

**May 2021**

**9790 District International Service Chair (DISC) Report to**

**District Management Committee – (via Zoom)**

As the committee would be well aware the pandemic is dominating our news and pressuring the health systems of many countries whilst the refugee plight in many countries is worsening and many countries once generous with their refugee intake are closing their borders, making the international scene for Rotary our continuing and desperate focus. On top of this, mother nature continues to lash out and you would be aware of the devastating floods in Timor Leste caused by Cyclone Seroja, the deadly Fukushima (Feb 13 21) and damaging Miyagi (Mar 20) Earthquakes in Japan both forcing nuclear plants to close down and fears of radiation leaks as well as some earthquakes closer to home also causing damage in East Java and off New Zealand (Kermadec Islands).

No new 9790 International projects were added this period and no projects were closed.

I encourage each AG and club in the District to look at opportunities to support those clubs going for global grants across Rotary. Clubs unable to travel and conduct their own international projects can use the Rotary network to still work in Rotary communities by supporting other clubs internationally, via global grant partnering. Clubs can logon to “My Rotary” (The RI International website) and browse projects in the Rotary showcase that are looking for partner clubs to join their project for ideas of international projects they can support. There are 92 Clubs looking for partner clubs to complete a project in the Showcase (Sadly none in 9790 but there is one in our zone that is only looking for a further $15000 for a mobile mammography & cervical cancer screening unit in Chennai city,in India) . See: <https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/search_project.aspx#photo=y&prj_status=sts_proposed,sts_global_grant_partner&SortOrder=CreatedDateNewOld&pname=landing>

Or you may find projects via Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) like the RAG for Refugees which is shining a light on the plight of Venezuelans who are leaving Venezuela and arriving in Columbia as refugees by the thousands at the moment, escaping the political and humane [crisis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venezuelan_refugee_crisis) in their country.

Our Club treasurer, Damian Harman, on behalf of our club, recently donated [here](https://secure.givelively.org/teams/united-for-change-center-for-intl-development-global-citizenship/hope-for-venezuelan-refugees/team-rotary-club-of-washington-global-rag-for-refugees-forced-displacement-and-migration-rotary-fellowship-for-global-development) to that project.

This quarter I was also invited to the Rotary Club of Wodonga Centra to hear progress on the Biogas project in Nepal.

Unfortunately the Rotary Club of Lavington have needed to cancel their International evening with the High Commissioner of New Zealand, Dame Annette King, due to her inability to attend at late notice.

Testing of the District Resource Network database identified some design flaws and bugs and these are being rectified. I now expect it to be available in the new Rotary year.

Appointing Key focus area coordinators has not been progressed and I hope to revisit this next quarter. Any nominations for these roles can be submitted through internationalservice@9790.org.au

Finally, I encourage all AG’s to check with their clubs and if funds permit ask each club to donate at least $100 prior to the end of the year to each of our core programs, RAM, Interplast, ROMAC, ShelterBox and Operation Cleft. If I might be cheeky, the wealthier clubs in our District might consider adding a zero to that request.

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9790 International Service Chair

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# Appendix A 9790 Projects registered with RAWCS

| **PM/Club** | **(RAWCS) Project ID** | **Project** | **Years** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Greg Adams / Diamond Creek | 1-2003-04 | Tender Foot Self Help School Student Sponsorship, Kangemi Slum, Nairobi**, Kenya** | 16-17 | 1 |
| Trevor Moyle/ Moreland | 19-2006-07 | SmileHigh Dental Project, **Nepal** | 13-14 | Trevor recently in Nepal for these projects, would like to discuss district engagement 2 |
| Peter Little/ Rosanna | 53-2009-10 | Yayasan Taman Permata Hati (Bali Orphan Centre) Extension, **Indonesia**, | 10-11 | 3 |
| Bruce Tisdell/ Kyabram | 144-2010-11 | Us Grow (HUG), Lubanda Village, Lwengo District, **Uganda** | 9-10 | 4 |
| Tony Bramley / Greensborough Central | 69-2011-12 | Regional Women's Centre of Excellence, Morogoro City, Morogoro Region, **Tanzania** | 8-9 | 5 |
| Peter Dunne / Strathmore | 74-2012-13 | Teaching Hospital Emergency & Accident Project (BEAP), **Sri Lanka** | 7-8 | 6 |
| David Anderson/  Yea | 77-2012-13 | "Possums Project" - improving maternal and child health in the Eastern Highlands, **Papua New Guinea** | 7-8 | 7 |
| Colin McKenzie/ Pascoe Vale | 12-2013-14 | Water Safety Vietnam - Ho Tram and Ho Chi Minh City, **Vietnam** | 6-7 | 8 |
| James Osborne / Yea | 33-2013-14 | Dayspring Children's Village, Maanhaarrand, **South Africa** | 6-7 | 9 |
| Howard Hindhe / Albury Hume | 29-2015-16 | Kitenden Pre School and Medical Centre Refurbishment, **Tanzania** | 5-6 | 0 |
| Francis Acquah /Greensborough | 41-2015-16 | Assisting the Mental Health Foundation of **Ghana** to Provide Improved Mental Health Care | 5-6 | 11 |
| Helen Grills /Albury | 38-2016-17 | Debs Kids in **Kenya** | 4-5 | 12 |
| Trevor Moyle / Moreland | 41-2016-17 | Community Leadership **Nepal** Foundation | 4-5 | 13 |
| Patti Bulluss / Milawa Oxley | 43-2016-17 | Provision of water for Yalobi Village and School, **Fiji** | 4-5 | 14 |
| Greg Adams / Diamond Creek | 61-2016-17 | Run Out of Poverty, Davao, **Philippines** | 4-5 | 15 |
| Rodney Bramich / Albury Hume | 13-2018-19 | Paying it Forward **Fiji** (RAOAF) | 2-3 | Status to be confirmed (no longer in RAWCS DB) 16? |
| Marilyn Chappel /Greensborough Central | 98-2018-19 | Medical Clinic in Dhahan, **Somalia** (RAOAF) | 2-3 | 17 |
| Marilyn Chappel /Greensborough Central | 24-2019-2020 | Agricultural training centre in **Panygor Kongar** (RAOAF) | 0-1 | **18** |
| Marilyn Chappel /Greensborough Central | 25-2019-2020 | Women’s maternity ward Kongar **Southern Sudan** (RAOAF) | 0-1 | **19** |
| Peter Elias/Albury | 134-2019-20 | Nepal – COVID 19 Community Relief Fund | 0-1 | 20 |
| Ian Toohill Eltham | 1-2020-21 | The construction of a teacher training facility for Global Action Nepal, | 0-1 | 21 |
| Dr. Peter Little - Rosanna | 9-2020-21 | Provision of furniture (desks) and teaching aids for a school extension of 3 additional rooms and hall accommodating 150 additional students in a remote school in the town of Sanghori Sarwar Shaheed, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. |  | New -22 |
| **District 9790** | 12-2020-21 | Assist the Australia Sri Lanka Council with shipping and transportation costs for 3 containers of hospital beds from Melbourne to Kandy Hospital in Sri Lanka over the next few months to prepare them for the expected 2nd wave of COVID-19. |  | New 23  30 Donors and  $4500 raised to date |
| **District 9790** | 25-2020-21 | Raise money for World Polio Day. Funds to be forwarded to Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication Initiative. |  | New 24 |