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Program Today

01.04.2021
**Adoption of
Stray Animals
and Snakes in
Mangalore**

**By Mr. Charles
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Animal Care Trust**

Why our e-club is focused on WASH

By Chris Bloore, inaugural President, E-Club of WASH District 9980 (New Zealand)



A decade ago, Rotary water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) projects were having mixed results and limited sustainability. Establishing an e-club dedicated to WASH was a way to apply the discipline of humanitarian work psychology to volunteer-based aid programmes to address these issues. By carefully matching volunteers' skills, experience, and personality to the real needs of sustainable water and sanitation projects, Rotary projects could give better value for the time, money and effort expended.


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How?

The e-club was the brainchild of past RI President Bill Boyd, via convention conversations with former Dunedin Central Rotary Club President, Steve Atkins, building on a Rotary co-funded Smart-Aid research project. It took nearly two years to arrange sponsor clubs, recruit members, and select officers and all the usual administrative tasks necessary before we chartered on 5 October 2016. Active and enthusiastic support from three successive district governors; Karen Purdue, Trish Boyle, and Janice Hughes and Assistant District Governor Lesley Brook, who mentored us during our first two years of operation, were crucial. We also had a lot of support from Rotary senior leaders, including past RI President Bill Boyd, Nicholas Mancus, Ron Denham, and Anna Shepherd (executive secretary of the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Groupy).

Challenges

We faced many challenges; being an e-club rather than a face-to-face club, having a globally distributed membership, being one of the first cause-based Rotary club in the world.

E-clubs had already been established within Rotary, so adapting our constitution and by-laws was not too daunting. We had to set up a website, a social media platform and a forum for e-meetings (initially GoToMeeting and later Zoom).

The global membership required some creative thinking about



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meeting times, complicated by daylight saving in different time zones. We had to set up a New Zealand bank account with an overseas treasurer and internet banking signatories in different countries. Arranging training for our club officers required cooperation with the many different districts in which they lived. We had to invent ways to fund-raise with members distributed over the globe such as trivia night fundraisers over Zoom.

Advice for other clubs

Rotary clubs form, grow, and flourish by adapting, learning, and changing. Learning by doing keeps our club relevant, responsive to changing circumstances, and a lot of fun. As in all clubs, finding tasks for all members is vital to ensure engagement. For single focus clubs there is a risk of “capture” by special interests, for example NGOs in our case. It is also important to remain a Rotary club. Our president, Heidi, stresses the need to keep members “Rotarrified”!

Benefits of being topic focused

Having a single focus means that all the members are committed to that focus, employing their disparate skills and experience in a common task. It also gives us access to a deeper pool of expertise through a related Rotary Action Group (WASRAG), and a variety of professional societies and NGOs aligned with our goals. This makes us more effective and helps us recruit new members.



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Our impact

We are developing the capacity to help clubs with district and global grant applications for WASH related projects. We do this by reviewing grant applications, by developing tools to help clubs meet the Rotary Foundation’s requirements, and tools to help project teams in the field. We are in the midst implementing a global grant for WASH in Schools in Nigeria as well as performing community assessments for district grants for Household Water Supply in South Sudan and WASH in Healthcare Facilities in Malawi. This helps us learn first-hand what resources are most effective.

Source: www.rotary.org

Club Activity

District Grant Project ‘e-Class Room’, a digital education platform at Navachetana School, Neermarga



The Project aims at creating ‘e-Class Room’ facility, a multimedia classroom technology which provides a unique opportunity for students and teachers to learn & experience world class content in school or online environment.

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District Grant available is utilized to create e-Classroom facility at Rotary Navachetana School, Neermarga. This includes equipment of Multimedia platforms like

- Overhead Projector with screen,
- Smart LED TV-65 inch with Wi-Fi, Bluetooth facility,
- Acoustic system including amplifier, speakers, mic with stand and two cordless mics.
- Computer systems with 1Tb hard disk, Camera, HDMI ports, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and SD card slot.
- Infrastructure improvements of one auditorium and a classroom Painting, Blinds/Curtains for Windows etc.

This Facility will enrich the learning experience of the rural students and opportunity for teachers to acquire new skill and training.

Total cost of the project is Rs 3.67 Lacs, of which 75 % funded by the District Grant and remaining 25% from the community service budget of the Club.

District Governor Rtn. Ranganath Bhat inaugurated the facility in the presence of DRFC. Rtn. Krishna Shetty, Asst Governor Rtn. Ekanath Dandakeri, RCM President Rtn Archibald Menezes and Rotary Navachetana Education Trust President CA Anantha Padmanabha.

Trustees of the Navachetana school, Rotarians, Staff members and students of Navachetana School attended the program.

Reported by Rtn. R.K Bhat, Director - Community Service



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MEMBER MOMENTS

Rtn. Rajendra Kalbavi was the guest speaker at Rotary Club Central where he spoke on Water Conservation, Rotary Club North where he spoke on Value of Water, Rotaract Mangalore City and Rotary Club Port Town on the occasion of World Water Day.

Rtn. Vinod D'souza conducted a Ladies special Treasure Hunt for Abharan Jewellers to Commemorate International Women's Day on Sunday the 28th of March, starting from Hotel Moti Mahal and finishing at the same place. Ann Dr, Mohini Nayak and partner Rtn. Dr. Arjun Nayak won the first place. Finishing in second were Dr. Seema Shenoy Director of SDM MBA College and her partner Deepa Nayak Ma'am also the Professor of same college.

Club Diary - 25.03.2021

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Archibald and an invocation was rendered by Rtn. Abhijith V Shet. Members celebrating their anniversaries and birthdays during the week were wished. President Rtn. Archibald requested the members to donate generously to The Rotary Foundation as this year our contribution has been low. He also requested the members to register themselves on "MY ROTARY". Secretary Rtn. Vishal Mallya presented the quarter report followed by Treasurer's report presented by Rtn. Abhijith V Shet and floor was opened for discussion. Meeting was adjourned followed by National Anthem.



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Birthday Greetings



Rtn. PHF Sunil Kumar Jalan
29th March



Rtn. PHF Isaac Vas
1st April

Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. S. Umesh Mallya & Ann Nirmala U. Mallya
26th March

Rtn. PHF Isaac Vas & Ann Maria Vas
30th March

Dr. Sadanand Poojary & Ann Dr. Sowmya P.D
1st April

Club Pulse

25.03.2021

Club Strength	96
Present	57
Absent	39
Percentage	59%
% After Make-up	
18.03.2021	43%
11.03.2021	53%

Weekly Meeting

Thursday
At 7.00 PM
At Moti Mahal

Program Next Week

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