

News Update | Winter 2018

SkyHydrants Fight Poverty

The overall cost of water from a SkyHydrant™ is less than 1 cent per litre over the life of the system.

This compares with 50 cents per litre for a small bottle of water bought locally.

This doesn't seem much to Australians, but in the Philippines the minimum daily wage is around \$7.

If a family buys drinking water from the supermarket that may be almost a third of someone's wage.

Low cost safe water means that more money is available for food, clothes and other necessities.



San Ramon Student,
Caramines Sur, Philippines

Safe Water - A Basic Human Right



Disaster Aid Australia led a 'Breakout Session' at this years Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada on 'Safe Water – A Basic Human Right'.

Several of our board members, and partners (pictured here) travelled to Toronto to work on our stand in the International House of Friendship.

Rotary International Convention in Toronto, manning the stand; Disaster Aid Australia, Malaysia, Brazil

News from DAA Conference

One of the Keynote speakers at the DAA 2018 Conference was Governor Mujiv S. Hataman of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao in the Philippines.

During his talk the Governor was able to tell us that there had been no outbreaks of gastric illnesses at any of the Marawi Crisis temporary re-settlement camps where Disaster Aid Australia SkyHydrants had been installed.

This was in contrast to other temporary re-settlement camps where there had been serious outbreaks of dysentery and cholera.

He expressed the Marawi Region's gratitude to Disaster Aid Australia, and our local partner The Balay Mindanaw Foundation who carried out the installations.



Disaster Aid Australia Conference, Regional Governor Hataman of ARMM and Disaster Aid Malaysia delegates

Safe Water Bhutan 2020



This major humanitarian project is in conjunction with our local partners: The Rotary Club of Thimphu, the Bhutan Toilet Organisation, and the Bhutan Ministry of Education.

At a DAA Board meeting on the 12th May it was decided to adopt a target of achieving **Safe Drinking Water for EVERY Rural School in Bhutan.**

To meet this ambitious target we will need to raise \$400,000 over the next two and a half years.

Help Us Deliver Aid

Recently, staff from one of our supporters, Calmar Corps, were visiting the Philippines and offered to take two SkyHydrants with them to be delivered to Cagayan de Oro on the island of Mindanao.

On the way they then 'visited' several locations including spending a few days relaxing poolside at Villa Kasadya (see photograph).

After their 'holiday' they were handed over to our Philippines' partner Balay Mindanaw who will ensure they are delivered to a location in the region around Marawi.

If you are traveling to the Philippines, or Bhutan, in the next few months you may be able to help us by delivering a SkyHydrant . . . but there is no need to take them on a holiday!



A MAX SkyHydrant lounging on route to Balay Mindanaw Foundation Inc Philippines

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 also:

- Watch videos to see how much our aid is appreciated
- Make donations online

Energy Globe Winner

Disaster Aid Australia has won the Energy Globe National Award for Australia for 2018.

Our submission was based on 'Safe Water for Every Child' as delivered in the Philippines.

The win recognises that the project is both successful and sustainable.



Camarines Sur Schools Safe Water Project

We have commenced this project, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Naga, to provide 'Safe Water to Every Child' for schools in the Camarines Sur region of the Philippines.

The map below shows the location of the schools involved in the project.

Details of the first two schools will appear in the next newsletter.



Map of hydrant installations in Camarines Sur, Philippines

Results from Bhutan

Recently we received results back from the Yebilaptsa Central School where a Disaster Aid SkyHydrant has been installed.

Since the SkyHydrant was installed over the January school holidays the incidence of illness has dropped by more than 70%.

As some of these cases may be from children returning to school while affected, we are hoping a full year's results will be even better!



Project Bhutan 2020 is launched

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

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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