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ROTARY GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE NEWSLETTER

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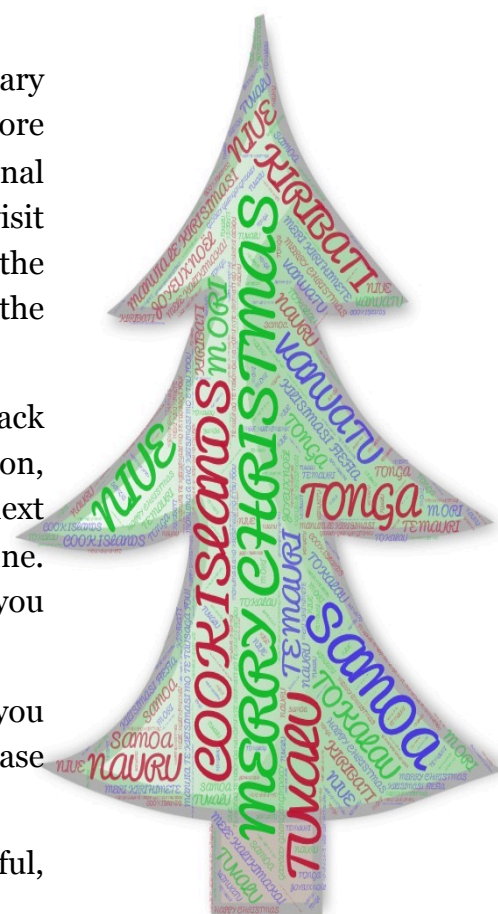
WE'RE VACCINATING!

This quarter has been very exciting for everyone involved with Rotary Give Every Child A Future. Not only have we begun vaccinating in more Pacific Island countries, but Jennifer Jones (Rotary International President Elect) met with us and announced that she is planning a visit to the project in her Presidential year (watch this space) *and*, the Australian Government confirmed a AU\$1.4 million contribution to the project. How exciting is that?

As the Rotary Down Under Centenary year draws to a close we look back on the celebrations of the four founding clubs (Melbourne, Wellington, Sydney and Auckland). Rotary here grew from those four clubs and next year begins the centenary celebrations for other clubs across the zone. We wish 2022 centenary clubs all the very best and ask that each of you consider giving RGECAF your special support in 2022.

If you have contributed to RGECAF this year THANK YOU. Without you this could not happen. If you have yet to make a contribution please consider doing so. Maybe donating as a Christmas gift to a loved one?

From every one of us on the RGECAF team, we wish you all a peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.





Rani Adeang, 14, is the first child to be vaccinated in Nauru during the launch event with her first dose of the HPV vaccine to help protect her from cervical cancer caused by the HPV virus.

26 November 2021
Photo courtesy of Grace Snooky NamadukF

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES AU\$1.4 MILLION FOR RGECAF

We are delighted with the Australian Government announcement of 10 December 2021 that they will provide Au\$1.4 million to support Rotary Give Every Child A Future. These funds will help us deliver HPV vaccines to girls in Kiribati and support the RGECAF programme in Nauru. Good news for the children of the Pacific.

Rotary Give Every Child A Future was budgeted in two phases. The Australian Government's financial support is a great boost and means Rotary is now fully committed to HPV vaccination in Kiribati, our 'phase two'. We knew HPV in Kiribati was important but we not sure our fund raising would extend to be able to include this.

The Government money does not cover the entire cost of introducing HPV immunisation in Kiribati and we still need to complete our commitment to the other countries.

So please, this Christmas consider a donation so

Rotary can **reach every last child**. Maybe a donation as a gift to that person in your life who has everything.



A health worker packs vaccines in a vaccine carrier during the launch of the new vaccines in Nauru.

Photo courtesy of Grace Snooky Namaduk

Australian donations can be made [here](#).

New Zealand donations can be made [here](#).

[Click here](#) to read full media release.



CENTENARY NUMBER PLATES FOR RGECAF

For several years Matamata (NZ) Rotarian David Hulme has considered promoting Rotary through car number plate surrounds, in the same way that businesses do. It took the Centenary year to bring the idea to fruition and throughout 2021 David and his fellow Rotarians have been promoting the number plates across New Zealand, with all profits being donated to RGECAF.

The specially designed centennial plate surrounds are manufactured in New Zealand and each NZ District has a designated club distributing the plates. In District 9930 Matamata Rotarians have visited most clubs which has added a social dimension to the project.

At \$15 for a set of two plates, approximately 1200 sets have been sold and more than \$5000 in profits have been donated to Rotary Give Every Child a Future so far.

“This gives Rotarians the opportunity to not only promote Rotary but also support a wonderful life changing and in some cases life-saving project in the Pacific, says David.

Clubs can also buy sets to include in New Member packs. A really simple way of getting new members to feel immediately that they are part of Rotary”.

For more information on the project or to purchase sets, please or contact David at david@theboltholder.co.nz For the full story please [click here](#)

- *** IMPORTANT INFORMATION ***
- **NEW ZEALAND CLUB DONATIONS**

Club donations to RGECAF should be paid to Rotary New Zealand World Community Service, account number 03-1702-0192208-01 quoting Ref No 419 (Give Every Child A Future). Please include your club's name to ensure Foundation giving recognition points.



DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The implementation of Rotary Give Every Child A Future is now well underway with children being vaccinated in most of the Pacific countries. This is despite the inevitable delays caused by COVID-19. Those remaining are expected to begin shortly

And the great news is that the Australian Government has agreed to support the project in Nauru and Kiribati with A\$1.4 million. Some of this money will be used to support the existing measles vaccination program in Kiribati, but importantly it will be enough to complete the program in Nauru and initiate the program for HPV vaccinations in Kiribati. HPV for Kiribati has been on the backburner until we were confident that the resources would be available to resource it fully.

Of course, this does not mean that Rotary's job is done. Over the next six months, we still need to fund the final year of the project in the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau, and the rotavirus program in Kiribati. This will require approximately US\$200,000. Then over the following couple of years, we will need to fund the balance of what is needed for HPV in Kiribati, estimated to be a further US\$600-700,000.

This continues to be a great way to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in this part of the world and demonstrate the difference that Rotary can make. So, thank you again to all the Rotary Districts, Clubs, individual Rotarians, and others who have supported the project to date.

This program will save many lives amongst our near neighbours. It deserves our on-going support. UNICEF and our marketing team have produced an excellent video about the program – if you haven't seen you will find it [here](#). For more information and to donate please go to everychildafuture.com.

James Allen RGECAF Project Director RC Sydney

Here's how we have raised US\$3,106,000* so far

District Designated Funds	514,000	TOTAL	3,106,000
Clubs and Rotarians	752,000	TOTAL BUDGET	3,979,041
Other Foundations	201,000	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	1,023,000
Australian Government	890,000		
Global grants matching funds	748,000	BALANCE NEEDED	873,048

**All figures in US dollars*



UNICEF REPORT GREAT PROGRESS

Commencement of vaccinations in Nauru was a major moment of celebration for the community.
Photo courtesy of Grace Snooky Namaduk



Vaccinations are now underway in seven of the nine countries with the Cook Islands and Tokelau due to launch very early in 2022. That means that live-saving vaccines are now reaching infants and adolescents right across the Pacific, safeguarding them against potentially life-threatening diseases, all thanks to the substantial support received from Rotarians across Australia and New Zealand.

Most recently the three vaccines, (rotavirus, pneumococcal conjugate and human papillomavirus HPV), were launched in Nauru. A celebratory event was held by the Ministry of Health. It was encouraging and heart-warming to see a great community turn-out for the event along with recognition of Rotary's pivotal role in this important milestone.

As we look towards 2022 the focus will remain on reaching every child with these lifesaving vaccines and continuing the systems-strengthening work that will ensure the health workers and Ministries of Health across the nine Pacific countries are strongly positioned to continue these vaccination programs into the future. In the short-term our work remains focused on procuring and positioning vaccines for the coming year, ongoing strengthening to the cold chain systems and a continued commitment to building community acceptance and confidence for these vaccines.



Milca Jeremiash, 11, received her first dose of the HPV vaccine during the launch event in Nauru. *Photo courtesy of Grace Snooky Namaduk*

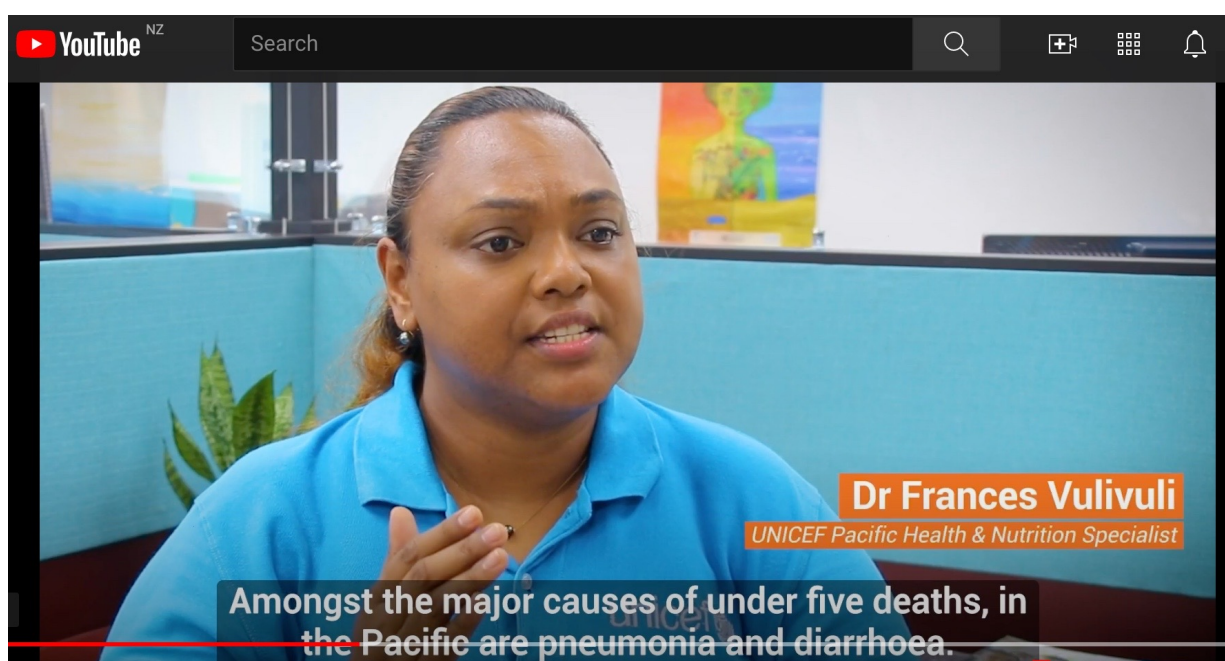
RGECAF MEDIA

As you know, the design of Rotary Give Every Child A Future has Rotary working with UNICEF to introduce three life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island countries; the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

As the Asian Development Bank was financing the introduction of these vaccines into four of the countries (Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu), Rotary is funding regional and other supporting activities in those four countries and fully funding the programme in the other five countries.

The commencement of vaccinations in Nauru is a major milestone for the project being our first fully Rotary funded country and we were pleased to see the news was captured by [ABC's Pacific Beat](#) (first item).

UNICEF has also produced a video for us featuring Dr Frances Vulivuli (UNICEF Pacific Health and Nutrition Specialist) which is available on our [YouTube channel](#) (1 and 2 minute versions).



Rotary International President to Shine A Spotlight on Rotary Give Every Child A Future

The RGECAF team had some great news in October. Rotary International President Elect, Jennifer Jones, joined our meeting and announced that RGECAF has been selected to highlight the 'Saving Mothers and Children' Rotary Foundation Area of Focus on her global tour in 2022-3. And of course Jennifer is also holding her International Convention in Melbourne so we can expect to see a fair bit of the Rotary International President 'down under' next year.



Photo courtesy of Windsor Life Magazine



Rotary Club of Melbourne

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FOUNDING CLUBS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

A look back on the gala events that highlighted the 100 year celebrations of the four founding clubs across our part of the Pacific. Each and every one of our Rotary clubs can trace its lineage back to one of these four.

**Rotary Club of
Sydney**

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Rotary Club of Wellington



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Messages of congratulations from country leaders

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Australian Premier Scott Morrison recorded messages of congratulations to Rotarians on their Centenary of service

Rotary Club of Auckland

For full photo gallery [click here](#)



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