

Euroa Rotary Club – International Service Project – CHOICE Cambodia – May update

Subcommittee report – Peter Morley, Des Nicel, Mandy Edwards, Bob Irving, Rob Morphet, Michael Bell

1. Some members of the Euroa RC subcommittee were available last Wednesday morning met to discuss developments in Cambodia due to the impending wet season.
2. Ross Wright, secretary of CHOICE Cambodia, and resident on site manager, wrote to the project partners confirming that the cost of the 8 classroom school amounted to \$US62000.
3. Confirmation of the cost came following quotes from three local builders. Labour costs totalled a fixed \$US18000 with materials estimated to be at most \$US44000.
4. Ross and the CHOICE Cambodia Board sought clarification about funding from Dee Why Warringah and Euroa Rotary clubs.
5. All materials are to be purchased by Ross Wright.
6. The successful tender is to be awarded to Mr Mon. His workmanship, time management and contract outsourcing are superior to the other two tenderers according to Ross.
7. The CHOICE Cambodia Board released some funding to enable the foundation to be commenced prior to the wet season.
8. Dee Why Warringah RC Board and the Euroa Rotary Club subcommittee approved “in principle” the allocation of funds but no funding will be forwarded before inspection of the site and further discussion of the plans.
9. Euroa Rotarians, Peter Morley and Michael Bell, have booked a flight to Phnom Penh on June 14 and they will spend six days undertaking due diligence exercises.
Following is the agenda that Peter and Michael have in mind:
 1. book accommodation at the school site and meet with Ross/Don;
 2. Go over the construction plans and sustainability of the management of the proposed school and MOU agreement details with Ross/Don;
 3. meet with current CHOICE Cambodia staff;
 4. meet with some local people and local government identities and education department personnel;
 5. visit the Phnom Penh Rotary Club;
 6. get a feel for the education system in Cambodia and its support structure and add this knowledge to a proposed global grant application;
 7. discuss a visit at a later stage (March, 2019) by a group of Rotarians eager to assist with the construction or maintenance work – tasks, accommodation, travel;
 8. investigate tariffs and logistics concerning logistics of getting a container load of school equipment from Melbourne to the school site in Cambodia. The equipment first has to be donated to Rotary!!!
10. Euroa Rotary Club has produced a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by CHOICE Cambodia, and the Rotary Clubs of Dee Why Warringah, Euroa, and Phnom Penh.
11. Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell are considering support of this project as part of the club’s international program in 2018/19.

Michael

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