

ROTARY CLUB OF MOBILONG INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Can you help restore sight to people in our neighbouring Pacific nations?

Vision of Islands is a non-profit volunteer eye surgical and clinical team, providing free-of-charge cataract removal for South Pacific Islanders (of all ages) who would otherwise be blind. To date the team, led by ophthalmologist Dr John Willoughby OAM, has worked in Tonga and Tuvalu.

The Rotary Club of Mobilong seeks financial support from clubs in District 9510 to allow Dr Willoughby and his team to continue and extend this work.



Vision of Islands operates under the direction of the Ministry of Health of each participating country. Their medical outreach team trains the local medical staff in patient care. They provide medical and teaching equipment and train local staff in their use, as well as extend specialist eye services to remote areas where people lack specialist services because of remoteness.

The team provides all equipment, expendables and teaching materials (with backup). They remove all their refuse, leaving the island as clean or cleaner than on arrival.

Their goal is to include Registrar trainees from Australasia in the program to expose them to aspects of humanitarian care where they will also see extreme need and advanced pathology. They also aim to take other professionals who may wish to serve or study topics covering several island nations.

Their first volunteer trip back to the Pacific Islands since the Covid-19 Pandemic is now underway. On this trip Dr Willoughby and his team will treat hundreds of patients in the island nation of Tuvalu.

Dr Willoughby provides his surgical skills free of charge. But there are other huge ongoing overheads like travel costs, medical equipment, transport and mobile facilities to reach remote clinics.

CAN YOU HELP?

Your club will be acknowledged by Vision of Islands as a Supporting Donor.

Funding support should be transferred to the following account:

Rotary Club of Mobilong Inc
BSB: 015 665
Acc# 203 729 707

Please include the name of your club and Vision of Islands in the reference.

We ask clubs to please consider a donation of \$500.00 but any amount will be received gratefully.

The Rotary Club of Mobilong will also be applying for a Global Grant to assist Dr Willoughby in his on-going work restoring sight.