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During Friday's world record-breaking Sydney Harbour bridge climb, Rotary members raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio.



Despite the physically gruelling four-hour trek up and down the bridge's storied steel arches, the 340 participants kept their good spirits and stood side-by-side waving 278 flags.

"It made me even prouder to be a Rotarian," said John Avakian from Healdsburg, California, USA. "It was an incredible experience of tremendous camaraderie."

"I think that's exactly what Rotary needs," said Nate Harimoto of Thousand Oaks, California, "a show of force from all around the world."



Welcome new Rotarian

Andy McCarthy.

**Inducted by
President John True
into the
Rotary Club of Strathalbyn.**

President John congratulates Andy and partner Jacqui, with Rotarian Mary Galea who nominated Andy.



Meet Barry O'Brien and Project 62/2012-13 Helping Hands

Barry is a 62 year old Butcher who lost his right arm in an accident three years ago. He owned two butcher shops in the Brisbane area and he is right handed.

He is an inspiration, such a positive attitude, nothing will beat him. He told me it took three hours to change a light bulb, he painted the inside of his house, he said he just persists until he gets the job done.

He has a prosthetic hand that costs \$23,500.00 that is of NO USE to him. It costs \$800.00 for a battery each year and it weighs just under 4 kilos and he can only wear it for two hours at a time. He has not used it for the last 22 months.

RAWCS gave me permission to operate outside the Project Registration description and I thank PP John Roberson and PDG Ailsa Hay for that. Barry was fitted with a Helping Hand last Friday and immediately used a biro and had a cup of coffee. It was very emotional for him because he was resigned to doing without any use of his right hand forever.

The hand he received was built by two young ladies attending this year's RYLA camp in District 9570 Carly Griffin from Bargara and Julie Briggs from Biloela. In one week he has been able to ride his push bike, use a knife and fork together for the first time in three years and YES use a chain saw to trim his sister's garden but he said it is a small chainsaw. I will also thank President Pam Gregory from the Hervey Bay Sunrise Rotary Club for her efforts to get this gift delivered. PDG Terry Daley.



The Rotary Club of Waiheke Island in New Zealand organised a spectacular race meeting on 2nd March 2014, when horses, tractors, wheelbarrows and children all came together for a day of fun and fashion. Read more of this story and many others in this month's Rotary Down Under E news [June E news](#)

District Directory changes.

John Rix is our District Insurance Officer and his mobile number is 0474 053 562. See page 140.

President Elect 2015-2016 for RC of Mildura Deakin is Melissa Amos 0488 266 777

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Community Director for RC Burnside is Peter Wierenga, partner Anne, 08 8331 1570, Mob 0407 337 739
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Magill Sunrise Homeless in June

The Magill Sunrise club will not be meeting at the Hectorville Sporting and Community Club, Fisher Street in June on account of building renovations. Although ad hoc arrangements are being planned, we ask Rotarians who are keen to join us for breakfast, to please defer their welcomed visit until after 1 July.

Ian Carman
Secretary



The Rotary Foundation Trustees met last month and made the following decisions:

- **Expanded eligibility for district grants.** Effective immediately, district grants can now fund youth programs (including Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotaract, or Interact), construction (including low cost shelters), travel for staff of cooperating organizations, scholar orientation seminars, grant management seminars, and activities primarily implemented by an organization other than Rotary.
- **Amended area of focus definition.** The Trustees updated the wording in the economic and community development area of focus definition to provide clarity. Community infrastructure projects continue to be ineligible, unless they result in a significant increase in the ability of community members to produce and distribute goods and services that create personal resources.
- **Phased out packaged grants.** Despite a number of successes, an evaluation of the organization's grants and partnerships models revealed notable changes between the original goals of packaged grants and the actual experience of Rotarians during the course of the pilot period and beyond. Such variation resulted in significant challenges in packaged grant implementation and scalability, as well as barriers to Rotarian participation. Therefore, the Trustees agreed to allow the current agreements for packaged grant options with the Foundation's strategic partners to expire at the end of their current terms, ending packaged grants when all active grants are closed.

As always, more information about Rotary grants is available online at www.rotary.org/myrotary/grants.



CALL TO ACTION

Countless millions around the world are suffering and for many, the programs run by clubs through The Rotary Foundation are their only hope of relief.

We might think we are struggling in these hard financial times but spare a thought for people that have absolutely nothing to lose.

With strong financial support we can make a difference, but we need to act now. June 30th is just around the corner so reach out and help someone in need now!

Your June contributions to the
Annual Fund are much needed.

HELENA GOLDIE HOSPITAL

International Project for Rotary Club of Burnside

The Helena Goldie Hospital is located at Munda in the Solomon Islands.



It has been a major project for many years. Club members have assisted in capital works such as painting, providing fly screens and improving the supply of fresh water. In recent times the club has supported staff to attend conferences or to upgrade their qualifications. This is the avenue that we will continue to support.



In May 2014 the club applied for a grant for the first stage of an upgrade to the sewage system. This is a response from the hospital to alleviate the overflow of sewage which is a health hazard.

Stage one involves installing six self contained solar powered pumps, and these units will discharge the treated sewerage water into a common dispersal area.

The hospital administration will ensure that a local labour force will have a central role in the installation and ongoing maintenance of the facility. PP Bob Cooper Chairman rg.cooper@bigpond.com 0418 802 986

For full details of the grant application click on the link below:-

GRANT APPLICATION [Rotary Club of Burnside Grant Application 2013v2.pdf](#)

Tax deductible donations can be made via the link-[RAWCS Donations](#)

RAWCS has established the **Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund (ABN: 21 388 376 554)** to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts in Australia to respond to needs of their projects in overseas countries. Tax deductibility is allowable for gifts to aid activities in those countries declared as 'developing' by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The list of approved developing countries is available from: http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/Pages/devel_list.aspx

Overseas Aid Funds must be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) before submitting an application to AusAID who recommend successful applicants to the Minister for Foreign Affairs for approval. Once approved the Deputy Treasurer is notified by DFAT and the applicant (RAOAF) is gazetted in the Commonwealth Government Gazette. Overseas Aid Funds are bound by the regulation of all these departments and organisations.

Projects can be registered with the RAOAF by Australian Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts who are of good standing with Rotary International.

Rotary Clubs and Districts operating RAOAF projects are acting as agents for RAWCS Ltd.

At the request of the National Treasurer, RAWCS projects in Central Region are now requested to put ALL donations requiring tax deductibility through our online donation facility. Any communication with PP Terry George your Central Region Treasurer should also include a copy to Belinda Griffen (bgriffen@rotarydownunder.com.au) (Business Phone (02) 9633-4888). She is now responsible for receipting all deposits received by mail, if any, and is the person who a Project Manager must give written notification to for any payment they wish to be made for the project. An email with a copy to both is what we recommend.

The online donation facility will generate tax deductible receipts to the donor automatically, once the deposit has been cleared into our National account.

ROMAC TO THE RESCUE

Baby Nelia was dying from a complex medical problem. Her mother Maria was unable to feed her due to Nelia's malformed oesophagus.

An urgent phone call from Dr Ingrid Bucens, who diagnosed the problem, to Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) resulted in Nelia being on the operating table at Melbourne's Monash Childrens Hospital five days later under the care of Dr Peter Ferguson and his medical team.

Recent reports from Maria proudly tell of how happy they are that Nelia is able to live a normal and happy life.



RRAAAM

Which is shorthand for

Rotary Ride Around Australia Against Malaria.

The Rotary Club of Williamstown Inc is planning a ride around Australia for 6 motorcycles from 1st March 2015 to 24th April 2015, as a fund raiser for a major mosquito eradication program in Papua New Guinea. 2015 is the Centenary Year for ANZAC and RRAAAM is dedicated to the memory of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels.

The tour will travel through District 9520 territory mid April 2015.
12th and 13th April Adelaide – 14th Mt Gambier and then on to Melbourne.

More details on how you can help as we get closer to the event.

Challenge for The Herald readers.

Your challenge for the immediate future is to get those magnificent "Humanity in Motion 3" magazines out working in the community for Rotary. The messages are a stunning reminder of the impact that Rotary Projects have on the lives of those in real need in our local and extended world community.

I wonder if I will have stories and pictures from the District 9520 Sydney Convention attendees next week.