

# Save Water Save Lives ...

In 1997/1998 Ray Stewart and Jim Sly represented our Club on a Save Water Save Lives project in Papua New Guinea undertaken in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Templestowe and Rabaul. The project at the Napapar Medical Centre in the highlands of East New Britain involved working with the local people to construct reinforced concrete water tanks, teaching them skills in the process. The Club contributed \$4,000 for the project for which we were successful in obtaining an Matching Grant.



The following year, Ray Stewart and Eddie Post participated in the construction of four water tanks, a further two at the Napapar Medical Centre and another two at the St Theresa's Community School at Gunanar. Jim Sly accompanied Ray and Eddie to East New Britain and was involved in a survey for future projects, spending time in Kavieng on New Ireland and also at Napapar.

Both Ray and Jim received awards from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs for their participation in overseas programs; however, the greatest reward was the acknowledgement received from the communities in which the work was undertaken and, more importantly, seeing the satisfaction and pride of the local workers being able to go on and complete the work themselves.

