



Submission No 3

Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with Timor-Leste

Organisation: Rotary International (District 9680)

Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry

History of Rotary International

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23rd February 1905 by Paul Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth.

The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. Rotary's popularity spread and by 1921 Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents.

In 1922 the organisation formally adopted the name "Rotary International".

As Rotary grew its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organisation's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: **Service Above Self**.

The Four-Way Test

In 1932 Rotarian Herbert J Taylor created The Four Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

In 1945, 49 Rotary Club members served in 29 delegations to the UN Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and covering the United Nations in its publications.

"Few there are who do not recognise the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world," former Prime Minister, Winston Churchill of Great Britain, once declared.

In 1989, the organisation voted to admit women into clubs worldwide. Today women are an integral part of Rotary's membership.

As it approached the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet society's changing needs, expanding its service efforts to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk.

Today 1.2 million Rotarians belong to over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Of the 1.2 million Rotarians, the major membership countries are:

United States of America	348,823
India	121,531
Japan	88,894
Korea	62,810
Brazil	57,192
Germany	51,293

England	43,188
Italy	42,062
France	33,065
Australia	32,023
Canada	26,279
Taiwan	22,029
Philippines	21,993
New Zealand	8,781

Structure in Australia

There are twenty-two districts in Australia, and our district 9680, has 67 clubs between Toukley and North Sydney, and west out to Rouse Hill. From July 1 of this year we will become district 9685 and include another 12 clubs from the Blue Mountains.

Clubs are active across 4 outreach avenues of service – International, Vocational, Community, and Youth. Club and district officers typical change annually, although in recent years some district leadership positions are held for up to three years to improve continuity and planning.

Projects

Projects carried out by clubs in the district number in the several hundreds, and of these about 100 are International – providing humanitarian and educational assistance to those in need, all over the world.

Pertinent to this submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry, District 9680 is conducting some 36 projects in East Timor. Attached is a summary of those, indicating the clubs which are involved in them. They are grouped under the Six Areas of Focus for humanitarian and educational work defined as areas of Rotary expertise by Rotary International.

Particular attention is drawn to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award course that has now been run three times and will be run again in September of this year. The demand for this has ballooned over the years and in 2012 places were offered for 80 participants from 700 applications.

Inquiry Terms of Reference

Of the six terms of reference, items 2, 4 and 5 are significant in the variety of Rotary aid projects in Timor Leste, viz;

- Aid, including support with governance issues;
- Cultural, educational and scientific relations and exchanges;
- People to people links

The purpose of making this submission is to ensure the Inquiry is aware of the extent of the penetration of Rotary in Timor Leste. There is one Rotary club in Timor Leste, the Rotary Club of Dili, and it is part of District 9550 (Northern Territory and North Queensland).



ROTARY DISTRICT 9680 INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS 2012-13 –



TIMOR LESTE

The ROTARY FOUNDATION – Focus Areas						NOTE: D9680 clubs in bold font
Peace & Conflict Resolution	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Water & Sanitation	Maternal & Child Health	Basic Education & Literacy	Economic & Community Development	
	Dental Project Dee Why/Warringah	Water and Sanitation project in Oecusse – Gladesville	Midwives in East Timor – Ambulance Contact: Margaret Aggar Erina, Kariong/Somersby, North Gosford	School Project	Soidbada Village Tamara Sloper-Harding	
	Supply of medical equipment to National Hospital in Dili - Kenthurst	Water & Sanitation Roseville Chase, Northbridge	Medical Equipment to Midwives of East Timor project - Kenthurst	Dee Why/Warringah School building in Hato Udo Turramurra	Brookvale and Brookvale Shire Council Friends of Soidbada Support for Oecusse District	
	Anaesthetic Machines North Ryde	Water Projects Epping	Assistance to an Orphanage in Oecusse – North Ryde	School Uniforms to Ossu with Chatswood High School – Chatswood Sunrise and Chatswood International	Judy Chaunard Rotary eClub of Greater Sydney	
	PRADET Grant for NTT Program, Lane Cove		HIAM Health Lane Cove	Manufahi Teacher Training Centre Northbridge		
				Assistance to students for teacher training North Ryde		
				Teacher Scholarships Carlingford		
				School Project Hunters Hill		
				Hato Udo School Lindfield		
TOTALS =	0 projects	3 projects	4 projects	8 projects	1 project	



RAWCS Project 67 - Rotarians, Education and Training (RET) in Timor Leste – Theo Glockemann Thornleigh

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<p><----- RYLA Alumni and ROTARACT (Rotary Club of DILI) – DISTRICT COMMITTEES -----></p> <p>A New Program - Young Timorese adults working across all six areas and working with government and other agencies across all areas of focus according to identified community need in their districts and to the resources available. David Waterhouse - Terrigal</p>					
<p>ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS * (RYLA) – Angelo Raveane, Crows Nest Balgowlah, Chatswood Sunrise, Hornsby, Eastwood, Kincumber, Terrigal, West Pennant Hills Pennant Hills</p> <p>Macquarie University Mentors and other Projects e.g. Diplomacy Training Dili (also in assoc. Eith Uni of Sydney) Youth Lead Development forum Sydney – Feb 2013 and English Language Classes at MIT Feb –May 2013 for two women. Theo Glockemann Pennant Hills</p> <p>*NOTE: These programs fit across two areas of focus.</p>	<p>Health – equipment Ian Bittner Epping Health – medicines Angelo & Sue Raveane Crows Nest</p>	<p>Toilets in Schools Peter Kindred Chatswood with the Timore Leste Department of Education, Emergency Architects Au and Leichardt Friends of Maliana</p>	<p>HIAM Health Georgia Glockemann RYDER –CHESHIRE support? Georgia Glockemann</p>	<p>Catholic University & Teachers for Timor Helen Games Glenhaven & North Ryde</p> <p>RAWCS Project 85 Biblioteka Ermera Anne & David Rands Becroft</p> <p>INTERACT – New Project in 2013 Theo Glockemann Pennant Hills</p> <p>Support for university training of Biblioteka Ermera director – Anne and David Rands, Epping Club</p>	<p>ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS *(RYLA) – Angelo Raveane, Crows Nest Balgowlah, Chatswood Sunrise, Hornsby, Eastwood, Kincumber, Terrigal, West Pennant Hills</p> <p>Macquarie University Mentors and other Projects e.g. Diplomacy Training Dili (also in assoc. Eith Uni of Sydney) Youth Lead Development forum Sydney – Feb 2013 and English Language Classes at MIT Feb –May 2013 for two women. Theo Glockemann Pennant Hills</p> <p>*NOTE: These programs fit across two areas of focus.</p>

Private Support by Rotarians and other partner agencies					
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Funding a representative from RYLA ET to the RI Peace Forum Jan 2013 Firum				Funding young adults to attend short English Language Courses in Sydney	Supporting the Rotaract Club of Dili with training and uniforms

NOTE - also working in Timor Leste: Blue Mountains – Friends of Hato Buitico, Bega Valley Rotary Association with Natarobra Agricultural College, other RAWCS Projects in Timor Leste, Northbridge Friends of Timor Leste plus?

UNIVERSITY Of WESTERN SYDNEY – connecting service providers in Timor Leste through a special FORUM in 2012 which will hopefully be repeated in 2014.