in community lack mirrors in their bathroom and washing areas.

We have been told that our mirrors are: "safe, easy to transport and install, good quality, well used, and (importantly) wanted". EndTrachoma by 2020 have delivered close to 7000 mirrors and continue to respond to requests for this very effective hygiene tool.

SPATAPS (\$15/DEVICE)

Earlier this year, District 9600 Champion Tony Freeman introduced SpaTaps to our team. A SpaTap is a device which converts

bottled water into a slow flow tap or shower head, allowing easy face and hand-washing on the go. Forty taps have been sent around the country for trial at events where mains water is hard to come by or unavailable (recently the Women's Law and Culture festival in Fregon). We are awaiting feedback to understand whether there is a use for these innovative devices by communities.



WASHING MACHINES (\$70/HOME)

To date, machines have been supplied to the Australian Trachoma Alliance and Centre for Disease Control to distribute to vulnerable families living in community.

The feedback has been generally positive, with families citing ease of use and convenience as major benefits of the machine. It is expected that 40 machines in total will be provided to different families in communities. Survey responses will then be analysed to determine whether a larger scale rollout of this initiative is warranted.





THE WATER TRAILER PROJECT & PINCHAPOO

Brought to life by the Rotary Club of Melbourne and the Monash University Industry Team Initiative, The Water Trailer Project has been in development since early 2017. Hand-delivered to the APY lands by Rotarian Jim Orchard, it will provide mobile, fun water for community events. It's been getting some serious use over the past few weeks and we'll be keeping an eye on this prototype. | Another fantastic initiative supported by Rotary Preston together with charity partner 'Pinchapoo', was the supply of 300 hygiene bags to resource health promotion teams educating communities about the importance of good hygiene.



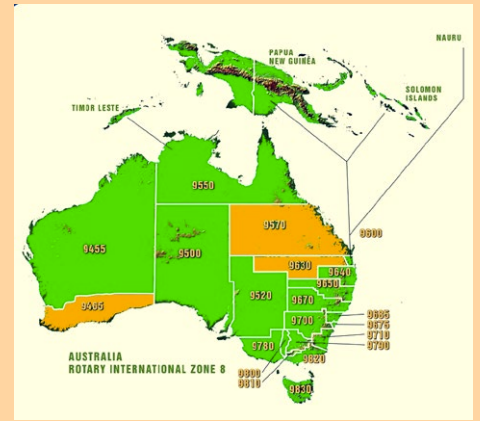
SOLVE THIRST WORLD PROBLEMS

We have partnered with The Wateryard to raise funds and increase our impact.

These vineyards have committed to donate a proportion of their wine sales to our project. This will ensure that we are able to continue supporting community-driven solutions.

Buy wine, book wine tastings, purchase hampers or have a chat with Dominic by clicking below or calling on 0413 885 823.

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THANK YOU TO OUR DISTRICT CHAMPIONS THE TEAM WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Find their details on our website www.endtrachoma2020.org.au/contact

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- 9500 Ellie Norris (RC Alice Springs) N.T.
- 9500 Kerre Wilsher (RC Whyalla) S.A.
- 9520 Jenny Mills (RC Loxton) S.A.
- 9550 Jo Barnes (RC Atherton) QLD
- 9570 Open, Cathy Zanella (DG Partner Project)
- 9600 Tony Freeman (RC Alexandra Headland) QLD
- 9630 Open
- 9640 Richard Crandon (RC Goonellabah) QLD
- 9650 Ian Dyball (RC Taree) NSW
- 9670 Greg Bevan (RC Cessnock) NSW
- 9675 Dan Sachdev OAM (RC Rose Bay) NSW
- 9685 Peter Kirkwood (RC Wahroonga) NSW
- 9700 Michael Milston (RC Orange Daybreak) NSW
- 9710 John Kenworthy (RC Hall) ACT
- 9780 Julie Atkins (RC Wendouree) VIC
- 9790 Melissa Hebbard (RC Milawa Oxley) VIC
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Stamp Out Trachoma

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