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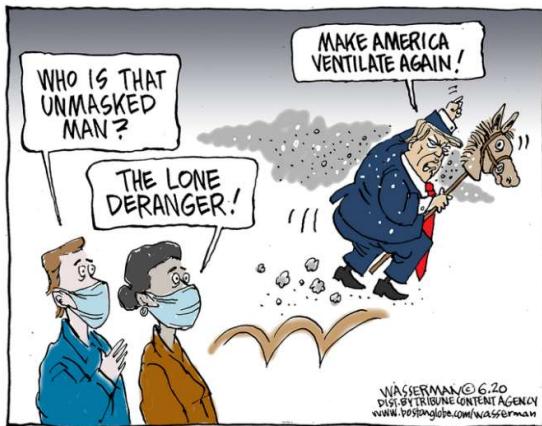
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Date & Time:	Thursday 30th July [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 6th August [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 13th August [Kick off at 6.30]	Thursday 20th August [Kick off at 6.30]
Venue:				
Program:	CAMBODIA TRIP	COMBINED BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING	EXPERIENCES IN THE THEATRICAL INDUSTRY	"APHASIA" A condition brought about by a stroke that very few know about
Speaker:	Samuel Heydon	N/A	Trish Carr	Konrad and Mimi Emert
Partners' Night	Yes	Welcome	Yes	Yes



Birthdays:	None
Anniversaries:	None
Induction to RC of Fern Tree Gully	None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's been a bust past week with four Zoom meetings. A Cluster meeting a District meeting and two meetings of our club.

Our Thursday meeting had a theme of Show and Tell. Personal items of interest were displayed and a background story giving the significance of the item to the presenter some examples included a piece of the Berlin Wall, one member's service medals, Buffalo Horns, a School trophy, an English coin case with an 1891 sovereign. Other stories were of a personal nature and hobby interests. An enjoyable night for the Club.

We celebrated Christmas in July on Saturday night via Zoom having dinner with traditional decorations we exchanged bad bonbon jokes and each had a present for others to guess what the gift could be with the help of a few clues some were quick to identify the gift. A good fun social evening. Thanks go to Julianne for her idea to have this night.

An update has been included in this week's newsletter from the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central on their Operation Toilet Project which our Club gave a significant donation.

Two guests will be joining us this week. Sam Heydon will be our guest speaker from Fairhills High School speaking on the student's trip to Cambodia. District Governor elect Dr Daryl Moran will also join us via Zoom. Daryl who will be District Governor in 2021-22 is on a "get to know" Clubs and Rotarians throughout the District. Please make him welcome.

Stay Safe.

Graeme Aspinall

President 2020/2021



Are you saving your bread tags for wheelchairs?



DATES TO DIARISE

2020		Event
4-Aug		Tuesday-Morning tea with the DG at 10.30am
6-Aug		BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING
13-Aug		Experiences in the Theatre - Trish Carr
15-Aug		Saturday - Membership & PI Seminar
16-Aug		Sunday-Community Projects Forum at 4.00pm
19-Aug		Wednesday-Community Projects Forum at 11.00am
20-Aug		APHASIA - Konrad & Mimi Emert
24-Aug		Monday-Club Runner workshop at 7.00pm
27-Aug		Stroke Safe Talk - Kevin English
31-Aug		Monday-Social Media workshop at 7.00pm

District event
Club event



Email received from PDG Brian Martin

Subject: Fern Tree Gully donation to Operation Toilets

Graeme,

When Mark Balla spoke at your club earlier this year, your club made a substantial donation of \$3,000 to Operation Toilets.

We have just received confirmation that our USD89,454 water and sanitation global grant project in Ethiopia has been approved which was great news especially with all the gloom and doom that is surrounding us at this challenging time. This confirmation takes the total value of all Operation Toilets projects, completed, in progress or submitted to AUD\$1,172,991 since 2015 with 36.3% of the total resulting from matching grants from The Rotary Foundation.

We will be applying your donation to this project which is our first global grant in Ethiopia in a rural area, Shurmo. I have attached a data sheet for your information.

The project includes the construction of ventilated pit latrines in villages and schools in the Shurmo area and a comprehensive community-led total sanitation and hygiene program to change behaviour. We anticipate that the project will take two years.

The project includes construction of solid walls and roofs for the toilets (as illustrated in the data sheet). The community needs analysis we commissioned prior to the global grant application told us that the toilets need to be fully enclosed not the current toilets which are just holes in the ground surrounded by a temporary structure where users are sometimes attacked at night by hyenas especially women. I think our project is going to be a real improvement!

We have been able to source funding from the following Rotary clubs and districts for this project:

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully

Rotary Club of Maroondah

District 9810

Operation Toilets Australia (RC Box Hill Central)

Rotary Club of Balwyn (D9800)

Rotary Club of Brighton North (D9800)

Rotary Northside (D9800)

District 9800

Rotary Club of Janesville (USA)

District 5960 (USA)

Rotary Club of Guindy (India)

We will keep you informed with progress reports every six months. Thanks again for the support from your club.

Regards,

Brian Martin OAM (Sue)

Past Governor 2012-13

Rotary District 9810

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

Melbourne, Australia

Chair, Operation Toilets Australia Inc.



Rotary Club of Box Hill Central – Melbourne Australia

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central (RCBHC) is a very active Rotary club both locally and overseas. Our signature international projects are Operation Cleft Australia Inc (OCA), Operation Toilets Australia Inc. (OTA) and End Slavery. OCA, OTA and End Slavery are all entities under the control of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. OCA commenced fourteen years ago and has now completed over 14,800 cleft repairs for disadvantaged children in Bangladesh at a cost of around AUD3.7 million since inception. OTA was formed in 2015 and has completed, has in progress or has in planning projects to the value of AUD1.09 million since inception.

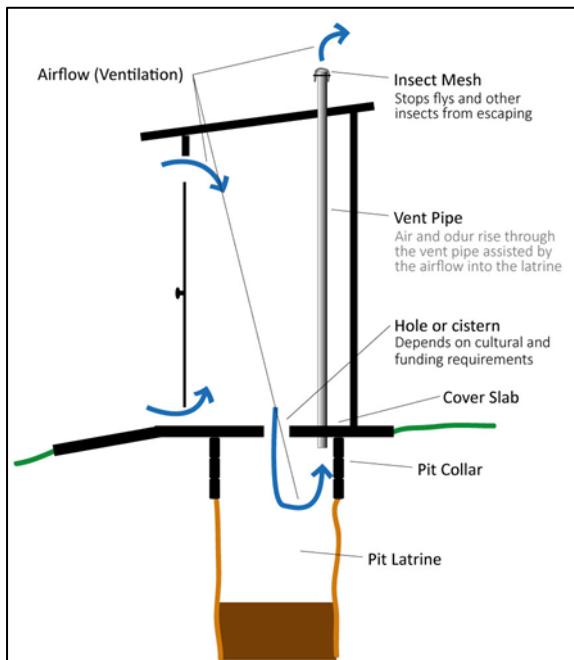
Relationships with Cooperating Organisations

OTA undertook a successful District Grant in partnership with Bole Baptist Church Child Care and Community Development (BBC), an NGO based in Ethiopia and International Needs Australia (INA), based in Vermont, a suburb in Melbourne, to build eight Improved Ventilated Pit Latrines in the Shurmo area of Ethiopia in 2017-18 as illustrated below. OTA has a policy of undertaking pilot projects before embarking on large projects to test all aspects of the performance of in-country project partners. The primary focus of OTA is on India, but we see an opportunity to develop water and sanitation projects also in Ethiopia. The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central also partnered with INA on several projects focussing on eliminating child slavery.

The project and technology

The aim of this USD\$89,454 project is to engage the Shurumo Community of around 30,000 people using the Community Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene approach (CLTS) to:

1. Build Improved Ventilated Pit Latrine (IVPL) toilets, hand wash facilities and implement school curriculum around good hygiene practices in seven primary schools and two secondary schools within the six kebeles.
2. Inspire, engage and empower the community at every level, using the Community-Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene training program to build their own home IVPL toilets, use safe in-home hygiene practices and stop the use of open defecation (OD).



Shurmo Witbira Improved Ventilated Latrine funded by the 2017-18 District Grant

Project key aims

The key aims of this project are to replace poorly constructed pit latrines built by others with sustainable Improved Ventilated Pit Latrines in the rural Shurmo area of Ethiopia and to encourage behavioural change through an extensive Community-Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene training program. IVPL is the most suitable sanitation technology for rural areas of Ethiopia because of an unpredictable water supply. IVPL's will provide a clean, and safe environment for users. Our experience has shown that just building "toilet hardware" is not enough. Ongoing training and commitment to maintenance by the local community together with providing toilet technology appropriate to the local area will ensure viability of a water and sanitation project in developing countries.