

News Update | Autumn 2018

Great News on World Water Day

Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) was able to make a great announcement on our Colombian Project on World Water Day.

After an 18-month application process we learned we were successful in having a US\$50,000 grant approved by The Rotary Foundation.

The project, which is in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Bogoto Teusaquillo will provide SkyHydrants for 25 remote schools: Safe Water for over 9,000 children.



New Volunteer at the Disaster Aid Australia Office



We have welcomed Dr Peter Hadwen who has had a long career in Geology with a particular emphasis on developing water resources.

Peter has had experience working with the United Nations and the World Health Organisation.

Although now retired, Peter's enthusiasm for helping developing countries remains undiminished, and he will be volunteering every Monday.

Transforming Donations Into A Sustainable Business

On a recent visit to the Philippines, Disaster Aid Australia Directors visited a SkyHydrant installation at Dansolihon Barangay with the Rotary Club of West Cagayan de Oro and Balay Mindanaw.

While there we met with the Barangay Committee where the Rotary Club of West Cagayan de Oro made a generous offer.

This was to set up a water business so the Barangay would be able to pay someone to maintain the SkyHydrant™ and deliver water to help people who found it difficult to carry water to their homes.

This initiative is a great way of moving from a simple donation to investment in a social enterprise, ensuring a sustainable outcome.



Introducing Disaster Aid to South Africa



Dave Tuzewski from Disaster Aid Australia recently travelled to South Africa to spread the Disaster Aid message.

The photo shows Dave on the right demonstrating the SkyHydrant to Mark Rainier and J.P. Schwartz from the Rotary Club of Warmbaths.

Dave and the Warmbath Rotarians attended a meeting of the WaterKloof [Pretoria] Centurion and Pretoria Sunrise Clubs to talk about our aim of Safe Water for Every Child.

Rotarians have agreed to set up a display at the District 9400 Conference in June, to be held in Kruger Park.

First SkyHydrant for Mount Agung Evacuation Camps

In the remote Bali village of Tianyar, thousands of people were evacuated from the danger zone of Mount Agung which continues to threaten to erupt.

To compound their problems the water supply in the evacuation camp is contaminated.

This is where Disaster Aid Australia stepped in as part of its 'Safe Water for Every Child' program.

Partnering with the East Bali Poverty Project, SkyHydrant™ filters have been installed at Tianyar, Cegi, and Pengalusan villages by DARTs Phillip Gribble, Andrew Gunn to give clean, safe water and help the children attend school without the burden of water-borne illnesses.



Don't Forget our Website and Facebook Page



For the latest news on Disaster Aid around the world you can check our website @: www.disasteraidinternational.com

or like our Facebook page @ : www.facebook.com/disasteraidaustralia

Both sites are regularly updated so you can see how your donations are being spent.

From the website you can:

- Watch videos to see how much our aid is appreciated
- Make donations online
- Book for our Conference on 5th-6th May

Disaster Aid Brazil News

Training

Disaster Aid Brazil (DAB) volunteers have been busy building excellent relationships with Brazilian Security Departments, and Civil Defense Authorities.

Those relationships have included joint training exercises.

The photograph on the right shows DAB volunteers training in Southern Brazil, to be able to react to environmental disasters.



Spreading the message

In February, Disaster Aid Brazil was promoting the Disaster Aid story at the first international fair for Rotary projects at Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.

At least 31 District Governors from all of Latin America participated in the event which confirmed cross country partnerships to work on projects for more than US\$1,500,000 in global grants.

All Donations Make A Difference



Recently, DAA Director John O'Reilly received a cheque for \$1,000 from President Jan Cook and Chairman Nigel Cooper of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills.

Here are some of the ways that \$1,000 could be spent by Disaster Aid Australia:

- One-fifth of the cost of an Emergency Water Treatment Filter to keep hundreds healthy.
- Thirteen Sawyer Water Filters to provide a temporary safe water solution for a family.
- Travel and accommodation for a Disaster Aid Response Team Member (DART) to get to a disaster location.
- Four Home Repair Kits typically including sheets of corrugated iron, timber and nails enabling people to rebuild their homes.
- Twenty tarpaulins for temporary shelter and building repair.
- One hundred hand tools such as saws and hammers.

Without your donations we simply would not be able to deliver vital aid.

DAA Conference 2018 - Don't Leave it too Late!

As well as DAA speakers you will be able to hear from:

- Yeshey Dorji of the Rotary Club of Thimphu, Bhutan
- Daniel 'Dan' Collins - A four times Australian Olympian.
- Governor of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, the Honorable Mujiv S. Hataman.

Book online at www.disasteraidinternational.com

Sponsor a School Opportunity

Would you like to improve the health of school children like these?

Disaster Aid is planning a program to supply 'Safe Water to Every Child' in 17 schools in the Camarines Sur, region of the Philippines.

You or your club's donation of \$5,000 would enable us to provide a SkyHydrant™ to one of these schools.



Volunteers Wanted

Disaster Aid is a volunteer organisation at all levels from managing the delivery of Aid overseas to doing office paperwork.

You don't have to be a Rotarian, we welcome anyone who wants to be involved in helping people in developing countries.

If you have some spare time and would like to assist why not Email us at admin@disasteraidaustralia.org.au

Save a date

Disaster Aid Australia's Fourth Annual Conference Fri 4 – Sun 6 May 2018 at the Dandenong Club, with exciting presenters including former Medal winning Olympian Dan Collins, great stories of aid delivered and future goals discussed.

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

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE at www.disasteraidinternational.com

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Disaster Aid Conference 2018

Sat 5th - Sun 6th May

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills – District 9820
at the Dandenong Club, Corner Stud and Heatherton Roads, Dandenong 3175

The Board of Disaster Aid Australia extends an invitation to attend our Annual Conference. It is a great opportunity to:

- meet the directors, staff, volunteers (including our Disaster Aid Response Team members – DARTs – who will give some “in field” reports) and fellow Rotarians;
- be updated on our activities around the world, and our vision.
- see demonstrations and illustrations of our aid items, the SkyHydrant™, Sawyer filters, and Smart Aid;
- Find out how to become a DAA supporter or volunteer.

You will need to pay for:

Own transport to Melbourne and a \$100 registration charge.

DAA will provide

Meals and refreshments from Saturday through to a light lunch on Sunday, plus transfers from and to Melbourne (Tullamarine) airport. Interstate and regional Vic visitors may also receive accommodation.

Can't make the conference?

Come along Saturday night (\$40 per head)

Join us?

Registration on Disaster Aid website.

www.disasteraidinternational.com/news/news.html

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE

Yeshey Dorji - Of the Rotary Club of Thimphu

Yeshey Dorji and the Bhutan Toilet Organisation (BTO) have been instrumental in supporting Disaster Aid Australia's project providing safe drinking water to communities in Bhutan.

Yeshey's early career has included the Bank of Bhutan, the Export Division of the Ministry in Trade.

He became Bhutan's first importer of computers in 1986 and started the first desktop publishing business in the country.

In 1999 he set up the first private website on the newly established internet service.

In early 2004 he gave up all business activities to focus on his highly successful photography career.



Daniel 'Dan' Collins - A four times Australian Olympian.

Dan competed in the K-2, 500 m sprint canoe event with a silver medal in 2000 and a bronze in 1996.

As a successful elite sportsman, now a management consultant, he is obsessed with taking that which is average and turning it into a winning culture.

This includes partnering with people to implement the right programs where extraordinary results are inevitable, and delivering skills and insight to achieve goals and live out values.

“It's the feeling of looking back on what you've achieved as a leader and a team collective, as well as reaping the benefits of success.”



For the delegates coming from a distance, arrival on Friday the 4th May will include an invitation to a meet and greet gathering at the Dandenong Club for an evening meal in the bistro (at your expense).

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