

Membership Renewal

We are very excited about the next 12 months for the Marsh Foundation so make sure you remain a paid up member. Renewals are due from July 1st and know that your contribution will ensure that essential medical supplies and more will reach the needy throughout our region. Annual Memberships are only \$50 or there's a 202 Club Membership (\$202 for Individuals), 202 Badge Membership for families, friends, a group or business and a Cargo Club Membership for \$5,000, which directly pays for the transport cost of a container of medical supplies.

Please contact the office on (613) 9427 0055 or by email at ceo@marshfoundation.org.au for more membership information.

Recent Marsh Foundation Successes

Inoculations

Earlier this year the Victorian Health Department donated to the Marsh Foundation a large quantity of Prevenar 7, a three-course vaccine offered to children from 2 months to 5 years of age. While this presents a logistical and bureaucratic nightmare, due to the need for the vaccines to be transported strictly under "cold chain" requirements, we are delighted to be investigating possible recipients for these.

The 12,500 Victorian Health Department vaccines, will protect over four thousand children from childhood pneumococcal disease.

Containers to Tonga

In partnership between Rotary Tonga, Peter Drummond, (International Chairman of The Variety Club) and Variety's Medical Mission South Pacific, a 40 foot container filled with surplus mixed medical supplies including an X-ray machine, is being prepared for shipping to Tonga in late September. This ensures the Marsh Foundation continues to help our Pacific neighbours and that the huge quantities of medical supplies we are regularly offered, keeps turning over.

WHOW - Women Helping Other Women Improving Breast Cancer Awareness in Bali

WHOW is a project of our Marsh Foundation Board Member Sara Van Hecke, who is helping to facilitate the setting up of appropriate breast cancer services in Bali. Currently the survival rate for those diagnosed with breast cancer in Bali is about 1 or 2 in 10, compared with 9 in 10 in Australia and half the battle is in getting women diagnosed at an earlier, more treatable stage.

In conjunction with Bali Pink Ribbon, a new Bali-based organisation dedicated to improving breast cancer health, WHOW recently contributed over \$30,000 (including a donation of \$14,000 from the Marsh Foundation) to begin building Bali's first Breast Cancer Support Centre including new imaging equipment. The first goal of the centre is to educate women about breast awareness, as to have early detection means more effective treatment.

To this end, The Marsh Foundation is also trying to source a mammogram machine and any other equipment that could be used in detection and treatment or a mobile unit that can travel to country areas offering women free mammograms. Sourcing equipment is just one hurdle, however, shipping is another. The logistics of getting equipment into Bali are complex. There are costs involved in shipping, concerns about it arriving in one piece and then concerns about whether it can be tax exempt. Said Sara, "It's going to take some years before we see real change for women with breast cancer in Bali, but it is very exciting to be involved in working towards that change!"

Motorbike

Fourteen of Budget Perth's leadership team visited Bali in June, visiting Jodie O'Shea's orphanage. Budget WA purchased over \$700 worth of food and mattresses for the children and also donated a large number of clothes. After playing with the children for over an hour and having enjoyed their visit, they were further inspired and chipped in to buy the orphanage a motorbike. Everyone was excited and overwhelmed with the gift that will be very helpful for transport and use by the staff.



A great act of generosity by the staff from Budget's Perth office after visiting the Jodie O'Shea Orphanage in June.

The Marsh Foundation Welcomes Deborah Walton



Fresh from 10 years in the private sector with Assets Management in SP Ausnet and National Coordinator for the Variety Clubs of Australia, Deborah Walton joins the Marsh Foundation as its' new Executive Officer.

A thorough professional, she brings her expertise in fundraising, financial management, systems and procedures to the Marsh Foundation. In welcoming Deborah, David Marsh said, "Through the Variety Club, we have known Deborah since the early 90's. She will certainly whip our administration into shape and really help the Marsh Foundation's growth into the future and in its mission to help needy communities build capacity in health through the donation of medical resources." Deborah, the mum of 2, grandmother of 4 and a keen gardener will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On joining the Marsh Foundation, Deborah said she was inspired by the practical support the foundation offers to those in real need and looking forward to being able to help to assist them. "We have a very exciting strategy for growth for the coming years with the opportunity to assist directly in improving the health and quality of life of our regional neighbours. I am excited by the challenges and rewards that this role will bring and hope to meet many Marsh Foundation supporters at our events and working bees in the near future."

Volunteers

We Need You!

A reminder to all friends and members that the Marsh Foundation is regularly in need of volunteers. We are busy and could really use some assistance, 1 day a week, or 1 day a fortnight would be very helpful. This might either be in the office, assisting with administration tasks such as updating our membership database, preparing business or strategic plans or in the warehouse helping to pack containers for shipment. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact **Deborah Walton on 9427 0055** and we will put you to work for the Marsh Foundation.

Updated Website

The Marsh Foundation has undertaken an update and redesign of our website to make it more accessible and user friendly. It now allows for online membership renewals and also direct donations. Head to the website to learn more www.marshfoundation.org.au

Save The Date

Don't forget for all Marsh Foundation members and friends, that the annual Christmas Party at the Athenaeum Club is on Friday November 30th. We would be most grateful to have you join us at this our main fundraiser for the year and for your overall support. Anything you might have that is suitable for donation for either our raffle or major auction, would be much appreciated. Please contact **Angela Sbisa on 0403 612 210** to arrange.

• Save the date •

Marsh Foundation Christmas Party 2012

EMAIL ENQUIRIES TO: ceo@marshfoundation.org.au

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30th of November
From 7pm until 11pm
At the Athenaeum Club
Dining Room
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Invitations
to follow
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To become a member, to make a donation or become a volunteer contact The MARSH FOUNDATION

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