



annual report

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Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated

Project Report (including all projects completed, commenced or planned as of October 2016)

Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated (OTA) is an entity under the control of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central established to source funding from Rotary clubs, districts and The Rotary Foundation to develop water, sanitation and education projects in schools in India.

In October 2015 the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central commenced processes to enable the club to move from undertaking its Operation Toilets activities under the auspice of a club committee to becoming incorporated under the name of Operation Toilets Australia that occurred on 18th November 2016.

OTA was established by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central with the aim to build toilets and provide hygiene education programs in schools and communities in India to:

1. Meet the needs of school children and teachers (and especially to encourage teenage girls to continue with their secondary education).
2. Improve the overall understanding of wash facilities and related education programs by incorporating the UNICEF WASH program.
3. To encourage behavioural change in the surrounding community through a program of School led total Sanitation (SLTS).
4. To reduce gastro-enterological infections in the community.

OTA has formed collaboration with We Can't Wait Limited (WCW) an advocacy, expert knowledge and marketing group formed to raise awareness of water and sanitation needs in schools in developing countries.

The OTA – WCW collaboration is intended to provide a coordinated approach to developing water and sanitation projects in India by working in partnership with local Indian Rotary clubs.

Operation Toilets Australia projects completed or currently planned since inception

Project	Cost	Status	No. of sites	Beneficiaries
1. District Grant, Nasik Rd	\$11,005	Completed	1	500
2. RC Nasik Rd GG1531512	\$141,440	Completed	6 schools, 1 village	4,600
3. Delhi 1 GG1636390	\$146,880	Application complete	11	10,000
4. RC Nasik Rd 2 GG	\$94,179	Application commenced	4	3,000
5. Puna	\$25,000	In Planning	5	5,400
6. Ethiopian Shurmo	\$9,000	Application complete	2	800
7. Delhi 2 GG	\$146,880	Application to be commenced	10	10,000
8. Delhi 3 GG	\$146,880	Application to be commenced	10	10,000
9. Total	A\$721,264			44,300

1. New English School – Vihitgaon.

Funding partners: Rotary Club of Box Hill Central & District 9810

A pilot project was completed at the New English School in 2015 by the Operation Toilets Committee of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central before incorporation of OTA. This project was funded with the assistance of a District 9810 Grant for the construction of 15 toilets at the New English School for a total cost of \$11,005. This project was managed by the Rotary Club of Nasik Road in India.

2. Global Grant Project 1531512

Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Nasik Road & Rotary Districts 3030 and 3132

International Partners: Operation Toilets and District 9810

A Global Grant of A\$123,278 (136 toilets in six schools and a village) has now been completed. Hand washing facilities and water tanks were installed in July making this project WinS (Wash in Schools) compliant. RC Nasik Road is looking to establish a hygiene and sanitation education program in the recipient schools as part of the curriculum.

School	No. toilets
1. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Higher & Sec. School, Sinnar	23
2. Zilla Parishad Primary School, Musalgaon, Sinnar	20
3. Janata Vidyalaya, Dubere, Sinnar	20
4. Savitribai Pawar School, Sinnar	10
5. New English School, Ahurli	15
6. New English School, Waghare	13
7. Jaygaon village	35

3. Global Grant - GG1636390

Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Ashoka & Rotary District 3012

International Partners: Rotary Club of Rosanna, Operation Toilets and District 9810

This WASH in Schools project shall provide the schools under consideration with sustainable WASH facilities comprising of both hardware and software components that encourage the development of healthy behaviours for life. The facilities shall include water and sanitation facility upgrades, hygiene education, and teacher training along with key behaviour change components. The project shall bring the following positive outcomes in the community:

- A healthy and protective school environment minimizing the risk of disease, abuse and exclusion to ensure that every child's basic needs are met, thereby contributing to the right of every child to receive quality education, with better health and equity outcomes.
- Pride and commitment to school, by the children and their communities thereby enabling children to serve as agents of change leading to the reduction in open defecation.
- Gender equity through the provision of separate toilets for boys and girls with MHM facilities for girls who have reached puberty to ensure privacy and dignity and contributing to girls' school attendance and retention.
- Reduction in the incidences of water & sanitation related diseases by institutionalizing handwashing sessions with soap by children at two critical times.
- Outreach to families and the wider community.

The students attending the schools selected for the project will be the direct beneficiaries. At present there are approximately 2700 students studying in 11 government schools out of which 1,302 are girl students. The successful implementation of this program shall also bring far reaching benefits to over 2,700 families (around 10,000 people) living in different communities around the targeted schools leading to the elimination of practice of open defecation thereby reducing the incidence of water and sanitation-related diseases as the children sensitized at the schools will take good hygiene habits and practices to their homes.

3. Global Grant - GG1636390 (continued)

The targeted schools are:

1. SDMC Primary School, New Delhi, Begumpur, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi
2. SDMC Primary School, Green Park, New Delhi
3. SDMC Sarvapriya Vihar Primary School, Sarvapriya Vihar, New Delhi 110016
4. Government Primary School, Bisrakh Block, Gejha, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
5. Poorva Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Gejha Village , Noida, Uttar Pradesh
6. Government High School, Raipur, District Sonapat, Haryana
7. Primary Vidyalaya Fajalgarh No. 2, Bhojpur, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
8. Nigam Pratibha Vidyalaya, H-Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052
9. Government Middle School, Liwaspur, Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana
10. Government Primary School, Liwaspur, Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana
11. Government High School, Nangal Kalan, Kundli, Sonapat, Haryanacts

Upcoming Projects:

4. Nasik Road Global Grant 2

Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Nasik Road & Rotary District 3030

International Partners: Rotary Club of Prahran, Operation Toilets and District 9810

The proposal is to build a total of 95 toilets and urinals and 6 handwash stations in four schools in the Nasik Road area.

5. Poona (Pune) Project

Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Panvel and Samagra Sanitation

International Partners: Operation Toilets and We Can't Wait

The Raigard School project is a relatively low cost project involving 107 schools supporting approximately 5,400 children in Maharashtra (between Mumbai and Poona). It was proposed to use pit toilets with prefabricated buildings.

US\$20,000 in total has been committed to this project by the RC Panvel, India (US\$10,000) and Operation Toilets and We Can't Wait (US\$10,000). The vast majority of funds for this project are being provided by Samagra Sanitation, a Not-for-Profit organisation working to provide sustainable sanitation to communities in India.

6. Ethiopia Shurma Project

Funding partners:

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Rotary District 9810 and International Needs Australia

The project involves building sanitation facilities, 2 x 4 VIPL's (ventilated Improved Pit Latrines), and a total of 8 cubicles, at 'Early Learning Centres' in the Shurmo area, remotely located 250 km south of the capital Addis Ababa.

Projects 7 and 8

It is proposed to replicate Project 3 in two groups of schools in the Delhi area in 2017 in partnership with the Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka & Rotary District 3012.

Promotions & Fundraising & Awareness Raising

There have been many presentations made to Rotary clubs especially by Mark Balla who has been ably supported by Bruce McEwen at the 9810 District Conference and at the Multi District PETS at Ballarat. Mark and Brian Martin visited India in October 2015 to inspect construction sites and Mark followed up with another visit in March 2016 to inspect completed works.

Rotarian Susan Cole from the RC Prahran spoke about Operation Toilets at the District 9800 conference in Bendigo and also organised a fundraising and promotional event "Sanitary Socials" at the College Lawn Hotel in Prahran on April 27 2016.

Operation Toilets Australia now has a new logo and Susie Cole will be establishing the visual brand for the project with the development of a new website

Operation Toilets Australia greatly appreciates Susie's enthusiastic support and advocacy for the project.

Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG)

We also congratulate Mark Balla who has been appointed an International Director of WASRAG which was great news. He has been elected to the WASRAG board for a period of three years. WASRAG has board members from the USA, New Zealand, the UK, Germany, India, Guatemala, Honduras, Nigeria, Uganda and Australia.

Thanks

Special thanks are expressed to Mark Balla for his passion, commitment and the drive he provides to OTA and the RC of Box Hill Central for Operations Toilets. His public profile and outstanding work in this area has resulted in many young people having a better more healthy life in India.

Special thanks to our out-going Secretary/ Public Officer, Michael Kirk who has provided excellent secretariat support to the OTA Board.

Finally our heartfelt thanks go to Jenny Hamley who guided both the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and the OTA committee through our governance requirements for Incorporation and also undertook the work required to submit all the documentation on our behalf.

We are very grateful for her support.

OTA would like to acknowledge and thank the many individuals and Rotary clubs who have made donations to support OTA projects so far including the Rotary Club of Chelsea, Rotary Club of Cheltenham, Rotary Club of Manningham, Rotary Club of Rosanna, Rotary Club of Prahran and We Can't Wait.

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