

ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LIMITED

**ACN 003 444 264
ABN: 37 739 341 003**

ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Contents

2	Officers 2001-2002
3	Objects of RAWCS Ltd
4	Chairman's Report
5	Organizational Structure of RAWCS Ltd
6	Report of Executive Officer
7	Project Volunteers
8	RAM - Rotarians Against Malaria
10	Donations-In-Kind
12	Funding of Miscellaneous International Projects
12	Evaluation of Projects
12	AusAID Liaison Report
14	Financial Statements

ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LIMITED

2001/2002 Office Bearers

RAWCS LTD. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director (Chairman)	Terry Lees
Director	Ed Chenery
Director	Lew Pretorius
Director	Robert Brookes
Director	Sylvia Byers
Director (DGE Nominee)	Des Hoskings
Director (Regional Chairman Nominee)	George Golding
Director (Immediate Past Board Chairman)	Gerry Faulkner
Director (Executive Officer)	Bill Donaldson
Company Treasurer	Don Durie
Company Secretary	Brian Doyle

THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Officer (Chairman)	Bill Donaldson
AusAID Liaison Officer	Len Goodman
National Project Coordination Chairman	Neil Webber
National Project Evaluation Chairman	Garrick Baker
National Project Funding Chairman	Tim Lee-Steere
National Donations-in-Kind Chairman	Bill Waterfield
National Marketing Chairman	Duncan Bird
Rotarians Against Malaria Chairman	Richmond Manyweathers
Regional Chairman: Northern	George Golding
Eastern	Alex Gow
Southern	Alan Shadbolt
Central	John Jackson
Western	David Barton
Rotary New Zealand World Community Service	Stuart Batty
Company Treasurer	Don Durie
Company Secretary	Brian Doyle

ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LIMITED

OBJECTS OF RAWCS LTD.

- To encourage and foster the advancement of International Goodwill and Understanding.
 - To encourage Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Districts and others to participate in meaningful World Community Service projects in other countries
 - To co-ordinate the World Community Service activities of Rotary Clubs and Districts where this is considered necessary and/or requested
 - To seek and select suitable World Community Service projects in other countries and to seek the active co-operation of Rotary Clubs and Districts in their execution
 - To encourage proper professional administration and reporting of World Community Service projects undertaken by Rotary Clubs and Districts.
 - To act for RAWCS in dealings with Governments, National Insurance Underwriters, Corporate Affairs Commissioners and other bodies and/or departments, concerning requests for overseas assistance and all other matters consistent with the objects of Rotary Australia World Community Service.
 - To promote co-operation between Rotary Clubs, District, Australian Regions and The Rotary Foundation as appropriate.
 - To promote the use of The Rotary Foundation Grants programs and AusAID subsidies to enhance the effectiveness of World Community projects.
- To promote co-ordination with New Zealand Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts in World Community Service projects conducted in common areas of need.

INTERNET

The Australian Rotary Internet Website is located at www.rotary.org.au
link to RAWCS Ltd

RAWCS Ltd Annual Report
Compiled by Brian Doyle
Company Secretary

2001/2002 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The recent tragic events all over our world have brought us to the realisation that the world is indeed our neighbour. No longer can we ignore what happens somewhere else in the world. We are all connected.

The Butterfly Effect is a popular theory that is based on the principle that everything in life is connected. Everything, no matter how small. So, if a butterfly flaps its wings on one side of the world, eventually the influence will be felt on the other side of the world.

We have wonderful opportunities to help our fellow men and women through Rotary Australia World Community Service. In international service you can do so much more with so much less. There are countless millions whose lives are touched by the magic of Rotary. That magic which makes despair disappear and in its place brings hope. Hope without which life is mere existence.

Donations In Kind is a project that allows us to do more with less. So often it is what we no longer want to use in our developed countries, being out-of-date, that is dramatically helpful to countries in the Third World. Very obvious examples are tuition books being sent overseas or basic hospital equipment being sent to an area where it fulfils such a need.

We say, "Rotarians make a difference." And it's true. Every Rotarian that serves as a Rotary Volunteer, every club that collects goods for Donations In Kind, and every club that is involved in World Community Service is making a difference in our world. Without Rotarian support and participation, our programs have no meaning.

There were two significant changes recommended at last year's August meeting of the Board of Directors and endorsed by the Council of Governors at the Annual General Meeting in November. The first related to the organisational structure of the Board of RAWCS, whilst the second was the timing of meetings of the National Advisory Committee and the Board.

It was felt that the annual turnover of five District Governors was detrimental to continuity of membership of the Board and that a system more in keeping with the District Leadership Plan was desirable. The new structure allows for two District Governor-Elects, two current District Governors and two Immediate Past Governors. This means that a DGE coming on to the Board has the opportunity to serve for three consecutive years. Apart from the benefits of retaining experience and assisting the Secretary in his duties, there should also be an improvement in promotion of RAWCS and its ideals to Australian Rotarians.

The National Advisory Committee will now meet annually on the day prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. This will enable the Board to immediately deal with any issues or recommendations put forward to it by the NAC, whilst they are current. Previously, any NAC recommendations could not be formally dealt with for twelve months, because the Board met earlier.

During the year we also endorsed the appointment of a RAWCS National Coordinator for East Timor. Rotary District 9550, through the Rotary Club of Darwin, sponsored a provisional club in Dili in 2000 and much of the support provided to East Timor had previously been coordinated by the clubs in the Northern Territory. Rotary Clubs from throughout Australia and other parts of the world have been enthusiastic in wanting to provide support and unwittingly placed an unrealistic burden on Northern Territory Rotarians. The Board saw the need to ensure effective coordination of this support and it was considered appropriate to appoint a National Coordinator from within the Rotary District of which East Timor would be a part. Ray Fauntleroy was the initial appointee, but he was forced to withdraw because of work commitments and PDG John McLaren subsequently replaced him. As National Coordinator for East Timor, John is working with a sub-committee consisting of one member from each of the RAWCS Regions.

It is imperative that Clubs and Regions wishing to provide support to East Timor do so through the National Coordinator. We need to guarantee that any aid does truly benefit the people for whom it

was intended. A national database of suggested projects, donations-in-kind and matching grant opportunities can be accessed by Rotary Clubs.

RAWCS continues to work through a number of committees that operate in specific areas of activity. These include Rotarians Against Malaria, Donations In Kind, AusAID, RAWCS Volunteers, National Projects Funding, Project Evaluation and Promotion/Education. The Board is deeply indebted to the many people involved in these magnificent groups because it is their work that contributes so much to the success of the organisation as a whole.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chair of RAWCS during 2001/2002. My special thanks go to Brian Doyle and Bill Donaldson for their support and guidance during this time and I extend every best wish to the 2002/2003 Board.

Terry Lees
Chair 2001/2002

2001/2002 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The activities of RAWCS Ltd and its support to our neighbouring countries has continued to grow during the past year. Many committees made up of our Rotarians have given their valuable time for the common good of mankind.

Company Secretary PDG Brian Doyle has made himself available at all times and I thank him personally for his sound advice, attention to detail and his outstanding application to his position.

My thanks also to PDG Don Durie our Treasurer for the prompt and efficient manner he has dealt with the finances of RAWCS. Don is retiring from the position of Treasurer and I wish him well for the future.

PDG Terry Lees has carried out tremendous work as Chairman of the Board, thank you Terry and also the 23 District Governors comprising the Council of RAWCS for their input.

RAWCS Volunteers

The supply of volunteers commenced slowly this year but by the end of June 2002 there had been 324 volunteers out of the country, an increase on 299 out last year. Because of the large number of projects not completed from last year's survey, the Board decided not to send a survey team this year. However, we were represented at the Papua New Guinea Forum by PDG Bill Waterfield thus keeping in contact with the Rotary Clubs of PNG and the Solomon Islands. Our thanks must go to the Chairman of National Project Volunteers, PP Neil Webber, as he will be standing down after 3 years of committed service. Our thanks also to the Regional Chairmen who have supported him.

Donations In Kind

The growth of DIK is nothing short of staggering. Last year seemed an all time record of 55 containers out but this year 112 have been delivered out of the country. All regions have contributed to this, the largest growth coming from Southern region. To put this record growth into perspective, DIK has turned over \$7.518600 million dollars! To all the DIK Regional Chairmen and the thousands of everyday Rotarians who have assisted, thank you for your 'contribution to mankind'.

Rotary Against Malaria

The 3H grant funding for the major 'Bed Net' program where chemicals, environment restoration, community awareness etc., are being undertaken. The matching grants are progressing with transport purchased and radio programs financed, water tanks and repairs to clinics in hand. The five Microscopists houses are still experiencing problems of delivery to site. 'Bed Net' program is available to Rotary clubs working in PNG, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, again the most effective short term action to prevent malaria. The RAM Scientific Advisory Committee have produced a brochure called 'Roll back Malaria'. There is also a website available - www.marlaria.org.

RAWCS Evaluation Committee

AusAID suggests that projects over \$40,000 only, should be evaluated. To date this year, no over \$40,000 value projects have been submitted which suggests that regions are not submitting their projects for evaluation.

AusAID

RAWCS has been accredited with AusAID as a 'Base accredited Organisation' with \$100,000 allocation. Total 2002 funding of \$100,000 has been allocated to projects for this year. For RAWCS to keep their accreditation, proof is required of funds and in-kind contribution expended on any overseas aid projects. This is a reminder to all clubs to please submit their forms for the above.

National Project Funding

This year's donations have totalled \$209,788 from all regions, well up from last year's figures of \$140,565.

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given throughout the year. Your committees have worked on their activities, all with one purpose whatever the activity - that is to achieve International understanding and making 'Mankind our Business'. In fact this year you will have achieved \$9,055,165 million in goods and services. This is a most remarkable and outstanding result and a great credit to the generosity of Australian Rotarians.

Bill Donaldson,

2001/2002 RAWCS Ltd, Executive Officer and Chairman, National Advisory Committee

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The governing body of Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited is the Council which consists of all the Australian Rotary District Governors of the day. The Council holds its Annual General Meeting at the time of the Rotary Zone Institute when the election of the Board, The National Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Advisory Committee, also the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the various National Activity Committees takes place.

The Board comprises of six Directors, an Executive Officer, a representative of the Regional Committees, the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, Treasurer and Company Secretary.

Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited - ACN 003 444 264 - being a public company limited by guarantee, is bound by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Copies of these documents are available for perusal, as well as the Regulations of RAWCS Ltd.

The Executive Officer is the Chairman of the National Advisory Committee and is responsible to co-ordinate and manage the various Activities of Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited and report to the Board on a regular basis.

The National Advisory Committee comprises the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Company Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairman of each Activity, and the Chairman of each Region.

Australia is divided into five regions, (Northern, Eastern, Southern, Central, Western) each with a Regional Committee which mirrors the National Advisory Committee structure and the Regions are responsible to the Executive Officer. Each Regional Committee includes representatives from each District within their Region.

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)

Introduction:

Malaria remains one of the world's biggest killers. Children and pregnant women are its main victims. 30% of the world's population is at risk. RAM is committed to both reducing this mortality in the short run and to promoting research into a longer term solution. Treatment and prevention are our twin goals.

RAM has been active at the national and regional level throughout the past year and now seeks greater involvement of clubs in sponsoring smaller, more manageable projects. Bed Net save lives in malaria endemic areas. Clubs can assist by sponsoring treated Bed Nets for village and community groups in endemic areas.

On a larger scale we have RAM's continuing involvement with the Solomon Islands Malaria Control Program together with established links with other RAM programs from around the Rotary world. The support of the Rotary Foundation in providing grants (3-H and Matching Grants) for the Solomon Islands project is much appreciated. Further details are available on www.geocities.com/ramaustralia/. RAM also operates as an arm of RAWCS, construction of buildings is undertaken by RAWCS Project Volunteer (FAIM) teams, goods are moved with DIK support. The dedication of the National RAM committee is commended. International projects inevitably involve frustration and delays because of local political and other disturbances, working in the Solomon Islands in recent years has been no exception.

The Solomon Islands Malaria Control Program

Officially launched on 11 October 2001 the **3H Grant (US\$525,000)** is funding a major Bed Net program, chemicals, environmental restoration, community awareness and management (labour, monitoring and training). All activities are being managed in accordance with The Rotary Foundation's guidelines and are being undertaken in conjunction with the WHO and Solomon Islands Health authorities. Their assistance is much appreciated. The first installment of funds has been received and action is proceeding. Further funds for the next phase are anticipated shortly.

The **Matching Grant (11694 & 11674; each for US\$100,000)** are progressing with the purchase of transport, financing a radio program, water tanks, containers (security) and repairs. A major environmental project to drain a large swamp is being revised because of cost escalation.

Provision and Erection of Five Microscopists' Houses (Solomon Islands):

Two kit houses are in Honiara (June 2002) awaiting transport to their site (Sassamunga) when the only suitable local vessel, a coastal barge, comes back into operation. The houses have been financed by Eastern and Central Regions and will be constructed by RAWCS Project Volunteer FAIM teams from those two Regions assisted by local labour. Three additional houses are planned. These are being funded by Southern and Northern Regions and both would welcome additional funds to assist in this phase of the project. The third house has been funded by the very generous support of the Rotary Club of Hornsby who have been granted naming rights for the house. These houses will provide living accommodation and clinic facilities for the malariologists whose role is to monitor the incidence of malaria within local communities. Funds will eventually be needed for their equipment.

RAM Scientific Advisory Committee:

This committee provides links with the worldwide malaria research community via Prof. Annette Gero at the University of NSW. Chaired by PDG Ted

Atkinson, the committee accesses advice from the research community for clubs wishing to undertake projects, relays advice on research achievements, provides research grants and produces the RAM

brochure. The “Roll Back Malaria” website is a valuable resource for updates on the battle against this disease <www.malaria.org>.

The Bed Net Program:

Dr. Bill Walker <wdwalker@idl.net.au> is the contact for clubs wishing to undertake Bed Net programs. Bed netting is the most effective short term action to prevent malaria. Detailed information is available on the size, colour, denier, price and treating of nets as well as sources for supply. Access is available for club programs in PNG, Vanuatu the Solomon Islands and, hopefully, East Timor. This is a complex area and Dr. Walker’s research will be invaluable to clubs in this regard.

Finance: Support is still required to complete the microscopists housing project. The committee will also allocate 10% of all donations to research projects in Australia related to malaria. As funds become available the committee hopes to offer ‘mini matching grants’ to clubs wishing to undertake appropriate programs such as providing Bed Nets for an entire village. Details will be advised in due course when the housing program is fully funded and finalised.

General: There are three matters for future action. First, success will only be achieved through greater club participation in the fight against malaria; second, RAM is currently investigating closer links with the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund to present a broader front to the public and members as Rotary’s contribution to community health; and third, greater emphasis must be placed on links with District and Club RAM officers to ensure better communication about RAM activities. To assist these initiatives, a new RAM brochure is currently being distributed to highlight the committee’s work and to seek further financial support.

3H - Beam of Hope Project

The aim of the Beam of Hope Project was to reduce the unacceptably high rate of diabetes induced blindness and visual loss in Fiji, resulting from a disease known as diabetic retinopathy. A Rotary 3H grant for US\$150,050 was awarded to the Rotary Club of Summerland Sunrise Inc and cosponsoring committee comprising the Rotary Clubs of Suva, Suva East and Suva North in November 1998, to implement the project.

In accordance with the agenda approved by The Rotary Foundation, a modern ophthalmic laser clinic was established in Suva in 1999. Expert training in laser surgery techniques to treat diabetic retinopathy was provided by Rotarians and non-Rotary volunteers to the hospital ophthalmic medical staff. Lectures were also administered to general practitioners to acquaint them with the nature of diabetic retinopathy and the part they could play in minimising its development.

Diabetes and eye screening clinics to detect patients suffering from symptomless but curable diabetic retinopathy were established in differing locations in and around Suva. Since 1999, these have been staffed both by local doctors and nurses as well as visiting volunteers from the Rotary Club of Summerland Sunrise.

Since a successful outcome to the project has depended on convincing the public that the risk of diabetic blindness can be reduced by up to 90% by simply lowering blood sugar levels and seeking annual eye examination, the main thrust of the project continues to be the creation of a comprehensive and powerful educational campaign utilising radio and television emphasising this message.

We can now proudly state that the project’s initial aims have been achieved. Public awareness that diabetes is one of the world’s commonest causes of blindness has grown from virtually nil in 1996 to about 90% of the population in 2002. After a tentative start, many thousands now regularly attend the Beam of Hopes’ sponsored blood and eye screening clinics in Fiji and several thousand have received sight saving laser surgery at the Beam of Hope Ophthalmic Laser Unit in Suva.

NATIONAL PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

A year of consolidation together with an attempt to achieve better communication between the regions and the National Committee Chairman has met with less than average success.

A total of 324 volunteers travelled overseas to work on projects in PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji, East Timor, Nepal, Vanuatu and Tanzania. They came from the following Regions:

Northern Region 40, Eastern Region 105, Southern Region 155, Central Region 24 and Western Region 0. In addition several volunteers from Western Region travelled to PNG to carry out electrical maintenance work at the George Brown High School.

The RAWC Executive decided not to conduct a Project Survey in PNG and the Solomon Islands this year as there was a considerable number of project still on the books. There were mixed feelings regarding this decision but it was considered necessary as there were numerous projects from last year which had not come to fruition. The overall reduction in expenditure will enable some consolidation of funds. It is expected that a Project Survey will be conducted in April/May 2003.

A Project Volunteer Coordinators meeting was held on 6-7 July in Sydney to allocate and coordination project activity for the coming year. This meeting was attended by all Regional Project coordinators as well as the RAWCS Executive Officer. Unfortunately two Project Coordinators had been ill during the year and this had impacted on the number of volunteers attracted to projects. The meeting was extremely successful and ensured that new coordinators were fully briefed on their roles. It also allowed the Visa application coordinator to clarify the current requirements and to ensure correct procedures are being followed.

The success of the Project Volunteer Programme and orderly and inspirational manner in which the National Committee and the five Regions have worked together during the past three years has been entirely due to the dedication and commitment of the five Regional coordinators and the two National coordinators. This dedication and commitment has resulted in outstanding project work being carried out in numerous third world countries.

DONATIONS IN KIND

The Donations in Kind Project is alive in all regions where volumes of goods despatched have reached new high levels. Reports from the regions show that apart from the formal or central activity driven by the RAWCS DIK co-ordinator, clubs are doing their own thing and shipping as required to their own selected destinations. While this is to be commended, co-ordination at the receiving end can at times be confusing as all deliveries are seen as Donations in Kind (that also goes for Ranfurly books).

That matter apart, I find it difficult to summarise the year's activities in words other than those used last year where the importance of a stable, central warehouse was emphasised together with funding for shipping containers. Some regions have satisfactory storage, albeit on a delicate tenure and this reflects in the output volume. Funding is never easy but corporate sponsorship has assisted together with occasional shipping costs paid by the receiving organisations. Looking to the future, District Governors must be made aware that in many Districts Donations in Kind is supported by more volunteer hours and club dollars than any other project and is responsible annually for more than five million dollars of humanitarian aid to developing countries. Support from a District for Donations in Kind can approach zero if the District Governor shows little interest in RAWCS projects.

Eastern Region:

This has been a busy year for the Eastern Region depot at Prospect, with support from all the District Clubs. The depot was open on 103 days with 60 clubs joining in the fellowship of the normal activities required to keep the goods moving. Besides Rotary Clubs attending, other organisations who needed help came and loaded containers, Jesu Foundation from Bangladesh, Friends of Chile, Doctors from Katmandu, Rotaract Clubs and personnel from Port Vila District Hospital, with a total of 573 Rotarians and friends attended. A total of 16 containers, 20ft unless stated otherwise, have been despatched as follows:

3 and 1 40ft to Chile	mainly hospital beds
1 to Bangladesh	hospital equipment/consumables
1 to Wewak, PNG	hospital consumables
4 to Lautoka, Fiji	clothing, hospital equip, books
1 to Port Moresby	school desks, chairs, text books
2 to Vanuatu	hospital beds for hospital
1 to Solomon Islds	school desks, chairs for FAIM
1 to East Timor	educational consumables, desks, blackboards, paper, chalk etc.
1 40ft to Lae	consumables for hospitals

The majority of containers were paid for by Rotary Clubs and a benefactor from Victoria paid for the containers to the Port Vila project. RAWCS Eastern Region paid for two containers from club contributions. Regional clubs have been generous throughout the year with contributions. The floor at Prospect has been concreted and this has given more space for goods stored. President Bhichai Rattakul visited the store in June and showed interest in the RAWCS organisation and stated, "This is what Rotary Service is all about, hands-on with enthusiasm and enjoying it for the benefit of others". The Rotary Club of Prospect is running the 'Computers for Kids' project from computers delivered to Prospect store. These computers are checked and sent overseas as required. The project is working well. The program for 2002-2003 is already in hand with containers scheduled for the Philippines, East Timor, Mongolia, Nepal and Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Central Region

Both stores, at Salisbury and Glenelg are jammed full of goods and equipment. Working bees are planned at Glenelg to sort, refurbish and prepare the donations for shipment to Salisbury for containerising. This process is a first and will allow for a quicker turn around and will include District 9520 in a hands-on international project. Since starting DIK education program many Rotary Clubs have become involved in working bees, the education to be supported by a Powerpoint presentation. Packing goods for the containers has been made easy by using one way box pallets which clip

together, hold 1 ton and are stackable. Container movements were started in February and are as follows:

1 to Suva	hospital beds and equipment	
1 to PNG	hospital, medical, dental, books	
1 to Solomon Islds	hospital, medical, dental,	clothes, books
1 to Honiara	hospital, medical, dental,	clothes, books
1 to Tonga	hospital, medical, dentals,	books, optical, home

Funding for the containers is not easy but is improving with Rotary education about DIK Central Region. This is a year of consolidation and education, with a lot of work still to be done. With the enquiries coming in from overseas 2002-2003 is going to be a very exciting year.

Southern Region

This has been a busy year for Southern Region with a lot of activity at each store with particular emphasis placed on goods to East Timor. The value of goods shipped is estimated in excess of \$2 million at a cost of \$127,000 and 5,000 hours spent. Shipments were as follows:

1 to Kenya	2 to Vanuatu
1 to Tanzania	2 to Tonga
1 to Solomon Islands	3 to Fiji
6 to PNG	1 to Samoa
20 to East Timor	

Containers were despatched from Broadmeadows, Tasmania, Geelong and Altona. It was reported last year the Region has stores dispersed throughout the Districts. A central store is maintained in Melbourne rented from the Federal Government.

Western Region

A 20ft container was sent to Port of East London via Durban, South Africa. Contents included 25,000 high quality primary school books. The local Rotary club distributed the books to 15 schools in the area. Mention was made of the sets of encyclopedias and the request for more. Talking books and audio tape machines were also included along with general books for teenagers, adults and children. Fifty cartons of books and activity materials were supplied to an occupational therapist going to work in Kenya. Notre Dame University continue to send a 20ft container to East Timor every 8 weeks. Negotiations are underway for a further shipment of books to Tanzania and South Africa. The receiving and packing facility has proved to be a success enabling the clubs to organise working bees. A number of clubs continue to work on DIK projects without reference to RAWCS and whilst this is to be encouraged, obtaining details is difficult. It is noted that 25 pallets of mixed books were sent to Northern Region early in the year when we were asked to vacate the particular storage area at short notice.

Northern Region

Forty eight containers were despatched during the last year mainly to PNG as follows:

7 to Boroko
5 to PNG and Honiara (Solomon Islands)
3 to Huon Gulf, Lae, Kimbe, Madang
2 to Kavieng, Rabaul, Wewak, Mt. Hagen, Samoa
1 to Suva, Suva Peninsula, Goroka, Popondetta, Alotau

Included in the above are two containers with kit homes sent to Honiara for the 3H RAM project; two ambulances in containers sent to Rotary Club of Apia with medical equipment and fire service uniforms; a container full of school equipment was sent to a Fiji primary school that was trashed during the coup attempt; a container to Popondetta with equipment for the Kokoda Hospital. The strength of the DIK project, lies with the volunteers who readily and regularly give of their time. Time spent at The Park store last year totalled 9,000 hours from 2,550 visits by Rotarians, partners and

friends. These hours are put in by the Grey Brigade who attend every Thursday morning and Rotarians from the four clubs who are rostered on to load the containers. Two containers are loaded twice a month on the second and fourth weekend of the month. Operational costs for the year totalled \$128,000, still good value for a project donating an estimated \$3 million of humanitarian aid. Fundraising is ongoing and was boosted this year by a Matching Grant for almost \$50,000.

Life has been made a little easier working from the new store at The Park but the total last year stretched our resources particularly with manpower and funding. Business students from the QUT studied the DIK operation and came up with a marketing strategy to cater for the expansion of the project. The proposals are currently being assessed and may show us the direction we should be taking to relieve the workload and raise more funding. Computers for Kids is still running well with a total of recycled computers distributed to date of 450. A small team works at The Park every Saturday morning on overhauling the computers before distribution.

NATIONAL PROJECT FUNDING

General

This Rotary year has shown a considerable variation in the numbers and amounts of donations received.

Donations totalling \$209,788 were received as follows:

Northern Region	\$36,775
Eastern Region	\$13,510
Southern Region	\$117,601
Central Region	\$13,317
Western Region	\$10,696

and other non-regional donations \$10,696.

The outstanding result was the strong support provided to the John Fawcett Foundation (formerly the Bali Eye Clinic) for the amount of \$97,815.

While difficult to explain, the variation in donations seems to reflect the economic climate in which we exist combined with a reduced commitment by Rotary clubs in supporting overseas projects. There is also a greater need for promotion and education regarding the project available through District meetings and the District Governors Newsletters. There has also been an impact from the difficulty in obtaining copies of the RAWCS Handbook. The decision not to reprint the Handbook each year was made for financial reasons but the lack of Handbooks and the large number of amendments in the last couple of years has made identification of suitable projects difficult. This problem is being addressed at the National level and some combination of hard copy and electronic support is being investigated.

RAWCS EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Background

The function of Project Evaluation was established in response to AusAID's requirements to ensure that subsidised projects truly serve as beneficial to recipient communities in the long term when evaluated against the claims made in the application for funds. AusAID also stated that evaluation can be justified only when the cost and complexity of a project so warrants - \$40,000, was said to be a practical minimum. In some cases evaluations need to be made several years after formal completion, so that long term viability is covered.

Present Position

No programs over \$40,000 have been submitted to the Committee for evaluation. This could be due to AusAID not funding projects over \$40,000 limit, due to our reduced status. This has drastically affected the viability of the Evaluation Committee. As well, Regions are not informing the Committee of completed non-AusAID projects over \$40,000. This is not satisfactory, somehow we have to improve our communication links.

When Regions, Districts, Clubs received Matching Grants for projects, there is a duty of responsibility on the recipients to submit a final report, including financial statements. The Evaluation Committee should receive copies of such reports for major projects involving expenditure over A\$40,000. An interim report should be filed on completion of the project. However, the final report should be after the project has been in operation for over a year, and the effectiveness of the project has been verified by a visual inspection from an independent source. It should be realised that not all projects would necessarily require a final inspection.

Recommendation

The present system is not working. Regions could establish a Regional Evaluation Sub Committee who would have the contacts to ensure Regions, Districts undertaking major projects, submit their final reports. The Regional Evaluation Sub Committees could then forward with comments, copies of the reports to the National Evaluation Committee for further action. Of note, it has never been the intention of the National Evaluation Committee to extensively evaluate every project.

AusAID LIAISON REPORT

May 15 ANCP Round: Four applications were approved totalling \$102,750. All four were from Eastern Region, although there was an increased level of enquiry from other Regions.

- a) RC Crows Nest (D9680) "Basic Education" - Binxian County, Shaanxi Province, China for \$34,000
- b) RC Crows Nest "Vision Care Nepal" Districts of Kavre and Manage (with RC Katmandu) for \$12,000
- c) RC Burwood (D9690) "Xinbuzi Village Water Project and Roof Rainwater Collection" - Binxian County, Shaanxi Province, China for \$34,440.
- d) RC Warragul, Vic, D9820 West Java "Village Schools" Project for \$10,400.

A fifth project was not supported but AusAID proposed resubmission. RC of Ginninderra, ACT (D9710) "Deep Tube Wells", Khulna Bangladesh (with RC Khulna North) for \$22,000.

A total of \$90,800 in subsidies were achieved in the May round of support of a total project value of \$315,650 - RC's component \$81,950 and other contributions such as Rotary volunteers and in-country support of \$142,900.

Getting the message out about AusAID subsidies and collecting information from clubs about their overseas aid expenditure and voluntary service has always been a challenge! Rotary can have a circuitous communications route, especially when tight deadlines are involved.

Every email connected Rotary Club in Australia with details of AusAID Grants; a request to complete Annual RAWCS Returns; information on how to access the AusAID "NGO package of Information" and information concerning the "Certificates of Appreciation" (CAP) which is presented annually by the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to recognise "overseas returned volunteers in the service of international development and poverty reduction". A number of clubs have taken up the offer to "register" to receive further information direct and interest is continuing. Information will continue to be sent to Regional Chairmen for distribution through normal channels via District International Service Directors and onto clubs.

The recent Federal Budget includes a total NGO funding in 2002-03 of \$26.4 million, a marginal rise by \$100,000 from the total of \$114.4m (up \$4.7m or 2.2%) for "Community Programs". Overall, Australia's overseas aid order of priorities are reflected in areas such as - Basic Education up 8% to 31% (more on Primary with Secondary down 6%); Basic Health Care up 6% to 43% of total Health Sector funding; Basic Social Services are at 13%. Issues such as good governance and economic growth are strongly supported with further emphasis on gender issues. Australia's official development assistance (ODA) is \$1.1815B in 2002-3 - up \$90m or 3%. This is 0.25% of growth national income against an average 0.22% worldwide. There is an increase to \$116.4m for Emergency, Humanitarian and Refugee Programs - with \$52.4m for Emergencies (up \$15m).

Certificates of Appreciation (CAP). Rotary numbers are very disappointing this year, with only 25 persons being nominated. There must be a large number who have given service but who have not been nominated by Clubs, Districts or RAWCS.

RAWCS is a Base Accredited Organisation with our \$100,000 allocation, dependent upon proof of need and capacity. To preserve this status, clubs are required to report to RAWCS about funds and in-kind contributions expended on any overseas aid projects. Whilst this should be a simple and welcome procedure, strenuous efforts and constant reminders are needed to DG's and Regional Chairmen to remind clubs to submit the returns from end of year financial reports by completing the form found at the rear of the RAWCS Handbook. Our funding depends on income reported in our RDE return.

Director's Statement

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the financial statements are drawn up in accordance with Divisions 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs as at 30 June 2002 and the deficit for the financial year ended on that date of the company, and
 - (ii) the other matters with which they deal;

- (b) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The financial statements are drawn up in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Date:

Terry Lees
Chairman

Brian Doyle
Secretary

Director's Report

DIRECTORS	<p>The directors of the company during the year ended 30 June 2002 were:</p> <p>DG Terry Lees, DG Robert Brookes, DG Sylvia Byers, DG Ed Chenery, DG Lew Pretorius, DGE Des Hosking, PDG George Golding, PDG Gerry Faulkner, PDG Bill Donaldson.</p> <p>The directors of the company from 1 July 2002 are:</p> <p>PDG Terry Lees, DG Des Hosking, PDG Sylvia Byers, DG Russ O'Malley, DG Judith Ward, DGE Bill Holman, DGE David Moore, PDG Alex Gow and PDG Bill Donaldson.</p> <p>The directors did not receive any benefit or remuneration for their services.</p>
ACTIVITY	<p>The principal object of the company is to encourage and foster the advancement of international goodwill and understanding through international service activities within the general framework of Rotary International; there was no change in this activity during the year.</p>
RESULTS	<p>The excess of expenditure over income for the year was \$118,539.00.</p>
DIVIDENDS	<p>The company is a company limited by guarantee and as such is not permitted to distribute dividends to its members.</p>
MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<p>No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2002 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the operation of the company(ii) the results of those operations; and(iii) the state of affairs of the company <p>in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2002.</p>
REVIEW OF OPERATIONS	<p>The company has completed a successful year and the accompanying Annual Report gives details.</p>

Date:	Terry Lees Chairman	Brian Doyle Secretary
-------	------------------------	--------------------------

Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts

For the year ended 30 June 2002

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the relevant Accounting Standards, other professional reporting requirements and the Corporations Law.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical costs convention. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

NOTE 2 INCORPORATION

The company is a company incorporated under the Corporations Law as a company limited by guarantee and in the event of the company being wound up every member of the company undertakes to contribute an amount of \$10.00

NOTE 3 INCOME TAX

The Company is exempt from income tax.

NOTE 4 OVERSEAS AID FUND

The company administers the Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund approved under section 78(1)(a)(ixii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936. Gifts of \$2 or more to the Fund are *allowable deductions*.