



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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## Meeting Apology

Please use the club web-site **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au>

## Frank Fisher died 21 Sept

Sadly I advise a member and good friend Frank Fisher died after a long illness on 21 September.

An obituary will appear next week.

The funeral service will be held at Macquarie Park Crematorium, Palm Chapel, Cnr. Delhi Road and Plassey Road North Ryde on Wednesday 28 September 2011 at 11.15 A.M.

There will be a finger lunch for friends to meet in the Terrace Room at the Macquarie Park Crematorium complex.

Advertisements will appear in the SMH on Saturday Monday and Wednesday next.

**All welcome. No flowers, by request.**



## Malcolm Braid District Confer-

9680 District Conference will be held on March 16 2012 at Wollongong.

Please book early so we have good rooms and make sure we have a maximum attendance at the Conference.

## This Week:

Jo Harris: The first wireless message

## Last week

The United Future Foundation

Annabel Chauncey spoke to us about the School she and a friend have set in Uganda

Annabel said it is similar to St Judes but it is not a Boarding school.

Because it is not a Boarding school, additional schools may allow it to reach more of the youth in Uganda

Report over



## Geoff Hungerford

Volunteers are needed to assist with BBQ for West Pymble Pool

10.00 am until 2.00 pm Saturday 1st October ( or part of the time)

A chance to make some money with no risk.

## Peter Kipps BHCC

We now have a sponsor for printing the BHCC pamphlets

We have printed a Poster and an A4 Flyer

**We still need a major Sponsor**

## The United Future Foundation



### A bit about the team.....

David Everett (co-founder)

Born in South Africa

Grew up in Castle Hill

Macquarie University Development Studies graduate

### THE BOARD

Darren Perry *Chairman*  
(Partner, Freehills law firm)

Matt Day (Architect)

Jack Elliott (Treasurer RAWCS)

Will Britten (Head of Asset Management, Credit Suisse)

### Why did we start?

We experienced first hand, the extreme poverty in Kenya and Uganda

We identified the need for education in rural areas to break people free from this vicious cycle

We were inspired by the peoples resilience to hardship

We are passionate about creating change to break the cycle

## The United Future Foundation

### Project plan

UFF owns 10 acres of land in Muduuma, Mpigi district, Uganda where we are building a multi-purpose primary/vocational school

### Objectives

To create lasting change, through capacity building

To work alongside communities to ensure long-term success

And most importantly...

To use education as a tool for breaking the cycle of poverty

### The current situation

- No books
- No uniforms
- No classrooms
- No hope

### The Figures

49% of Uganda' s population (30 million people) are aged between 0 -14 years: The age group we are targeting

Life expectancy in Uganda is 50 years, compared to 81 years in Australia

Uganda' s GDP per capita is \$346 compared with Australia' s \$31 794

Only 56% of Ugandans complete primary education

Primary education was declared free by the Ugandan government in 1998

*So why are children falling through the cracks of the education system?*

- School is too far away from their homes
- Too sickly/young/disabled to attend school
- Monetary costs for uniforms, shoes or books cannot be met by parents
- Orphaned
- Need to work at home

Educated 81 nursery and Primary 1 students aged 5 – 7

Vocational training for adults, beginning with tailoring classes for women

### Planned Results: 2011

We have the support of and regular communication with the Ugandan High Commissioner (based in Canberra)

Awarded \$10,000 grant from Marie Claire and Garnier

Dave was awarded Tertiary Excellence Award for Hills District

Annabelle was awarded

Chinese Lions Club Humanitarian Scholarship

Received media coverage

from Mx, Marie Claire, Hills District News and Southern Highlands News

## The United Future Foundation

Raised over \$350,000 including through large scale events such as our Black Tie & Barefoot Ball

### Key achievements in Uganda

We have been working hard in the field in Uganda and have achieved to date:

- Sourced and purchased 10 acres of land;
- Worked with Ugandan Solicitors to register us as a Ugandan NGO;
- Solicited the help and compliance of the Ministry of Education;
- Met various government officials and local representatives to ensure we will be accepted into the community;
- Employed over 20 Ugandans including an engineer, operations manager, security and builders;
- Consulted local people for advice and support, including choosing the name and motto for the school.
- Employed 5 teachers – Janepher and Aida, with 18 years' teaching experience between them

### Community meeting to name the school!

Katuso Primary and Vocational School

Motto: ' *Nezikokolima* '

### Why Muduuma?

According to the District Development Report 2010:

Pupil teacher ratio is 50:1

Pupil classroom ratio is 65:1

Pupil desk ratio is 6:1

Average distance to primary schools is 4km

Unemployment rate is 66.9%, the majority of whom are women.

Only 2% of women are employed. Women are mostly involved in house work, crop farming, poultry on a subsistence level and brick making

Youth form 60% of the total population, 40% of whom are unemployed and lack vocational and business



## The United Future Foundation

First stages of construction...

Construction of the pit latrines  
Clean drinking water for the community

31<sup>st</sup> January 2011: Katuso opens!  
Meet some of our students  
(There are 77!)

Some local feedback....

- " You have brought city quality education to the bush." (Roofing contractor)
- " Katuso Primary School has now set the benchmark for education in Mpigi district." (Chief Administrative Officer, the highest ranking civil servant in the district)
- " Your biggest problem by far is going to be the demand for education at your school. People will travel for miles to attend." (District education officer)

### Next steps

Launch the tailoring program for 10 women

Enroll more students to attend school in 2012

### Sponsorship programs

We have a range of different sponsorship programs on offer.

Child sponsorship includes:

Uniform/shoes

Access to modern learning resources and full tuition in a safe environment

3 nutritious meals

Clean drinking water

A brighter future, outside the cycle of poverty



## Pymble Players

**Pymble Players Theatre Booking: Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm for 8pm: \$20**

We have booked the whole theatre for Thursday 27 October. Pymble Players is easy to get to and has free parking. Plays are held in the beautiful 1884 church hall of Pymble Chapel at the corner of Bromley Avenue and Mona Vale Road, Pymble.

We're going to see "The Memory of Water", written by Shelagh Stephenson and directed by Patsy Templeton. In 2000 this play won the prestigious Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy.

"Even water has memory – you can dilute and dilute but the pertinent thing remains ... it still exerts influence": Three sisters meet on the eve of their mother's funeral. As the differences in their own memories of their childhood are revealed, conflicts and tensions emerge, and the sparks fly. But ultimately it is the fabric woven in that early family life that finally allows them to forgive each other and become united. This cleverly written play will resonate, particularly if you have siblings!

This is a major fundraiser so we want all of you to come but you'd best hurry because it is an intimate theatre and there are only 84 tickets!

**Booking:** Please let Caroline know how many tickets you need or fill out the events sheet on Monday.

## Rotary Foundation Thoughts

**8) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about how a Matching Grant can make a difference.**

From 2008 to 2010 the Rotary club of Beecroft and Espirito Santo Vanuatu implemented a water supply project in Mota Lava Vanuatu, that linked 5 villages with 5 kms of water pipe to supply clean drinking water to 1700 villagers. A plus from the program was that the villagers learned skills to enable them to connect the 5<sup>th</sup> village to the system.

Beecroft contributed \$5000 and Santo just \$100 but with \$5,000 from D6940 USA and \$200 from D9680 a Rotary Foundation match of \$7,750 was gained for a total funding of about AUD\$23,000. The Matching Grant allows Clubs to combine with Clubs all over the world to obtain funds that will be matched by The Rotary Foundation to falcate life changing projects.

Please check with the D9680 Grants Chair to learn about the eligibility guidelines and the best way of dealing with the 100 Future Vision Plan Districts as there are some complications when FVP and non FVP Districts try to engage. But only until 2013-14.

This is just one of the many examples of how the Foundation's humanitarian grants programs can make positive changes by reducing disease risk by providing fresh clean water.