

While WASH is the presenting item for this report, in light of the presenting global health issues and involvement with international Rotary Districts, other focus area of service project proposals were addressed in the last months. Assistance from other Rotary Clubs or Districts are sought for projects.

CAMBODIA

1. Cambodia Clean Water and Toilets Project

Last year, the RC of Central Melbourne decided to become involved with Cambodia Clean Water & Toilets (CCWT), a registered charity under the guidance of Darrel Steer, a member of the D9800 Passport Club. CCWT had been working in Kok Tnoth, a village near Siem Reap since 2015 and at that stage had installed 400 toilets and around 130 clean water bores in the village. The support of the RC Central Melbourne enabled the installation of a further 12 toilets and clean water bores, together with sanitation training. Recipients of the toilets and bores paid a small amount of money as “buy in” and participate in training in sanitation and management of the toilets and bores. Villagers formed the team who constructed the toilets and dug the wells. All villagers in Kok Tnoth now have toilets and access to clean water. The focus of CCWT’s work has now moved to a neighbouring village, Kok Benh, where the same project approach is being implemented.

Partners: The RC of Central Melbourne, in conjunction with its Sister Club, RC of Cork, Ireland, and World of Difference

2. RC of Passport Melbourne & RC of Keilor East– In Progress.

A continuation of the previous RC Keilor East with RC of Melbourne Passport (RPM) to pursue further clean water through filtration.

Instead of Skyhydrants to consider implementation of bio sand water filtration in Cambodian schools.

Partners: RC of Passport Melbourne & RC of Keilor East

PHILIPPINES

3. RC Melbourne - To build a water pipeline distribution in Barangay Ikdan, Gen Nakar, Quezon. Funding approved, project to commence –\$ 15,000

Included are provision for a water pipeline, cluster water stations at Magsikap village and rural health center and rehabilitation of the water system at Magsikap Elem. School.

Partners: RC of Melbourne, Balwyn, District 3800, RC of Greater Marikina Valley, Dept of Education, Ruth Martinez

4. RC Melbourne – Review in progress to provide water filtration using Skyhydrants in 2 villages in La Union, Northern Luzon. \$ 6,000

Partners: RC of Ortigas Center District 3800 with RC of Melbourne

6. RC of Central Melbourne - – Review in progress to provide water filtration using Skyhydrants in 2 villages in Bgy Tumana, Marikina \$ 5,000

Partners: RC of Ortigas Center District 3800 with RC of Central Melbourne

7. In Kind - Assistance to Disasters Donations – Value - \$ 14,000

Cyclones and typhoons ravaged and destroyed villages in Leyte and Quezon. Shipped aid to the Philippines.

Partners: Donations in Kind, Ruth Martinez, Anne Holland

8. TONGA

RC of Melbourne – review towards providing aid to Tonga villages. Any other club or district that wish to participate, please let me know.

D9800 Albury Conference

The Conference in Albury experienced beautiful weather. While this was great for participants, it detracted from the displays, most people choosing to spend break time outdoors in the sun, rather than exploring the different set-ups.

However, the RAWCS display was approached by a member of the Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook, which has recently been introduced to a new water project in Ghana.

The Club is currently exploring the possibility of providing potable bore water and sanitary toilets for the people of a suburb of Accra, the capital city of Ghana.

We look forward with interest to how this progresses.