

Pacific Pathways Vanuatu Projects 2018

Newsletter February 2018



**Happy New Year
we are looking forward to an exciting year !**

Paama Island cyclone Pam community projects— confirmed !

A great start to the year with funding confirmed by New Zealand High Commission for our two cyclone Pam projects on Paama Island.

Liro Hospital Community Guest House

The Liro Hospital had worked hard to raise funds to build a guesthouse at the hospital. This was destroyed by cyclone Pam.

The guest house will mean they can cater for families visiting patients and other guests to Liro. So it will generate revenue for the hospital, so they can run outreach clinics to the villages around the island.

Tavie Community & Evacuation Centre

Tavie is the airport for Paama. Many do not know that in February 2015, they suffered damage caused by an earthquake, which caused a landslide and cut the community & airport from the main town of Liro. The community worked hard to clear the road, but this was closed by more falling rocks and debris damage caused by cyclone Pam.

The community centre will mean the village & Paama airport will have somewhere to shelter during an event!

Craig Cove, West Ambrym

Wuru Primary School, reroof project

Sue, I am not sure if you can help me with this or not. It is the rusty roofs of our class rooms, the students have to move their desks whenever it rains from the a text I received from the Principal of Wuru Primary School. The damage to the roof is caused by acid rain from the volcanoes on Ambrym.



Thank you, BlueScope Steel,
for making this project possible



Stage 1: 2017

With the generous donation of roofing iron from BlueScope Steel in Port Vila, in October last year we completed the reroof of two of the classrooms.



Woru Projects – 2018

Stage 2: Reroof Teacher houses x 2

With funding support from Rotary Bundaberg we will return to Woru next month to re roof the teacher houses, thank you Bundaberg Rotary.

Stage 3 : Rebuild the Woru kindy

A kindy built with local materials. The natangora roof is now in need of repair and the bamboo walls are breaking down.

We are waiting on the confirmation of funding and hope to complete this project this year.

Water for Woru

When we arrived in Woru in October last year they had not had rain for 6 months, they were struggling and crops were not surviving, which was reflected in our diet during our stay: breakfast crackers, tinned tuna and rice.

We have talked to engineers from central Otago who we met in Vanuatu a couple of years ago from 'Its Not About Us', they will be in Craig Cove this year and will meet with the community to discuss their situation.



Ambrym, Malampa Province

as per the map and

the small speck below is Paama Island.

To get there we fly in a small 9 seater aeroplane with a stop at Norsup on Malekula Island then to Craig Cove, for Woru School, we have one other stop at Ulei, East Ambrym before we land on Paama which has the shortest air strip of only 800 m, a grass strip !

Recycling resources giving them a renewed purpose : Helping schools in Vanuatu

Our 10th container of donated resources from schools in Canterbury has just arrived in Santo.

A big thank you to our sponsors : Rotary 9910
And our helpers : Tony Marriott, GM Allied Pickford's and Brendon, Jess, Reece & Reid, friends we met on Aore last year who happened to be in Christchurch. Great work to fill the container in a day !!

We met with the Ministry of Education on Monday to learn that there has been an influx of students this year. Schools in Luganville are struggling, so they are erecting UNICEF Tents as temporary classrooms, there is a desperate need for desks and chairs, so the container is timely. The influx of students is the result of the campaign the MOET ran last year. 'All 6 year old children should be in school'. Combined with the announcement by the new Government that Primary School year 1 to 6, will be free. This is a major step forward and will make a huge difference for families across Vanuatu. So no surprise that schools are struggling to accommodate the increased numbers of children !



To the left, the resources are welcomed by the Ministry of Education staff in Santo.

To the right, Resources for Zion Primary School, Big Bay Bush, inland north Santo. A 2 day trip, with the second day on foot carrying the resources, following the river to Zion Village. They really appreciated the resources. *It is a pleasure to be able to help.*



**Tank yu tumas evriwan (Thank you very much everyone)
for your ongoing supporting which makes this all possible**

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BlueScope Steel, SJ Trust

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Redcliff's, Philipstown, Ashgrove & Kaiapoi and also Karen Flett & schools In Dunedin

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