



District Grants

District Grants – 2017-18 applications remain open for a couple more weeks as there is still approximately \$2,000 left available for those projects that can be completed prior to 15 May 2018.

District Grants – 2018-19 applications are open and will close on April 26 2018 for projects to be completed by April 30 2019

Reminder with District Grants that you cannot be eligible if you start incurring costs before approval.

Application forms are available from www.trfd9600.org/Resources Grants Application Final.



Global Grants

In the last few months, besides allocating to Club District Grant Monies, the committee and district Rotarians have been busy with Global Grants.

Recent Global Grants submitted for approval or approved involving our District are:

- Teacher in a Box – PNG
- Mamba School – Tanzania
- Rotary Midwifery & Buddy Program – PNG
- Superunda Water Supply
- Life Saving Medical Surgical Program – Islands

We also have two more grants almost ready and just requiring some additional funds from clubs, individuals or corporates in:

- Water underground – Mozambique
- Malnutrition prevention – PNG

Elsewhere in this newsletter also find details of the Samuel F Owari Memorial Grant.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

As an expansion of the Foundation Committee, we are asking for volunteers to assist as sub-committee members. We are also looking for a fundraising Chair as well. Please contact Darryl for more information.

FEBRUARY EXCHANGE RATE
US\$1 = AU\$1.24

The Samuel F. Owari Memorial Grant

A message is going out to all districts with the request that you be inspired and make a direct donation (matched \$.50/\$1.00 by the world fund) to the **“Samuel F. Owari Memorial Access to WASH in Tororo Project”** (GG# 18-66760). Our District will match our members with \$0.50 to \$1.00 (up to \$US10,000 DDF) and this will be matched 1:1 by the world fund. District 6420/Illinois has designated \$1,000 DDF to the project in addition to member contributions being made.

This is an opportunity to help an entire region in Eastern Uganda significantly improve their health and their education. Sam Owari grew up in a large family in rural Tororo and throughout his youth experienced the lack of clean water and sanitation, so necessary for good health and girls’ education. As he became more active in Rotary, he also became very committed to helping all Ugandans to have access to clean water and sanitation. And, he was instrumental in establishing the Ugandan Rotary Water Plus Committee.

This committee now vets all Rotary water projects in Uganda, including this one. Initially, this project included modest goals for water, sanitation and hygiene education. With the generous contributions of many Rotary members, The Rotary Foundation has now approved an expanded project for an expanded number of parents and children and for the expanded budget to support those additional communities. The desperate need for clean water, sanitation and hygiene cannot be overstated. This project is strong and will be sustainable with the considerable local community support from the Tororo Region residents. The water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) has approved a \$10,000 designated donation.



Samuel F. Owari 1941 - 2017



**This Global Grant is
being submitted for
project completion
in 2018**

Three Rotary Clubs will participate as local partners from Uganda including the Rotary Club of Kampala, the home club of RIPE Sam Owori (Deceased)

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*Help Ugandan
Communities Provide*
**WATER, SANITATION AND
HYGIENE (WASH) SKILLS**

We need your help in Tororo to complete this project, which will provide water sanitation and hygiene to thousands of Ugandans in Tororo.

This project is also a wonderful memorial to recognize the work and life of Samuel Owori, Rotary International President Elect (Deceased) 2018-19.



Samuel Owori

GLOBAL GRANT #GG1866760
PROJECT SUMMARY

*Help Ugandan
Communities Provide*
**WATER,
SANITATION
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(WASH)
SKILLS**



**The Samuel Owori Memorial
ACCESS TO WASH IN TORORO**





Help Communities in Tororo Provide

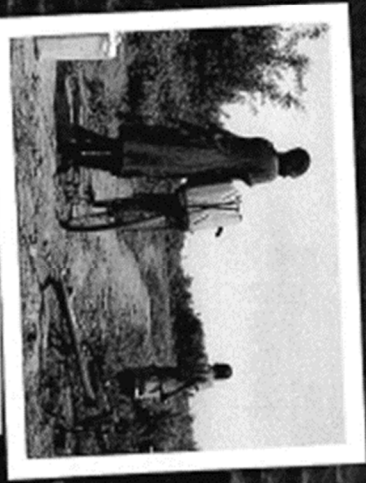
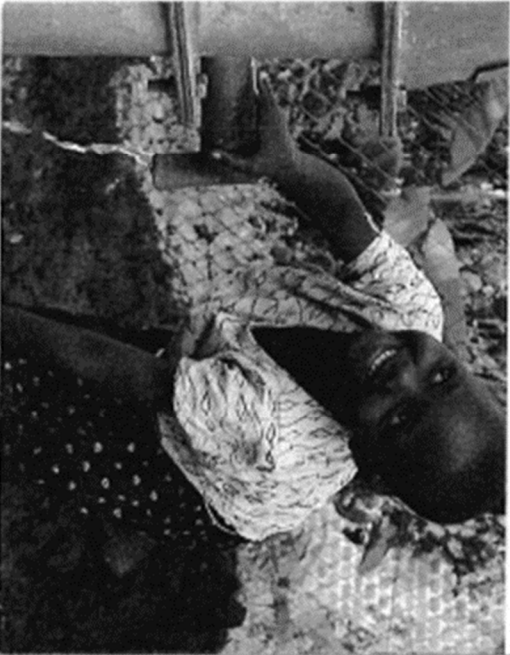
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) SKILLS

This project provides communities with clean water and improves sanitation and health by providing

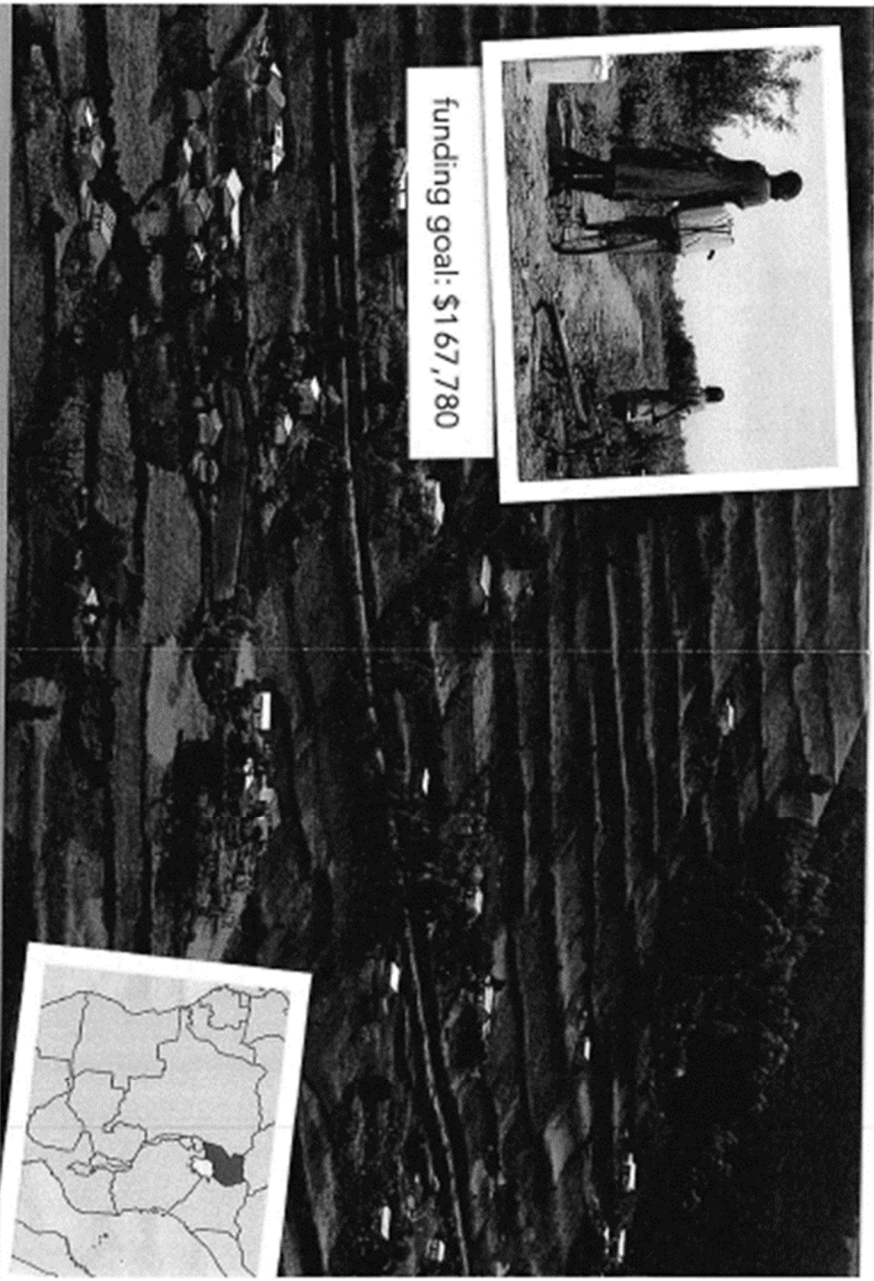
- 10 new boreholes for community health facilities
- 10 rainwater harvesting tanks
- 10 school sanitation facilities

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) skills needed—such as hand washing and hygiene training—will support Maternal and Newborn Children at the health facilities.

A needs assessment was done in 2017. Affected communities indicated that a lack of clean water and access to basic sanitation is their main problem. The funding goal is \$167,780.



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The Global Grant application has been written in partnership with the Ugandan Rotary team. We need help from clubs and districts that would like to participate in a Global WASH Grant that memorializes Rotary International President Elect, Samuel Owon (Deceased).

Uganda Rotary Water Plus (URWP), a coordinating team of Rotary WASH professionals and facilitators plan to repeat the success of two similar water and sanitation projects completed in northern Uganda.

This project will encourage the targeted communities to raise local funds for the new boreholes and sanitation projects. Water-User Committees will be established to ensure sustainability.

We are discussing with the Centenary bank in Uganda, to allow Water User Committees to hold all funds in their bank, using "free Water accounts". The communities will be empowered to take the lead in solving their own problems.

District 9600 Conference 20-22 April 2018

Maroochy RSL

This year's District Conference has a strong Foundation theme as we are "Making a difference through Peace & International Service"

The Friday night has a great guest speaker at dinner, and this will be followed up at Breakfast on Saturday morning with a past trustee, past director and Order of Australia Recipient speaking at this invitation breakfast.

We have Bruce Allen – Coordinator for the Rotary Foundation in Parramatta presenting together with one of our illustrious Peace fellows.

More details will be released soon but please endeavour to come and listen to the wide variety of work that the Foundation is doing. Registrations open shortly.



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Using the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology, the Royal Flying Doctor Service works to provide emergency medical and primary health care services to anyone who lives, works or travels in rural and remote Australia



The Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) is a "not-for-profit organisation" that shares its highly recognised name with the States and Territory State Emergency Service (SES) organisations throughout Australia. With approximately 6,200 active and unpaid members the Queensland SES performs a diverse range of functions to respond to local, State and National disasters and emergencies.



Rotary District 9600



District Governor John Lane & Bo invite you to the district conference, in Maroochydore at the beautiful Sunshine Coast, to share a world class venue and location. We invite you for fun and friendship, and to celebrate the 2017-2018 Rotary year, please join us.

Friday welcome dinner will begin with a buffet and an exceptional speaker. Saturday will be filled with interesting presentations by renowned speakers, and in the evening, we will be revisiting the 1960s with a salute to Flower Power & Peace and dancing the night away (theme attire encouraged).

We are focusing on Peace & Conflict resolution and will have a number of Peace Fellows from the University of Queensland attending. Have the opportunity to chat with Rotarians from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and be amazed at how diverse our Rotary district is.

The Rotary showcase/House of Friendship will highlight incredible humanitarian projects and our speakers, and will be open throughout the conference. Start your Sunday morning with a BBQ breakfast on the beach. Why not make this into a holiday?

Meet us in Maroochydore and be amazed!

Venue

Maroochydore RSL
Memorial Ave, Maroochydore

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**Rotary District 9600
CONFERENCE
Making a Difference
Peace & International
Service**

**April 20-21, 2018
Maroochydore RSL**

Rotary District 9600

SPEAKERS

Dr. Emma Leslie AM

Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies



Emma is an Australian-Cambodian who has worked on conflict transformation and peacebuilding throughout Asia since 1993, including the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Working Group for Weapons Reduction in Cambodia and a number of peace initiatives.

She is currently the Executive Director of the Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies. In 2005, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006.

Des Lawson

Dream Cricket



Des has been a Director of Australian Rotary Health since 2015. He is also the Australian Chair of Dream Cricket, which was initiated by Dr Roly Bigg of the Movement Disorder Foundation

in concert with the Rotary Clubs of the Southern Highlands and the Bradman Foundation. The aim was to provide primary school students with special needs an opportunity to play cricket activities on Bradman Oval. The DreamCricket program has grown to encompass schools and children throughout Australia and internationally.

Rob Cook

Cattle Farmer



Left quadriplegic after a helicopter crash during a cattle muster, Rob has refused to let the difficulty in getting cars to his family's remote cattle station in the Northern Territory stop him from being a cattleman. He has relocated to Central Queensland and started an unusual new beef cattle venture, which includes running his own butcher shop.

Rob and his wife Sarah went from working the 400,000-hectare station in the NT, to a 2,000-hectare property at Bucca near Bundaberg.

Cathy Roth OAM

PALZ



Long-time Geelong community champion Cathy Roth, OAM has dubbed PALZ, a new network of support for Professionals with Alzheimer's and related diseases, as her next magnificent obsession. Cathy perceived her new mission after her husband John spoke at length about physics and universal mysteries then asked for a fifth time what they were doing the next day.

Alzheimer's Australia estimates more than 353,800 Australians have dementia and that 1.2 million people are involved in their care.

Sarah Brown

Purple House



The Purple House provides dialysis services to remote patients in the NT and Western Australia and started 14 years ago in Ms Brown's lounge room, but now employs 50 people and services more than eight remote communities throughout the NT and WA. The mobile dialysis unit is important because it means people can stay on country and receive treatment rather than travelling hundreds of kilometres away from their families for treatment in regional and urban centres.

Rhett Butler AM

SkyJuice



Rhett is Foundation Chairman of SkyJuice and also Chair of the Research Advisory Committee at National Centre of Excellence for Desalination (NCEDA). Twenty years ago, Rhett saw many children in developing regions drinking polluted water. As a result, he developed a unique solution that uses Australian technology to provide world-class safe, potable water to remote, low-income communities for as little as 20 cents per person, per year.





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PEACEBUILDING
CONFERENCE 2018

Economic and Community Development, and Peace
17 March 2018 — Sydney, Australia

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from the top international and national speakers on 'Economic & Community Development & Peace'

This is one of six Presidential Conferences Rotary International President-elect Ian Riseley is convening during the 2017-18 Rotary year.

The goal of the Sydney conference is to bring together academics, political leaders, business community leaders and peace activists to explore building peace and discuss how we can work together to prevent and resolve conflict from an international and local perspective.

The conference will focus on economic and community development as it relates to peace. We will look at the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, disease, lack of water and food security, and the lack of education. The economic cost of conflict within a country and a community will also be highlighted.

Another main focus will be on the reconciliation process and how a community can move from peacemaking to peacebuilding.

To receive updates in the conference including keydate reminders and speaker information at: www.rippc2018.com.au or via email at: rippc2018@arinex.com.au



BECOMING A CENTURION WITH POCKET CHANGE!

For a purchase cost of \$2 you can have your own Centurion Coin Collector. These collectors hold \$100 worth of \$2 coins, enough for anybody to become a Centurion, especially in this Centennial Year of the Foundation!

Return the filled pole to your Club Foundation Chairman to have this credited to you as a tax deductible donation to the Foundation.

New poles are available for \$0.60 each, which will assist the Foundation in continuing to do good work in the world.

As part of your club's Presidential Citation requirements you are required to enter your Club; Annual Fund & Polio goals on the My Rotary website – please ensure your club has done this. At present 20 clubs in our District have.

Please remember to give to the Foundation and fill those money boxes and centurion poles.



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS'
SEMINAR 2018
'Peace in Action: Pushing the Envelope'

DATE SAVER

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Womans College University of
Queensland

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11:00am - 6:00pm



The Rotary Peace Centre at the University of Queensland was established in 2001, after an extensive worldwide search by Rotary International. Rotary wished to initiate a new program that would make a practical contribution to the quest for a more peaceful world. Annually up to 110 Peace Fellows attend one of the 6 Rotary Centres around the world to undertake a master's Degree or Professional Development Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies. This reflects Rotary's commitment to education and learning as an important tool in the goal to advance peace and justice internationally, alongside its other major focus of humanitarian work such as eradicating Polio and improving water and sanitation in various locations around the world.

1,215 centurions x A\$100 = \$92,000 from members
50 x PHS = \$50,000 from members
Major Donors = \$40,000 for individuals
55 Clubs x \$4,000 average = \$240,000 from clubs
302 members x US\$26.50 = \$80,000

TOTAL = \$500,000



Rotary Foundation Timor Leste Adventure Challenge

Rotary
DISTRICT 9550
Australia & Timor-Leste



4th June – 8th June 2018
5 days / 5 nights

About the Adventure Challenge

Timor-Leste (East Timor) only an hour's flight north of Darwin is still undiscovered. It's a remarkable country to visit with huge mountains, pristine waters and authentic traditional culture.

Half the 1.1 million people in Timor-Leste are under the age of 17 but there are few employment opportunities. Sustainable tourism is a priority for economic development.

The Timor-Leste Adventure Challenge aims to support economic development through promoting sustainable tourism and to help fund Rotary Foundation projects in Timor-Leste.

Challenge yourself – climb Mt Ramelau the highest peak on Timor
Immerse yourself – in local culture
Participate in community development projects
Support the sustainable tourism industry in Timor-Leste
Raise funds for The Rotary Foundation



Atauro Island
weekend getaway (Optional)

9th June – 11th June
3 days / 2 nights



Timor Leste Adventure Challenge 2018

Highlights include:

See firsthand projects funded by the Rotary Foundation and learn how your donation will make a difference.

Experience the achievement of trekking through Timor-Leste's pristine mountains, visiting villages and coffee farms and climb Timor-Leste's highest mountain Mt Ramelau.

Learn about Timor-Leste's turbulent past, traditional culture and aspirations for the future.

Be a part of Timor-Leste's future by participating in and encouraging sustainable tourism.

Relax at an idyllic island eco resort and engage with local community projects. (optional)

Includes:

Expert English speaking guide & experienced drivers.

All land transport in AC 4WD, meals (apart from those in Dili), twin share accommodation.



Optional Atauro Island weekend getaway

Includes return water taxi.

2 nights at an Eco-resort and all meals. Relax, swim, snorkel, fish & walk.

Visit community projects.

Return Monday in time for afternoon flight to Darwin

\$1,295* USD Timor-Leste Challenge only

\$1,480* USD Includes Atauro Island getaway

+ \$1,000 AUD donation to the Rotary Foundation *Price excludes airfares and visa

Small group
Maximum of 12

For booking enquiries contact Timor Adventures

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