

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER September 2022

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

- **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.

Disaster Aid Conference

Do you want to:

- Find out more about what Disaster Aid Australia does?
- See a SkyHydrant treat water?
- Understand how Disaster Aid Australia can help your club with an International Project?
- Find out about volunteering with Disaster Aid Australia?

You can find out more about all these and much more by coming along to our Annual Conference at the Dandenong Club.

This year our theme is **COVID and Beyond** where we will outline our achievements for the past few years and look forward to upcoming projects.

There is a dinner on Saturday night with a talk by CEO Brian Ashworth.

See the [DAA website](#) for more details and to purchase tickets.

Timor Orphanages



Our friend, Max Bird of the Rotary Club of Kwinana, has recently travelled to Timor Leste to install a SkyHydrant as part of the clubs long standing support of the country.

The installation is a SkyHydrant GEM for the Laga Orphanage.

DAA is proud to be supporting this project along with the Rotary Club of Philip Island San Remo who have each donated a SkyHydrant, with both units already on their way for further orphanages.

The partners have sent another two GEM SkyHydrants which will be installed at other orphanages by Max in the coming months.



Catching Up In The Philippines



In August Chief Executive Brian Ashworth, and Director Cherie Ramsay, visited the Philippines.

This was the first time DAA has been able to review its aid delivery for four years.

The visit was an opportunity to examine 'SmartAid' responses through the COVID pandemic including houses rebuilt following three major Typhoons in 2020.

The above photograph is one of the over 70 homes rebuilt or repaired at Barangay Batoan in Bicol.

During the visit, with our local partner Balay Mindanaw, we held a formal launch of our two five-year projects for the Philippines.

These projects are;

- The Bangsamoro Health and Peace Project.
- The Mindanao Safe Water Project.

The combined target of the two projects is 10 SkyHydrants a year for the next five years.

For Year One we have already surpassed the target with a total of 16 units sponsored.

The launch was attended by Regional and Local Government representatives, Rotary Clubs and the local press.



During the trip we visited four '**Safe Water for Every Child**' SkyHydrant installations, including this installation at Barangay San Isidro in Cotabato.

We were also able to participate in the consultations for a further two SkyHydrant installations.

The visit was also an opportunity to plan our aid activities in the Philippines for the future.

Congratulations to David Langworthy OAM



David Langworthy, founding chair of both Disaster Aid Australia, and Disaster Aid International, was recognised in the 2022 Queens Birthday Honours.

David has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to the community over a range of roles.

David has also been a Rotarian since 1982 initially with the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, now the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills.

Rio Blanco Water Project

We recently received an update of the Rio Blanco Water Project by Disaster Aid Canada.

This is a project we supported with a Partner Grant during the first year of the COVID Pandemic.

Following the first stage of rebuilding a dam a 50mm diameter pipeline has now been constructed to the village.

As with all our SmartAid Projects the local villagers provided the labour while the Disaster Aid support consisted of materials and technical assistance.



Sponsor a SkyHydrant Installation

Although the original Bhutan project is complete there will be ongoing opportunities to sponsor Safe Water for Every Child installations.

In 2022-2023 we will be looking to:

- Extend our installations to communities and village schools in Bhutan.
- Continue our Safe Water for Every Child projects in Mindanao, Philippines.
- Commence installations for the Bangsamoro Health and Peace project, Philippines.
- Develop projects in Timor Leste with new partners.



Visit Disaster Aid Australia

As we learn to live with COVID why not plan a club dinner at Disaster Aid Australia, near Dandenong?

You will find out much more about how DAA has continued to deliver aid.

If Dandenong is too far, we can offer hosted virtual visits.

We can also provide guest speakers either face to face or by ZOOM.

Contact [Disaster Aid Australia](#) for more information.



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