

Fiji Projects ...

... in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island

Projects undertaken in support of Fiji have included:

- **Ultrasound Equipment** - supply of portable ultrasound units and associated probes, one each to Taveuni Island and Rabi Island Hospitals.
- **Buca Levu Secondary School 40 Bed Girls Dormitory** – Club members Peter Malden and Eddie Post, together with their wives Jan and Michele, travelled with the ‘Spirit of Sharing’ Team to assist with the main building in late 2010. Our Club subsequently raised funds to finish the project, the construction of external works including a veranda the full length of the building and a washing drying/seating area at the rear.



The side verandah

Rear drying/seating area

- **Ucunivatu Primary School Upgrade** – this school, which has 3 Classrooms, 3 Teachers and 60 Students, is located at Viani Bay on the Island of Vanua Levu and is only accessible by boat. The work required included, levelling and re-blocking, replacement of the existing floor, repair of ceilings and walls, replacement of window fittings (louvre frames) and fascia boards, repair and part replacement of guttering and down pipes, and the entire building needed painting.

The Rotary Club of Taveuni Island initiated the project. Our Club it on board and, with the generous help of Club members, Marrich Foundation, Rotary Club of Wandin and Inner Wheel Club of Boronia (who paid for floor tiling), was able to complete the fund raising and ensured that the project could be completed on time and to a very high standard.

All paid skilled labour and materials was sourced locally, thereby aiding the local community.



More Fiji Projects ...

Projects undertaken in support of Fiji have included:

- **Ucunivatu School – Toilet Block, Water, Sewerage and Drainage** – This project involved improvements to toilets, water supply, sewerage and drainage. The project was undertaken in two parts:
 - Construct a toilet block – 5 toilets and hand washing facilities; and
 - Fit-out the building, provide a reliable water supply, provide a sewerage system and improve drainage.



Local villagers helped to dig the foundations, sewerage system and the water pipe trenches

The Club raised the funds and applied for and was successful in obtaining a District Grant for \$4,000.00 for the fit-out part.

The project struck one large obstacle; the water supply had to be shifted further upstream and a new feeder dam with cover had to be built.



The completed toilet and drinking block

- **Mobile Phones** – In October 2012 we put together and sent two cartons of old, but very usable, mobile phones, together with brand new Bunnings T-Shirts, copies of our Annual Reports, and many school exercise books. All was very much appreciated.

- **Tools for Taveuni Island Workers** – The Rotary Clubs of Boronia and Chelsea combined to provide a selection of small hand tools for use by workers and volunteers. Total value of the tools supplied was A\$1,200.00.

Our Club has subsequently also secured and shipped a very robust Laser Level, Tripod and Staff for levelling activities. Previously, the volunteers and workers on Taveuni Island had been using a long clear poly pipe filled with water to ensure correct building and plumbing levels.



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Projects undertaken in support of Fiji have included:

- **Vehicle Project** – We again teamed with The Rotary Club of Chelsea to seek funds to provide a second-hand dual cab utility for use on Taveuni. The project was a success thanks to the 30 Clubs in District 9810 and two others who contributed. The final part of the project was to provide acknowledgment signage with the Rotary Wheel and “*Vehicle donated by the Rotary Clubs of District 9810 Melbourne, Australia– a District Project.*”



- **Scholarships for School Students** – each year, our Club contributes, with assistance from the Marrich Charitable Trust, to the provision of scholarships for needy students in Fiji. The Rotary Club of Taveuni Island Educational Trust selects young children who come from a poverty background, single parent families, isolated settlements or remote islands, thereby providing an opportunity to students who show a genuine learning potential and dedication and, in the future, can assist others to be educated.

The Educational Trust commenced in 2004 and some 80 students have been in the program and have moved on in their lives as better citizens. There are currently 40 students in the program. The TRUST plans to provide thirty (30) new scholarships per year so that after four years 120 students will be progressing through their schooling.



- **Cyclone Winston** – When Cyclone Winston hit Fiji on Saturday, 20th February 2016, large areas of Fiji were devastated. Taveuni Island lost its wharf and a large number of buildings, including schools.

Our Club has provided both short and longer term assistance through financing, fundraising and the acquisition of goods (donated and reduced cost). Work now completed includes re-building of 3 schools, building of 12 new teachers’ houses, building a toilet block, and improvements to a school resource centre, hospital facilities and doctors’ housing.



It must be noted that, although we have contributed financially, much of our Club’s involvement in these Fiji/Taveuni Island projects has involved project management, materials sourcing and fundraising through donations from other Rotary Clubs, Matching Grants, District Designated Fund Grants, activity which has been undertaken principally by Peter Malden. All projects have been managed under the umbrella of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) and RNZWCS (Rotary New Zealand World Community Service).