

## KOKODA

John Reid brought a report on problems at Kokoda. There is no funding available to maintain the hospital and the corrupt PNG Government has withdrawn all funding. Some funding may be available from the Australian War Graves Commission in the form of a contract to maintain memorials and war graves in the area. Some of this money could be directed to the Hospital as it is a War Memorial Hospital. The Hospital is now 12 years old and is starting to require repainting and have some rotten floorboards replaced etc. Also there is a water pump problem. Mention was made of the communication problems experienced by teams of volunteers. Kokoda used to have a phone but Telekom PNG have failed for at least 5 years to repair this line. It seems that Kokoda will be an ongoing project forever.

## PHILIPPINES

A project using local Scouts association as workers in district 3860 (Bohol) is very interesting and they are building local houses using some local materials but with engineered design for around A\$400 this project includes elements of literacy and handicrafts including supply of sewing machines.

## VANUATU

The project at Port Vila Hospital has now spread to almost every island and every community in Vanuatu. Rotary has gained quite a reputation in the area for efficiency and getting things done in spite of the problems with local customs officers and bureaucratic bungling. There are many many projects now being started in this beautiful country.

## EAST TIMOR

AusAID have asked RAWCS to be involved in the rebuilding of the College of Agriculture at Natarbora, Manatuto District. This was destroyed by the Indonesian Military when they withdrew from East Timor. This is an approved RAWCS with AusAid funding and is going ahead now. This requires builders, plumbers, carpenters, electricians painters etc. Handymen may also apply. This is a large project required 15 teams of 6 over three years and is underway now. Spend your holidays helping others.

## AusAID Accreditation.

As you know Ausaid withdrew accreditation from RAWCS several years ago as they thought we were an amateur organisation. RAWCS has undergone several audits and appointed a full time CEO liaison officer. Accreditation should be reinstated to RAWCS by the end of the year. This will mean about \$5M to RAWCS in the first year. Please note that all volunteer work for RAWCS including things like packing containers and cleaning chewing gum for DIK is counted and our volunteer labour will be paid for by AusAID. We must keep records every time we do a school desk job or a clean up at DIK.

## THE FULCRUM

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## PROGRAMME

Tonight	Board Meeting /Muna presentation Courtney Dailey RYPEN
21 <sup>st</sup> August	BBQ Bankstown Airport
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	no programme yet
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Don't forget EHGTHS Garden Fair BBQ

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

Last week the club went to Loftus TAFE as a transferred meeting. We shared the meeting with members of the Rotary Club of Como Jannali and enjoyed the cuisine at the school of catering and hospitality. I think the meal was excellent although after the selections had gone around the table, the ones at the end were left without a choice. We are still waiting for the side salads however. Front cover shows John, Joan and Ken enjoying fellowship at the meeting. There was no club business discussion undertaken and so the "Fulcrum" editor is taking up spare space later on in this edition with a report on the events of the Rotary Australia World Community Service Eastern Region Meeting held at Kiama over the weekend.

## FIRT WE HAVE THE RYPEN REPORT

### *RYPEN*

#### **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment**



RYPEN, under the sub-title of The Cultivation of Youth, is an Australian-designed project of young people between the ages of 14 and 17. It took its rise from the fact that there was little recognition for decent, hard-working young people and sets out to broaden horizons and lift aspirations in a supervised residential weekend seminar. Its stated aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards and broaden their horizons, culturally, socially and academically. Nominations for the seminar result from an approach made by Rotary Clubs to the local high school. The nominees are then directed to the district RYPEN chairman for selection and further communication. Where numbers become excessive for one seminar, it may be possible to conduct a further course later in the year. The cost for the weekend is usually carried by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs with assistance in transport where necessary, also being offered. The district RYPEN committee is responsible for the presentation of the weekend seminar. A program of thought-provoking activities, informative speakers, social situations and personal challenges is offered under the supervision of counselors and visiting Rotarians. Parents and Rotary club members are invited to attend the final session and lunch on Sunday. Rypennians, as with other youth program nominees, should be encouraged to address their sponsoring Rotary club on their return.

## ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE.

The RAWCS Eastern Region meeting was held at Kiama over last weekend and was attended by several members of this club. Those attending were Barry McConville, Waren Bond, **Veronica** Necyporuk and Trevor Withnall. All areas of RAWCS were discussed and these will be presented here.

## ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA

Adopt a village is progressing well and many clubs in Australia have taken up the call and formed alliances with other clubs to support this project. For as little as A\$250 a club can contribute and become part owner of a village program. The normal cost for a small village would be around A\$1,000 and for a larger village around A\$2500 depending of course on the size of the village. One item of great note was that in parts of Choiseul ( an Island in the Solomons group) there had been and infection rate of 300 per 1000 people for malaria infections. This infection rate of about 1/3 is normal in these areas. After the bed nets were installed in these villages with other mosquito eradication techniques such as removing stagnant water and other breeding places the infection rate dropped to 20 per 1000. Now after three years the infection rate has dropped to a staggering 2 per 1000 in those areas with bed nets. The experts are saying this is phenomenal and probably better than can be achieved with vaccination should the proposed vaccine become available in the near future. Another tick for a Rotary Health Program.

## TSUNAMI PROGRAMS

RAWCS has received over \$1.2 million for Tsunami relief and has been told that many clubs and other organisations still have money assigned to the Tsunami damage but are waiting to see worthwhile projects to put it to. Of the \$1.2M has already been used for club projects and approved RAWCS projects in the region. In conjunction with the Rotary Club of turramurra a project is underway in Aceh to build orphanages. These will include schools, accommodation, computer literacy etc. This program will be run by the Catholic Church. Some funding from Rotary and some funding from SOS an Austrian childrens charity.