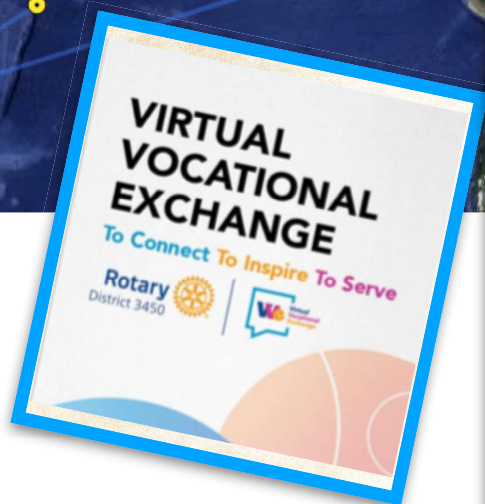


RAWCS Rover August 2024



Springing to Action!

The Rover aims to support RAWCS project teams to form, learn, grow, share, collaborate, and succeed!

The Rover is still seeking a new editor but Penny Vos is filling in for a bit until a new volunteer appears.

Do have a look at the exciting new Virtual Vocational Exchange. It's an amazing achievement already and has huge potential for effective Rotary collaboration worldwide.

We hope your projects are heading into Spring with hope and energy!

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Planning a Rotary Christmas?

Does your club have a passion for giving Rotary a future by keeping it connected to the wider community and coming generations?

If so, you might be interested in a pre-Christmas collaboration with local school children and the RAWCS project [SchoolKits for Congo](#).

The project is about realising the human right to education for children denied it, but also about reviving Australia's flagging interest in Global Citizenship, Development and Service.

SchoolKits for Congo encourages children to be aware of the the advantages of Australian citizenship and to recognise their own growing power to help less fortunate children to experience the longed-for education that we can take for granted.

The children will personalise an 8-page picture book (in French or Swahili) to accompany a SchoolKit (bag, uniform and learning materials) which will be given to a child in Goma who has fled violence on foot, and has nothing to start a new life in a new place.

The pack costs A\$45, which is a lot for a child to contribute, and for a teacher to coordinate. Your club can provide an Intergenerational Rotary Solution!

Whether club members individually support each child in a class to provide one SchoolKit, or whether the Club decides jointly to fund one SchoolKit per class member, this is a lovely way for Rotarians to connect locally now, to promote philanthropy for the future and to Serve Above Self where that service is most needed.

SchoolKit backpacks and uniforms are made in Goma, DRC, by women trained and equipped by Rotary and SewAid, realising their Human Right to the dignity of work to house, feed and educate their families.

Give your local paper a pre-Christmas good news story about Rotarians and Aussie Kids working together for a better world! (Click image for more information)



What a Team!!

Invitation to register with the Virtual Vocational Exchange



We are excited to inform you that the Virtual Vocational Exchange now has over 170 registrants representing 31 countries and regions from around the world, and this number continues to grow steadily. This diverse community of Rotarians and Rotaractors presents a unique opportunity to foster global connections, promote cultural appreciation, expand business and professional horizons, and collaborate effectively in humanitarian endeavors between Rotary Clubs.

We would like to encourage you to actively participate in the various communities and discussions on the platform. Your expertise, knowledge, and experiences are invaluable assets that can make a significant impact on our global community. We invite you to sign up as a speaker and share your insights, ideas, and success stories with fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors. By doing so, you will play an integral role in serving our members worldwide.

Furthermore, we kindly request your assistance in spreading the word about the Virtual Vocational Exchange in your country or Rotary district. Attached please find the introduction of VVE and its key functions. Please encourage interested Rotarians and Rotaractors to register and join this vibrant community. Together, we can create a powerful network that transcends borders and empowers individuals to make a lasting difference in their communities. VVE is conducive in building lasting and mutually beneficial international friendships and a rewarding and fulfilling in person exchanges that may follows.

Thank you for being an inspiration and for your commitment to Rotary's mission of service above self.

Yours sincerely,

VIRTUAL VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE
To Connect To Inspire To Serve

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To Connect To Inspire To Serve

VVE is an user-centric online platform that aims to:

- Facilitate effortless and purposeful connections between Rotarians and Rotaractors locally and globally
- Promote the appreciation of different cultures, enhance global prospective, and expand business and professional horizons of participants
- Foster collaboration in humanitarian efforts among Rotary Clubs

VVE PLUS REGISTRATION PAGE

VVE PLUS FORUM

The ER Co-ordinator's Report

CEO Mahir Momand and Chairman David Pearson recently held a webinar to provide an update on the directions of the RAWCS Board and the National RAWCS team especially to describe the RAWCS Value Proposition that the Board has created and the updated Strategic Plan. Link to the YouTube Webinar.

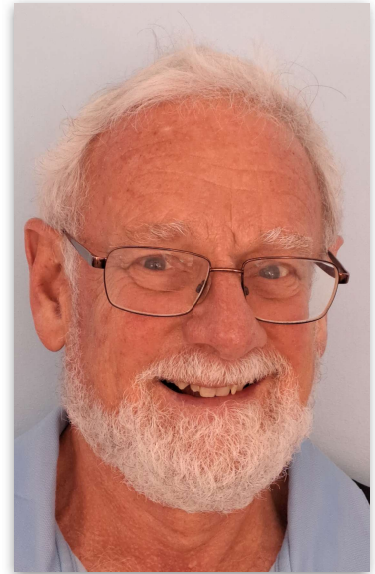
RAWCS was established nearly 60 years ago by Rotarians in Australia with the purpose of facilitating humanitarian projects. To-date, it has facilitated \$0.5 billion for thousands of projects benefiting hundreds of thousands of humans in nearly 50 countries, including Australia, changing countless lives.

RAWCS is able to provide tax deductions for donations on the basis that it is a duly registered charity and meets the obligations to a range of regulatory bodies in Australia including the Australian Charities and Not-for Profit Commission (ACNC), The Australian Taxation Office (ATO), Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Each one of our regulators expects that we continuously meet the regulatory, compliance and reporting requirements and that every project that is implemented through RAWCS adheres to those regulatory standards set by the regulators in Australia. RAWCS is also expected to ensure that funds raised for projects for which ATO has allowed tax deductions are used for the intended purpose, in line with all transparency standards expected of a large charitable organisation.

Value Proposition - RAWCS is Rotary's largest Multi District organisation worldwide. This is in no small way because it has a very successful model which RAWCS has followed since it was initially established. RAWCS Projects receive the following benefits:

1. RAWCS has a comparatively low administration fee on donations at 5%. This administration fee is a one-off fee which is paid when the donation is made. No further fee is incurred by either the donor or the Project Managers. The 5% fee is significantly lower than the 9% charged by Rotary Foundation Australia and the 15-30% range recommended by Philanthropy Australia for charities and not-for-profits. Despite our actual operating costs being 9%, RAWCS subsidises 4% from our reserves to keep the costs low and the impact high.
2. The process for registering a project is fast and efficient. RAWCS willingly provides advice and coordination to Rotarians when clubs are setting up their projects. RAWCS connects Project Managers of new projects with those responsible for longer term similar projects.
3. Donations to registered RAWCS projects are tax deductible for the donors. This frequently represents a tax advantage of 30% depending on the incremental tax rate of the donor.



4. RAWCS is now in the process of sourcing external funds for projects and is endeavouring to make this source of external funds more widespread. It is anticipated that once the public sees the work we do this will lead to more funding being available. It is expected this should also lead to more people interested joining Rotary.
5. RAWCS has a comprehensive range of instructional manuals covering all aspects of projects and volunteers which are publicly available on the RAWCS website. The manuals are the result of much time spent by very experienced Rotary volunteers. They provide a very significant value to anyone undertaking projects.
6. RAWCS undertakes to provide and update policies and procedures to ensure that projects are compliant and volunteers are safe.
7. RAWCS provides comprehensive registration and insurance for volunteers registering to undertake a project and provides cover for both Rotarian and Non-Rotarian volunteers.
8. Administration of compliance requirements to provide the tax-deductible receipts is completely handled within the secretariat of RAWCS and the online RAWCS donation system. There is therefore no further concern for the Project Managers in meeting the compliance requirements of ATO.
9. RAWCS provides a platform for project reporting and auditing to comply with the various regulatory organisations.
10. RAWCS facilitates prompt international funds transfer at excellent exchange rates.
11. RAWCS provides ongoing administrative and technical advice to support Project Managers.
12. RAWCS is Rotary. RAWCS is a unique organisation as Rotary's largest Multi District Organisation, however all its operations are in accordance with Rotary values, for and by Rotarians.

Updated Strategic Plan - RAWCS is refining its strategic plan with an emphasis on four criteria:

1. Renewing the operation of the organisation to fit with the contemporary world. The National RAWCS team also constantly reviews the changing external and internal (Rotary) environments in which we operate in to ensure that projects and our systems are not vulnerable to changes in government regulations, and the ever-increasing need to consider the cyber security of our projects and donor data bases.
2. Given the declining membership of Rotary and the reduced number of registered RAWCS projects the board is establishing other sources of funds outside Rotary in addition to within Rotary to support RAWCS projects. RAWCS is establishing connections with the philanthropic, corporate and government sectors as a source of funds.
3. RAWCS now has a communications strategy that determines how RAWCS communicates within the organisation and the external world.

This awareness campaign requires the assistance from project teams to provide photos and videos of the work being achieved by the projects so that this can be shared for the world to see the achievements of the projects.

4. Continual improvement and efficiencies in the RAWCS systems to make it simpler for Project Managers to manage their projects.

Promoting RAWCS Projects - To support the third strategy above Belinda Griffen is looking for photos, videos and one-page stories to advertise the great work being achieved. The material will be used to promote the achievements of the projects through the RDU Magazine, via the RAWCS Website and on social media. We require photos that are high resolution and action photos that attract attention of the reader. Belinda's email address is belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au.

Brian Goldstraw
RAWCS Eastern Region Coordinator
August 2024

Brian Goldstraw, RAWCS Eastern Region Coordinator, May 2024



RAWCS Eastern Stories

Aussie Bangla Smile: from 2007

775 Operations like these and around 400 nurses trained in post operative care
A Project of Rotary Australia World Community Service



Nepean Hospital Voluntary Surgical Team working with local doctors in Bangladesh



Pre and Post-op after 1 day

Pre and Post -op after 2 weeks

All muscles present in the bulbous swelling of the lip need exposure, release and anatomical realignment. The safe Anaesthesia is high priority.



Pre and Post-Op next day This lady was operated in 2 hours under LA for cleft lip repair.



Post-Op Nursing Care Additional Educational Programs to improve patient care after any operation
About 400 nurses trained under this project

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Facebook page : Aussie Bangla Smile

Donation : <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/7-2007-08>

Botswana, Here We Come!



Thanks to Rotary Club of Balwyn in Victoria, a new community centre has been constructed in a village where Rtn Lucy Hobgood-Brown lived as a child. Today Lucy facilitates community development initiatives in Lotumbe under the banner of HandUp Congo www.handupcongo.org and RAWCS www.rawcs.org.au.

The remote village is located in the heart of the world's second largest rain forest in the Democratic Republic of Congo's least resourced and most geographically challenged province. On June 23, the community centre was officially opened and dedicated by pastors. The centre provides a training room, offices, a sewing school and a library.

Lucy has also been busy working with Rotarian Dr Grace Maano (District 9660) on a global grant to provide obstetric emergency training of trainers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

But first, they will roll out two workshops at the African Federation for Emergency Medicine conference in Botswana November 4-5, and hold a special interest group meeting for Africans interested in developing emergency medicine education in the DRC. For details: handupcongo@gmail.com

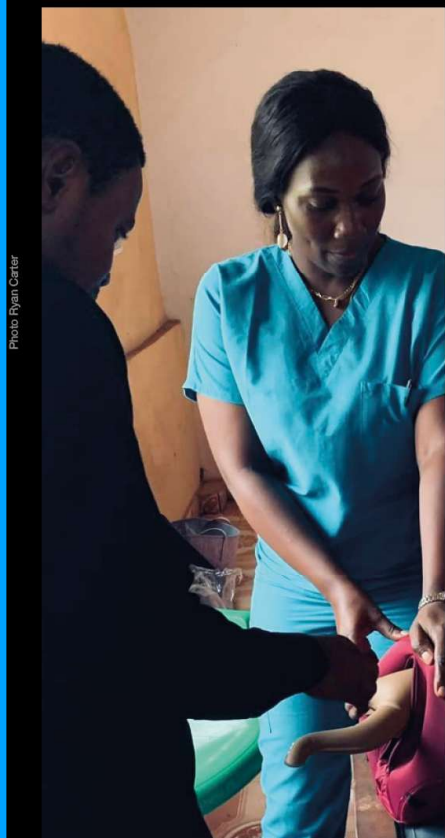


Photo: Ryan Carter

RURAL EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC TRAINING WORKSHOP

WHAT : Pre-AFCEM 1-day workshop on Rural Emergency Obstetric Training (REOT) – learn about neonatal resuscitation, breech birth, postpartum haemorrhage, antepartum haemorrhage, pre-eclampsia, shoulder dystocia and more. Maximum number of participants: 20.

Availability of the subsidized rate: this is a Humanitarian Project of Rotary International with a focus on Maternal and Child Health in cooperation with HandUp Congo, AMURDC and ACRRM.

WHEN : Nov 4, 2024 from 0800-1730pm - workshop offered in English;
Nov 5, 2024 from 0800-1730pm - workshop offered in French/English.
The workshop is 1-day only, both days will feature the same content.

WHERE : Royal Aria Conference Center, Plot 10009 Ramfurwa, Tlokweng, Gaborone Botswana

COST: \$35 USD pp - register via AFCEM <https://www.afcem24.org/registration/> Includes lunch/morning/afternoon tea and certificate of attendance

YOUR INSTRUCTORS :

Dr Grace Maano and Dr Etwell Mari, Fellows of Australian College of Rural & Remote Medicine and Assoc Prof Belinda Flanagan, Midwifery Uni Lecturer, Dr Bayu Sutarjono - Emergency Medicine from USA bilingual in French and English

VOS FORMATEURS:

Dr Grace Maano et Dr Etwell Mari, Collège Australien Accrédité de Médecine Rurale et Eloignée et Professeure agrégée Belinda Flanagan, sage-femme, Dr Bayu Sutarjono - Médecine d'Urgence des USA bilingue français et anglais

ATELIER DE FORMATION EN OBSTÉTRIQUE D'URGENCE RURALE

QUOI : Atelier pré-AFCEM d'une journée sur la formation obstétricale d'urgence en milieu rural (REOT) – découvrez la réanimation néonatale, l'accouchement par le siège, l'hémorragie post-partum, l'hémorragie ante partum, la pré-éclampsie, la dystocie de l'épaule et plus encore. Nombre maximum de participants : 20.

Disponibilité du tarif subventionné : il s'agit d'un projet humanitaire du Rotary International axé sur la santé maternelle et infantile en coopération avec HandUp Congo, AMURDC et ACRRM.

QUAND : 4 novembre 2024 de 8h00 à 17h30 - atelier offert en anglais;
5 novembre 2024 de 8h00 à 17h30 - atelier offert en français/anglais.
L'atelier dure 1 jour seulement, les deux jours auront le même contenu.

OÙ : Centre de conférence Royal Aria, Plot 10009 Ramfurwa, Tlokweng, Gaborone Botswana

COÛT : 35 \$ USD par personne - inscription via AFCEM <https://www.afcem24.org/registration/> - Comprend le déjeuner/le thé du matin/de l'après-midi et un certificat de participation.



Sewaid News

Cambodia:

Responding to an urgent call for PUL (waterproof fabric) from our sewing workshop in Pursat Cambodia, we were able to arrange for DG Nirigan and Liz McDougal from District to carry a roll each to Cambodia when they visited there on a post-Singapore Convention tour. These two rolls will be enough to manufacture 500 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits.



Fabric Donation:

We are very fortunate to have been donated some 650 rolls of brand-new fabric. This represents approximately 16,000 mtrs of lovely 1.5m wide polyester/rayon uniform fabric. The challenge for Sewaid now is to get this fabric to our Sewaid workshops worldwide.

We have already shipped one pallet of 65 rolls to Timor Leste this month, along with some new sewing machines and overlockers for our sewing rooms in Dili and Oecusse. Also, arrangements are in place to ship another pallet to our SewAid workshop in Kiribati next month. We have also distributed some rolls to small sewing workshops in Australia that sew children's clothes from Africa.

Congo

We have also just paid the next six months' rent for our sewing room in Goma, Congo DRG, as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the work there.

PDG Tony Casttley

SewAid Manager



Rotarians Against Malaria

Did you know? Insecticide treated malaria nets

- \$5 per net distributed Cost
- About \$3000 per life saved Value

<http://www.givewell.org/international/top-charities/amf>

So effective!



Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment

RARE (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment) is an activity that establishes an efficient and effective program for distributing obsolete medical and educational equipment to disadvantaged communities in Australia and overseas under a regulative framework.

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