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Children at the Roslin Orphanage (approximately 30 minutes out of Kupang, West Timor,) joyfully receive toy koalas presented by Margaret Heather & Janine McLeod on their recent visit

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN WEST TIMOR

For the average Aussie youngster, a fluffy toy koala may be just another toy to throw into the toy box or quickly discard in favour of another - but for children at the Roslin Orphanage near Kupang, West Timor, the koalas were received with exuberance. They were a small token of love presented to the children by Margaret Heather & Janine McLeod as they visited the orphanage recently on behalf of the Rotary Club of Armadale. The orphanage, which gives accommodation, loving care and education to both orphans and children whose parents are extremely poor, is benefiting from the support of the Rotary Clubs of Armadale (WA) and Singapore (E Club).

The main focus of Margaret & Janine's visit as part of this project was to investigate options and make recommendations on conducting a 'Train the Trainer' type course for local participants who had a level of English which would enable them to obtain maximum benefit from such a course. This core group would be expected to conduct English language classes to raise the level of English language competency of children and orphans. This is the ultimate aim of a larger project for which a Rotary matching grant would be required.



Margaret Heather (wife of Armadale Rotarian Ray Heather) gave a passionate presentation at this weeks club meeting as she used a PowerPoint presentation to inform members of the wonderful work being done to help these children receive not just an education but lots of love and care in so many ways. It was obvious as Margaret told the story that she was greatly moved by the experience and members had no trouble in seeing that this is a most worthwhile international project for the club to continue to fund.

To assess the viability of such a programme, Margaret and Janine held informal sessions with the children: reading, drawing and colouring in, with mornings for pre-schoolers and evenings for the older children. They conducted daily English lessons at the home-stay for 2 to 3 groups of university students per day, mainly from Undana University; visited a high school, where they met staff & students and participated in several English lessons. They also visited a Rotary project at a Catholic orphanage.

The feedback from participants in the English language lessons was very positive with students asking for listening, speaking and writing activities to be continued in the future. Participants thought it was important to be exposed to a native speaker of English, - something that is not easy for them in their more remote area of West Timor. The level of English varied but Margaret & Heather considered that there is a core group who could participate in a 'Train the Trainer' course, at a level adjusted to accommodate their level of English. This core group showed great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to improving their English language skills.



Ray Heather then gave us a report on the other Rotary project that they visited at Jogjakarta, Indonesia. This is a project to provide safe drinking water to a very poor community. The project was originally going to focus on providing latrines away from underground wells but the need was re-assessed and it was determined that a better option at this time was to provide them with rain water tanks and viable guttering. The project was funded by The Rotary Club of Armadale and the Rotary Club of Jogja Merapi with a matching Rotary International grant. A plaque was attached to one of the main rainwater tanks acknowledging this support. A total of 22 tanks were provided.

After hearing the passionate presentations by Ray & Margaret, members expressed their keen desire to continue funding these two projects where it's obvious it will make a real difference in the lives of these very needy communities. The vote of thanks was given by PDG Terry Barritt.

PHOTO: The plaque on one of the rainwater tanks



ACROSS THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well, we had another excellent meeting this week, with Ray & Margaret Heather giving us a very moving talk about the projects in West Timor & Jogjakata. Club members can be proud of their involvement in these very worthwhile projects. Don't forget to be on the lookout for potential new members and think about who you might be able to invite this coming Tuesday. As this year's slogan says, "The future of Rotary is in your hands".



Cheers,

Eric Thexton
President



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

Elbert Green Hubbard (1856-1915)

MEETING: Tuesday 05 August 2009

- Apologies:** Joanna Carrington, Joe Kalajzich, Maxine Spencer
On Leave: Peter McIntosh, Henry Ronchi
Attendance: 21
Make Ups: None advised
Birthdays: Nancy Marsh 7th August



COMMITTEE REPORTS (No written reports received this week.)

- Charlie Girbino reminded members that Raffle Ticket butts need to be in, with the money by end August.
- Craig Alford reminded members that subscriptions are due.
- Mike Dunsmore reported that the Golf Day is "up and running" with Daly & Shaw as the major sponsor, along with other significant sponsors. Please advise Mike of other potential sponsors.
- Irvin reported that the International Committee had managed to submit the application for a matching grant for the Indonesia project

Commiserations to PE Maxine Spencer who slipped in the bath and sustained a rather nasty injury from which she is now recovering

Welcome back PDG Terry Barritt from attending the RI Conference in Birmingham, England and other top-level meetings.

MEETING TUE 11 AUGUST:

Venue	Armadale Bowling Club
Time	6.00 for 6.30
Cost	\$20
Apologies	Sgt Joe 9399 3138
Speaker	Rebekah Milnes, Community Development Officer, Family & Children's Services
Host	Joanna Carrington
Programme Chair	Mike Dunsmore
Vote of Thanks	Joe Kalajzich
Fines	Alan Thompson
Attendance	Henri Ronchi

CLUB DIARY

- 11 August Rebekah Milnes, Community Devt. Officer, Family & Children's Services: "School Breakfasts"
- 18 August Ladies Night with Exotic Dancers
- 22 September Visit to SES, Kelmscott, followed by dinner at "Mower World"
- 10 October Dale Cottages Ball (need Rotarians to help set up on Friday)
- 23 October Armadale Rotary Golf Classic Araluen Country Club
- 23-25 October District Conference Perth Sheraton Hotel

INVITATION TO MOVIE CHARITY PREVIEW

PDG Robyn Thorpe invites members to a Preview Screening of the soon-to-be-released movie, "The Young Victoria" on Wed 26 August at Ace Cinemas, Subiaco 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Tickets \$15.00. Proceeds aid the Make-A-Wish Foundation. You can secure your seat now by emailing wow@makeawish.org.au

Payment required prior to the event – credit card details can be taken over the phone to **Robyn or Gail on 9481 1189**



Rotary Club of Armadale

From the Archives

1959

- Perc Harrison was President
- Armadale Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Gosnells.

1960

- President Lloyd Williams established the Armadale Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Thank God for the rain that we're experiencing—but wasn't that a great few days of sunshine! Hey, wasn't it even more inspiring, though, to hear how the lives of the kids in the Rosalyn Orphanage have been brightened through your support? Makes you kinda proud to belong to Rotary doesn't it?

Have a great week folks,

- Peter Warren, bulletin editor.



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