

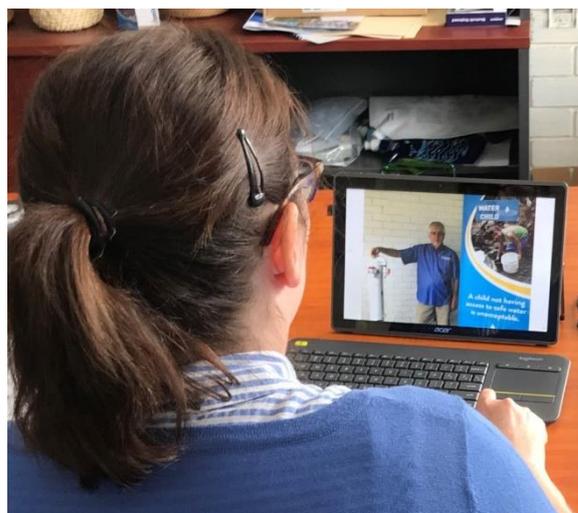
NEWSLETTER MAY 2020

COVID – 19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 Pandemic has slowed down activities at Disaster Aid Australia with Rotary Conferences and Rotary Club meetings being cancelled.

In response we can now offer to be a guest speaker at meetings carried out using ZOOM, or other digital platforms

Whilst we are continuing to operate our Eumemmerring office, we are ensuring volunteer safety by having a limit of one person on any day with cleaning at the end of each day.



End of Tax Year & End of Rotary Year . . . Coming Soon

Although Covid -19 has been difficult for us in Australia, in many developing countries where we help it has been much worse.

If you are thinking about a donation in the next two months, please consider Disaster Aid Australia and our two Programs;

- **Smart Aid**
- **Safe Water For Every Child**

Donations of \$2 or more to Disaster Aid Australia are tax-deductible in Australia.

Support to Balay Mindanaw

We have continued to support our Philippine partner Balay Mindanaw during the Pandemic.

An army unit was trained to install a DAA SkyHydrant , which they then installed at an evacuation camp in Lanao del Sur.

The DAA Board also approved support to buy rice for families who have been unable to earn any income for several weeks.



80 sacks of rice have been distributed, to be shared between 800 families.

Work on Providing Safe Water Continues



In February we delivered 10 SkyHydrants to Bhutan.

Our hard working Bhutanese friends from the School Planning and Building Department are continuing to install Disaster Aid Australia Skyhydrants.

The substantial masonry buildings to protect the SkyHydrants are constructed by school support staff.

We currently have 20 Skyhydrants at our office awaiting the resumption of freight shipping to Bhutan.

When these units are shipped, we will have sent **75%** of our target to supply 120 schools in Bhutan.

Helping the Ebenezer Trust



The Ebenezer Trust is a church based initiative working to equip young people in rural Africa with Christian based life skills and practical knowledge in operating small-scale agricultural businesses.

They operate a training facility and farm at Nampula, Mozambique.

A supporter of the project, the Rotary Club of Collie in WA, became aware of a concern for the health of students and decided to donate a SkyHydrant, (purchased from DAA) to the trust.

Australian Bush Fires

Disaster Aid Australia is unable to spend money in Australia due to the Australian Government's conditions of our charitable status

Our Disaster Aid International Partner, Disaster Aid Canada, stepped up and was successful in raising \$60,000 for the Bushfire Appeal, which was donated through RAWCS.



SkyHydrants For Balibo

These children in Balibo, and many more, will soon be enjoying Safe Water.

Balibo House Trust has been working with Rotary and Spend it Well to construct new schools in the Balibo district.

Three schools have been built at Belola, Railuli and Falowai with a fourth in the planning stage.

The proposal includes providing safe water by installing SkyHydrants.

Disaster Aid Australia is providing two of the six SkyHydrants required at no cost to the project with the intention of becoming more involved in delivering safe water projects in Timor Leste.



Myanmar Installation



Disaster Aid Australia in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Yangon have just provided a SkyHydrant at the Mawlamyine University in Myanmar.

The unit will protect the health of the girls who live in hostel accommodation at the University.

The project was instigated through the efforts of PDG. Danny Low.

Thoo Mweh Migrant School

This young boy is drinking safe water at the Thoo Mweh migrant school helping Karen refugees

A Disaster Aid Australia Skyhydrant was recently installed at the school thanks to Fleur Maidment who works tirelessly to help the Karen people assisted by the Rotary Club of Nhill.

The SkyHydrant provides safe water for:

- 430 boarding students
- 530 day students
- 65 teachers and staff.
- 100 local villagers



Global Grant Success



Six communities in the Philippines will be getting safe drinking water with the assistance of Rotary International Global Grant 1753140.

The grant was the result of partnership between host Rotary Club of West Cagayan de Oro, Philippines Rotary Club of Berwick and Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, Australia.

Disaster Aid Australia has provided the SkyHydrants and used the skills of its grant Co-ordinator Dr. Peter Hadwin to smooth the project application and approval process.



Rotary



Will you please help support the work of Disaster Aid?
It is a Rotary Club project that really is ... making a difference

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