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## PAKISTAN Diary from the field

Rotarian Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) member, PP Eb Friedrich from D9800 together with Lions member and DART Peter Newton from Shepparton confirm in their daily reports that you as Australian Rotarians are making a difference to the people of Pakistan.



Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi (D3272) adopted our DARTs with both Eb and Peter attending the Membership & Development Seminar and also their meetings on a Monday evening.

"ADG Iftikhar Ahmed is a saint" Eb said. "He and his wife have built two schools and finance attendance of school children, plus built a home for poor, aged villagers – all with his own money". He travels every second day to help with food relief – a very humble, quiet man of tremendous kindness towards the poor. We are humbled to be fellow Rotarians with these people", Eb said.

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## New Rotarians, both here and in Pakistan

Working on the ground in Pakistan obviously has bought out the best in many people as they assist those most in need. This is certainly the case for Sajid and Salma from Interfaith League Against Poverty (ILAP), our partners in Pakistan as they both joined the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi, with a little help and encouragement from our Rotarian DARTs. They were inducted this week!



And back home from deployment, MICA Paramedic and DART, Andrew Gunn is looking for a Rotary Club to join as, in his words, "this experience has changed my life and I am committed to making a difference to those less fortunate."

## Disaster Aid UK - LifeBox deploys with Disaster Aid

In our first deployment, our DARTs are distributing 5,000 LifeStraws and LifeBoxes in Pakistan this week. A LifeBox contains 6 LifeStraws and were distributed to survivors in the Pushtoon Gari where every house had been destroyed. DART Peter Newton reports "We were introduced to a young man with eight siblings whose father had been killed in the floods; he was most grateful to receive a LifeBox."



DART Peter Newton delivers

LifeBoxes ready to assist

Demonstrating a LifeStraw

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# DAA – helping to build communities and bridge communities

Dear DG Iven Mackay:

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Rtn. Zahiruddin Khan, Pres. RC Rawalpindi Central. It was indeed a pleasure to meet PP Eb Friedrich and Peter Newton. We drove together to attend a seminar in Peshawar. It is a 90 minute drive and gave me the opportunity to get to know them and DA Australia.

I, on my behalf and on behalf of all the club members want to put on record our profound thanks and deep appreciation for all the efforts being done by Yourself, Messrs. Eb Friedrich and Peter Newton along with their previous team members, Rotary Clubs of Australia and DA Australia to alleviate the suffering of the flood affectees. We really appreciate all the aid provided swiftly and promptly to mitigate the suffering of fellow beings.

Your team members backed up by DA Australia are the true ambassadors of Rotary and Australia.

International media has failed to depict the true picture of Pakistan and all the problems it is facing against the war on terror. I am sure your representatives will apprise you of the ground realities "first hand" and present to you a snapshot of real Pakistan.

If your travels bring you to this part of the world, would be a pleasure to meet you.

With warm regards, yours in rotary,

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## DART donates to help

PP Hans Van Dyk and his wife donated a Family Survival Pack to assist in Pakistan. In his honour, the goat has been named 'Hans'.



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# Clean Water to Pakistan

Thanks to your amazing support, we have been able to deliver eight SkyJuice Foundation SkyHydrants – each unit produces up to 10,000 litres of clean drinking water for up to ten years.

The following donors will be receiving photographs of their generous donations in the coming weeks. Also, where possible, each donor of a Family Survival Pack will also receive a photo.

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