

The DREAMIN Foundation began as a project of the Rotary Club of Prospect in 2003, with the goal to provide international medical aid to our neighbouring developing nations in conjunction with Reconstructive Surgical Specialists from the Royal Adelaide Hospital. ★

Myanmar

The DREAMIN Foundation contributed \$11,000 in September 2018 to send a 40 foot container to Myanmar filled with surplus medical equipment from the old Royal Adelaide Hospital.

With the dreadful images from Myanmar on our televisions in recent months, donors might question – why? The answer - while much of the government of Myanmar is controlled by the military, the Ministry of Health is not.

DREAMIN Foundation and its partners in this project have very strong local health contacts and are confident that the surgical instruments, implants, operating tables, dental chairs, hospital beds, shower chairs, commode chairs, and wheel chairs, and some sophisticated medical equipment, will all be put to good use for the benefit of the population in general.

The initial stimulus and seed funding for the project came from Mrs Elizabeth Penfold, ex SA State Parliamentarian. It then developed as a combined effort with Donations in Kind, a Rotary organisation led in SA by Mr Dave Cockshell of Rotary Lower Light who was overall manager of 42 similar projects. The Rotary Clubs of Prospect and Barossa also pitched in. Prof Robert Bauze, a retired orthopaedic surgeon was the organiser and labourer. He has a strong connection with Myanmar, having made some 25 training and relationship building visits since 1975 when it was known as Burma.

On two of those visits, he was accompanied - first by DREAMIN's founder and initial Chair, Dr James Katsaros; and later by our current Chair, Prof Suren Krishnan. Prof Robert Bauze recently returned from Yangon in Myanmar and has reported that the container arrived safely



Dr Bob Bauze in Myanmar



Workers in the warehouse in Myanmar with donated goods

and that the contents are currently being distributed to appropriate clinical and teaching institutions.

Our contacts in Myanmar have expressed their appreciation of the generosity of DREAMIN Foundation. ★



Other Foundation Projects

MEDICAL SOLUTIONS THAT MAKE DREAMS HAPPEN

HEARS

The DREAMIN Foundation continues its support to the HEARS program providing for ear, nose and throat treatment in Tonga and providing in-country and out of country, training opportunities for Tongan surgical and nursing staff.

Dr Sepi Lopati is currently working with the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in Melbourne under the supervision of Professor Stephen O'Leary and Dr Fane Lord is working at the ENT Head and Neck Department at the Royal Adelaide Hospital

They will return as the first trained local Pacific Islander Ear and Nose and Throat Surgeons. We also continue to support Michael Finlay and the Maranatha Child Health Clinic in Fort Portal in Uganda. Michael and the Board of Maranatha announced a vision to build a new hospital in Fort Portal to replace the current makeshift clinic. Dr Krishnan introduced Michael to one of our generous patrons in Pat Cohen. I am pleased to report that Pat has donated \$10,000 towards the new hospital project.

The DREAMIN Foundation funds the best medical & surgical practices for underprivileged children in Australia and around the world

Donate

As a not-for-profit organisation, we rely on the generosity of the community to fund our projects. Every donation goes a long way in helping to create a better future for children needing assistance overseas and in South Australia. For more information visit our [donate page](#).

Fundraising Events

Whether you attend one of the DREAMIN Foundation's fundraisers or create and organise your own event, fundraising can be a fun and rewarding way to support the work of the DREAMIN Foundation.

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of the Board of the DREAMIN Foundation, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Adelaide Cup Day Luncheon for 2019 will be held on Monday March 11th. More details to come but keep an eye on the website at <http://dreamin.org.au/events/adelaide-cup-lunch>

New Board Members

The Foundation welcomes new Board members Jarrad Hopkins, who is studying medicine, Michael Findlay from Marantha Health and Larissa Hall. We commence 2019 Board meetings in February and look forward to a very productive year.