

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Disaster Aid Australia delivers two types of aid:

- **SmartAid:** To help communities in developing countries rebuild their lives after a major disaster.
- **Safe Water for Every Child:** To reduce the ongoing disaster of disease and death from unsafe water.

Opening Up Again



As Australia starts to open up Rotary, and other service clubs, are moving back to face to face meetings.

If your club is looking for a Guest Speaker, why not **contact Disaster Aid Australia?**

As well as traditional Guest speakers we also offer:

- ZOOM Guest speakers.
- Vocational Visits to our Dandenong Office.
- Hosted Virtual Vocational Visits.

International Recognition for Bhutan 2020

In October we found out we had been awarded a National Level award by the Energy Globe Foundation for our Bhutan 2020 project.

This is the second time in three years that DAA's projects to provide sustainable safe drinking water have been recognised.

You can see a short video about our winning entry on our YouTube Channel @: <https://youtu.be/POJ2G9XYhQ8>



A New Mission Statement

With success in 2 sustainability awards the Board have decided that our mission should reflect our sustainable actions.

The new statement is:

'To provide, and assist, in delivering sustainable humanitarian aid relevant to people affected by natural and other disasters, including safe water and shelter'.

Two New Safe Water Projects in The Philippines

Disaster Aid Australia has decided to commence two long term **'Safe Water for Every Child'** projects in the Philippines.

The projects will be carried out with our long-term partner based on the island of Mindanao, Balay Mindanaw.

Over the past ten years we have combined to provide over 80 communities like this one with safe drinking water.

The projects are:

Bangsamoro Health & Peace Project

This Bangsamoro Region of Mindanao is one of the poorest in the Philippines and in the recent past has suffered from armed rebellion.

The project will strongly demonstrate to those communities the benefits of peace.

Mindanao Safe Water Project

This project is based on providing safe water to the remaining regions of Mindanao.

Past projects have resulted in reduction in illness in the communities by more than 70%.

Each project is based on providing SkyHydrant installations to at least five communities a year, for the next five years.

You can sponsor a SkyHydrant installation for one of these projects for \$5,000.

WASH Myths

How much do you know about WASH (**W**Ater, **S**anitation and **H**ygien**e**) and International Aid?

We have busted some of the Myths about WASH in the posts on our website.



Bhutan 2020 Update



With lockdowns in Bhutan being reduced, and travel becoming easier as the monsoon season comes to an end, our SkyHydrant installers have been busy travelling around Bhutan.

In the past few weeks our Bhutan team have completed a further 7 SkyHydrant installations.

The team are currently in quarantine as Gelephu, where some of the installations took place, is classified as a High Risk Area.

After a short break they will be off again.

The team also recently conducted a training session for the Caretakers/WASH officials of a number of schools at Damphu, Tsirang.

This ensures the SkyHydrants will be properly looked after.



Build Back Better

When Disaster Aid Australia responds to a disaster one of the key elements in helping those affected is 'Shelter'.

Our **SmartAid** approach to shelter is to help people repair and/or rebuild their homes.

But not just rebuilding, we aim to help people '**Build Back Better**' and rebuild their homes with:

- Foundations that tie the building down,
- Bracing against movement:
- Stronger fixings



These make the buildings more resilient to the typhoons that sweep the Pacific on a regular basis.

We have recently released an instructional video on Building Back Better for timber framed homes on our YouTube Channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/mh8VAx3ZA5I>

Want To Find Out About Our Chief Executive?



Brian was recently interviewed for the Unbox Your Gift podcast.

You can find the interview at the link below:

[UNBOX](#)

Not sure what to ask for Christmas this year?



Why not make a difference in a child's life by asking a friend or family member to make a donation on your behalf to Disaster Aid Australia's Christmas appeal to install a SkyHydrant in a school or community. Or you can make a donation on their behalf

For as little as \$50 your gift can help us achieve our mission to provide and assist in delivering sustainable humanitarian aid relevant to people affected by natural disasters, including safe water and shelter.

Simply make a donation to DAA (bank details are below) and email us the details. If you make a donation on some-ones behalf we can send them a card with your donation details, or send the card to you to deliver.

For more information on these stories and regular updates on our activities follow us on:

facebook; www.facebook.com/disasteraidaustralia
webpage; www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au

Will you help support the work of Disaster Aid Australia?
It is a Rotary Club project that really is changing lives.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ON-LINE @ www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au

OR

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To donation to Safe Water for Every Child and Smart Aid
see www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au



Or send the form below to: Disaster Aid Australia, PO Box 790, Endeavour Hills, Victoria, 3802

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Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible in Australia

