



## News Update | Spring 2016

### DISASTER AID AT THE ROTARY INSTITUTE (Zones 7B & 8)

By **Peter Faulkner**, Director and Treasurer, **Disaster Aid Australia**, member and Charter President of the **Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (D9820 Vic.)**

Our Rotary Club Project, **Disaster Aid Australia** was delighted to be invited to provide a **Keynote Speaker** for the combined **Rotary Zone Institute** for Zones 7B (*New Zealand*) and 8 (*Australia*) in early September in Penrith, NSW.



**Disaster Aid International** Chairman **David Langworthy** (a member and Past President of the **RC of Endeavour Hills**) addressed delegates in the session immediately following lunch on the second day of the Institute.

David's talk concentrated on the vital supply of safe water to communities affected by disasters, or just suffering from the effects of water-borne diseases.

David's theme was, '**A child without clean water is ... a disaster**', and he outlined some of the water projects Disaster Aid had completed. He explained how the Australian-invented **SkyHydrant™** filter (which removes bacteria and viruses and lasts for more than 10 years, with minimal maintenance) was used in these projects and can provide enough clean, safe water for more than 350 families.

He then described a project in Colombia, South America where Disaster Aid is working with the RC of Bogotá Teusaquillo and District 4281 for a Rotary Foundation Grant to enable installation of **SkyHydrants** in 70 rural schools. David asked the current District Governors to consider supporting the proposal with funding of \$5,000 per District.

The presentation was well received, and during the next two days our information stand was kept very busy with requests for information, particularly on the **SkyHydrant** water filtration systems, and the many Disaster Aid safe water projects.

#### At the Disaster Aid stand ...



Past RI President **Ron Burton** with **Jan Burney**, Disaster Aid Australia's Office Manager.

*Our volunteers were kept busy throughout ...*



## OUR ONGOING WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

*Rotarians, working with others to rebuild communities ... together.*

The **Disaster Aid International** partnership with **The Balay Mindanaw Foundation** has already gone a long way: from *Typhoon Sendong (Washi)* in 2011, *Typhoon Pablo (Bopha)* in 2012, *Bohol* earthquake in 2013, and *Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan)* in 2013 where we provided temporary shelters, family survival kits and Shelter Repair Kits (SRKs) to survivors and communities affected by disasters in Mindanao and Visayas.



Together, DAI, Balay Mindanaw and *SkyJuice Foundation* have also partnered with the objective that every child in the Philippines has access to safe drinking water. To date, DAI has donated 45 *SkyHydrants* to Balay Mindanaw and 24 have already been installed in 19 barangays (villages) in Mindanao and Visayas directly benefitting 6,700 families.

*There is more to be done ... and it is ongoing.*

## DISASTER AID INTERNATIONAL – news and updates

- DAI 's **Ecuador earthquake appeal** still needs any assistance that can be provided.
- DAI Chairman **David Langworthy**, will be in **Malaysia** in October for the **Disaster Aid Malaysia** Conference: delegates to this event are self-funding (as *all* of David's are).
- David will then visit the **Philippines** for meetings with partner, **The Balay Mindanaw Foundation**, local Government and Rotary Clubs. One club in particular, the **RC of West Cagayan De Oro** has become increasingly involved with DAI and its work.
- A week after return, David goes to Chile, and then **Colombia** to meet with the Rotary Clubs in **Bogotá** behind the **<sup>1</sup>Safe Water for Rural Schools Project**. Then to **Cartagena, Colombia** to meet with another Rotary Club who has a water project, and then to **Chapecó, Brazil** to meet with Rotarians from all the Chapecó Rotary Clubs who want to set up **Disaster Aid Brazil**. Interestingly whilst in Chapecó they have arranged a meeting with the University in Chapecó to talk about Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Mitigation.
- From, Brazil he will go to Uruguay to meet with the **RC of Plaza Matriz** who is setting up **Disaster Aid Uruguay**. (David *then* hopes to have a couple of days off in Uruguay! – *Ed.*)



### **<sup>1</sup>Safe Water for Rural Schools Project in Colombia**

Nine clubs in D4281 in Bogotá are well advanced with an application for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, thanks to mounting support of Rotarians around the world (for instance in Canada where the **RC of Montreal** has just added another \$2,500 to the pot).

DAI is to the fore in assisting with this project that will benefit "close to 10,000" in Colombia.

**We will appreciate any help you can give: \*DDF is an *ideal* way of assisting us.**

Here is a link that gives more details:

<http://www.matchinggrants.org/global/project1167.html>

## DES WATTS: ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... OUT WEST

**Des Watts**, from **Berri SA** (who earlier this year drove the eastern seaboard of Australia promoting Disaster Aid in some 30 Rotary clubs) has now *gone west*. He has been, or is scheduled to be a guest speaker at clubs including Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Mundaring, Heirisson, Morley, Kalamunda, Kenwick, Belmont, Perth, Como, Subiaco, Melville, Mandurah District, Colлие, Albany Port and Esperance Bay.

*Des, pictured with Pres. Sandra Brown at the RC of Heirisson WA*



## OTHER NEWS SNIPPETS

- It's been a busy year. Not only the Zone Institute but many presentations were made at Rotary clubs by Endeavour Hills Rotarians. **Martin Pater** promoted DAA at **Charlestown, Kiama and Runaway Bay**. **Paul Morris** was at **Noosa Heads**, while **Peter Faulkner** presented at **Townsville, Townsville Central, Port of Townsville, Ross River, and Thuringowa-Central**. Peter and his wife Lois were with Rotarians from all local Rotary clubs at a function organised by the Townsville club at the local showgrounds. The evening barbecue was also attended by members of the Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians.



One of the many District Conferences we attended was held in **Bunbury WA**.

Pictured [L-R] are Lois Faulkner, Stevie O'Reilly, DAA directors John O'Reilly and Peter Faulkner.

If you would like to have us at your District or Club events please contact **Jan Burney**:

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We will do our best to meet your needs.

- At the Shareholders and Senior Leaders meeting of leading engineering consultants **Norman Disney Young [NDY]** held at the *Intercontinental Hotel Adelaide* on 29 August, DAA was presented with a cheque for \$5,000 from its Charitable Trust. NDY has been a long term supporter and substantial donor to DAA over several years. DAA was represented by director and DART **Dave Tuzewski** who expressed our grateful appreciation.
- Congratulations to one of our DARTs, **Howard Bradfield** (Woodend, Vic.) on his recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow, and to our own **Peter Faulkner** with another sapphire pin.
- And, we have a new DAA Ambassador. PDG **Maureen Manning** (Batemans Bay) was at the DAI stand at the RI Convention in Seoul and then at the Zone Institute in Penrith. DAA director 'Bo' Morse and husband DGE John Lane visited her club and spoke about our work. Maureen was impressed, and wanted to help in promotion in D9710. *Welcome aboard!*

## 2017 ZONE INSTITUTE in DARWIN: Keynote Speaker for DAA

In our *Winter News Update*, we announced that A/Prof **Rhett Butler AM** has become a **Patron**. We are *now* pleased to announce that Rhett, the founder and chairman of **The SkyJuice Foundation**, a not-for-profit charity that provides sustainable water solutions for humanitarian and disaster relief will be a **Keynote Speaker** at the **2017 Rotary Zone Institute, Darwin NT**.



## DESTINATION OUTBACK ...

Members of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** recently participated in an event organised by the **Rotary Club of Dubbo South** to raise funds for the *Royal Flying Doctor Service*.

We loaned 'our' four-WD *Toyota* (kindly donated by a RC of Endeavour Hills member, and used by Des Watts earlier this year) and received considerable publicity in NSW over the 8 days of this extraordinary effort by dedicated Rotarians.



'Our' no. 21 was one of 54 cars travelling together on what was a highly successful event. We were only too pleased to have been able to help. Rotarians ... *working together*.

## 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### A note for your diary ...



➔ Our **Third Conference** is scheduled for **FRI 5 – SUN 7 May 2017**.

The 2016 Conference held earlier this year was a great success with lots of information about our programs and plans. And we had fun and, great fellowship too! So, make a note of the dates: we would love you to join us.



### Will you please help support the work of Disaster Aid Australia?

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**PATRON**  
**Rhett Butler AM**



☹ Just as this News Update was about to be printed, we were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of our first Patron, **Max Walker AM**. An appreciation of Max's committed support for DAA will appear in the next edition – **Ed**.