

Message from the Chair

There have been a number of positive changes happening with the Dreamin Foundation over the past few months that I would like to make you aware of. The administration of the Foundation is now being undertaken by the Australian Medical Association (SA). I would like to sincerely thank the staff of Dr Jim Katsaros's practice – Judy Barone and Louise Wise for the support that they have provided to Dreamin. It is much appreciated.

The AMA(SA) provide secretariat support to a number of medical associations and have now agreed to assist Dreamin Foundation for a small fee. Additionally, Through the AMA(SA), Hood Sweeney are providing bookkeeping assistance for a small fee with the majority being provided pro bono. I am sure that this assistance will result in a positive outcome for Dreamin.

We are looking at potential grant opportunities to develop a new website so that we can communicate better with you – our members.

Suren Krishnan
Chairman
Dreamin Board.

Dreamin Foundation to support a Rotary Health and Literacy Project in the Southern Philippines

The DREAMIN Foundation congratulates four Rotary Clubs who have joined forces and have had a major Global Grant approved by Rotary International. The Grant will be implemented over a three year period and will provide health and educational support in three communities within Davao City, Mindanao, Southern Philippines. The two clubs in the Philippines are The Rotary Club of East Davao and The Rotary Club of Waling Waling Davao. The two local clubs are The Rotary Club of Adelaide and The Rotary Club of Prospect Inc.

Rotarians from the two Davao clubs have visited Adelaide recently and DREAMIN Foundation Chairman, Assoc Professor Suren Krishnan met with them to discuss how our experience with our H.E.A.R.S. project in Tonga could be adapted to meet the needs in these Philippine communities. Every new community has its own unique needs and opportunities.

The DREAMIN Foundation and the H.E.A.R.S. Project Committee is excited to offer skilled and experienced personnel to this new Project. The first medical mission for the three targeted communities is planned for Feb 2018.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

1. Australian Rotarians and partners providing writing and other materials to the students at Caliglic Elementary School.
2. Students from the Caliglic Elementary School, Southern Philippines demonstrating their reading using Kindles supplied by Rotary Clubs of Adelaide and Prospect.
3. Health Centre extension which the Australian Rotarians provided and then painted during their visit to the village

H.E.A.R.S - Tonga

H.E.A.R.S. is an acronym for Hearing Evaluation Assessment and Rehabilitation Service. It is an initiative of the Rotray Club of Prospect In in association with Assoc. Prof Suren Krishnan proposing the project.

The planning phase included a four person delegation to interested communities in the South Pacific Islands in April 2012. Tonga expressed medical and support from Rotary for this project. In August 2012, an eight person hearing screening team went to Tonga and tested the hearing and ear health of nearly 500 Grades 1 and 2 school children in 7 different schools. Nearly 30% of the children tested had hearing loss due to impacted ear wax or chronic ear infections. Follow-up by local medical personnel began.

During the screening visit, the team was introduced to Dr Sepi Lopati, ENT Registrar. Assisting her ongoing education and training has become of focus of the HEARS Tonga Committee since that screening visit. Assoc Prof Suren Krishnan, OAM and Dr John Tomich, both ENT surgeons, have been actively involved in this training. In 2016, Dr Lopati expressed a desire to have her clinic and community nursing staff trained in basic audiological testing. Rotarian Tim Klar, Audiologist travelled to Tonga in August 2016 and delivered training as requested.

In March 2017, Dr Sepi Lopati and Clinical Nurse Loleta Mafi received further training in Adelaide. The cost of this visit was shared equally between the DREAMIN Foundation and the Rotary Club of Prospect. We were thrilled that Rotary Club of Prospect President Carol Walsh could acknowledge Sepi's commitment and personal sacrifice to provide a better ENT service to her local community by recognizing her with a Paul Harris Fellow during this visit. Rotarians worldwide will understand the significance of this recognition, named in honour of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International.

The H.E.A.R.S. Tonga project has also delivered useful audiological equipment to enhance the work of the dedicated medical and nursing staff in Tonga. A recently provided portable Audiometer has already been used in the outer islands of Tonga.

H.E.A.R.S. Tonga was implemented by the Rotary Club of Prospect Inc under the direction of the H.E.A.R.S. Tonga Committee and is supported by the DREAMIN Foundation. There are several other Rotary Clubs who have provided financial or personnel support including the Rotary Club of Kidman Park, The Rotary Club of Clare and the Rotary Club of Adelaide.

Together with local medical personnel in Tonga we are making a difference.



Photo 1



Photo 2



1. Training by Tim Klar, Audiologist
2. Hearing test on Grade 1 student in Tonga
3. Dr Sepi Lopata

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Save the date for the following upcoming Dreamin Fundraising Events in 2017

- Faith, Hope, Charity Ball – 18th November 2017 – see flier on next page
- Test Match Sausage Sizzle – 2nd December 2017 – this will be an Ashes Day/Night Test Cricket Match between Australia and England

