

# ENDTRACHOMA

PROJECT UPDATE, NOV 2020

*I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, paying my respects to elders past present and emerging.*

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# Trachoma – What is it?



# The WHO SAFE Strategy

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## **Surgery**

Is needed to reposition turned-in eyelashes so they do not scrape against the cornea.



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## **Antibiotics**

Treat the infection and decrease transmission in endemic regions.



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## **Facial cleanliness**

helps to reduce transmission



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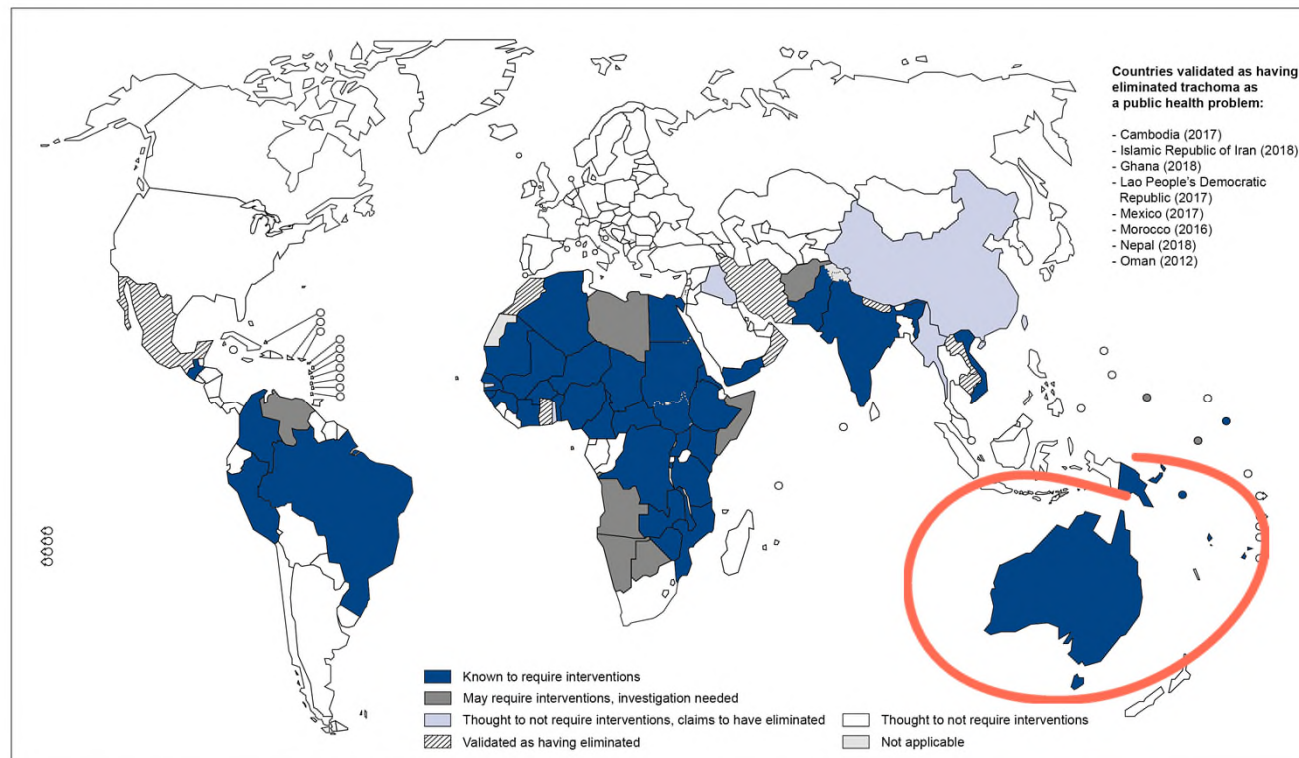
## **Environmental cleanliness**

such as access to water and basic sanitation, reduce risk of exposure and infection



# Trachoma – Where is it?

Status of elimination of trachoma as a public health problem, 2019



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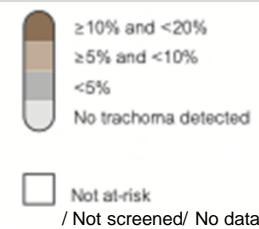
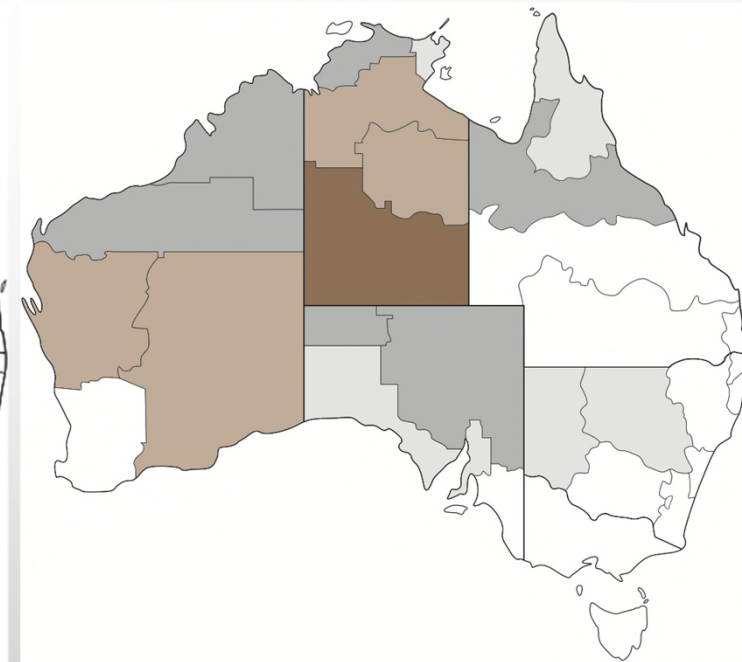
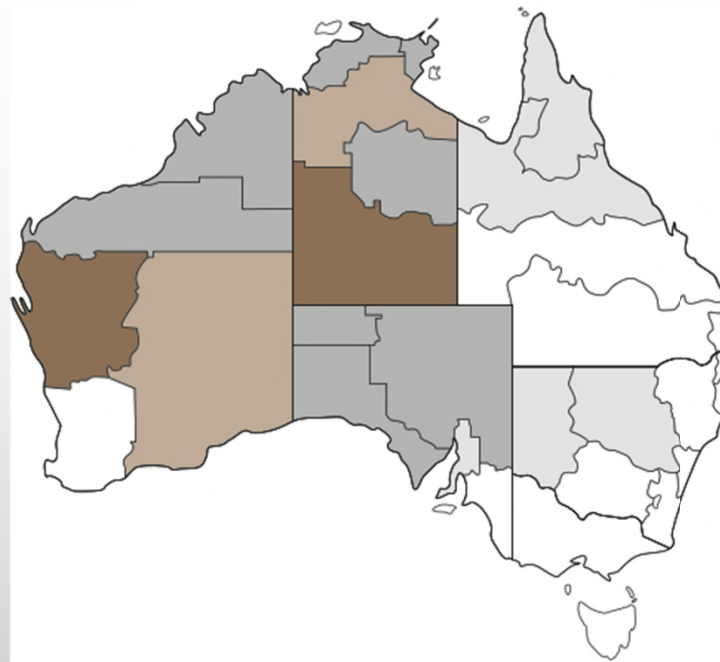
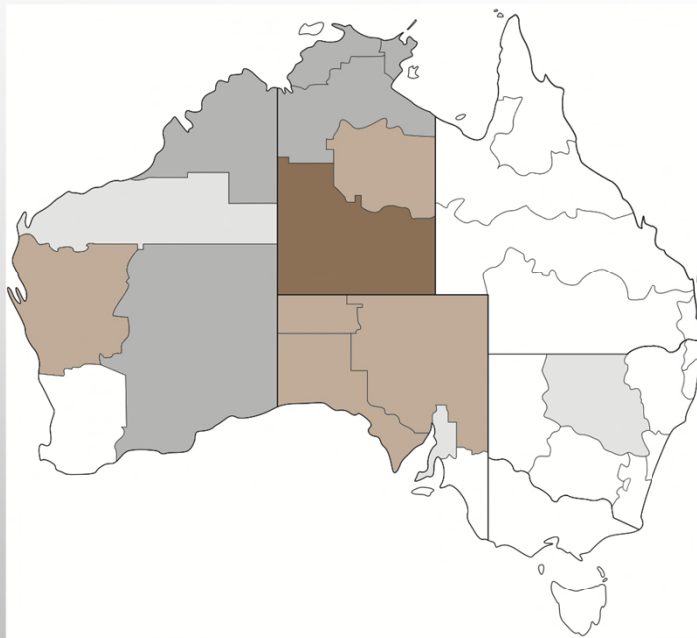


# National overall trachoma prevalence trend 2016-2018

2016 overall prevalence 4.6%

2017 overall trachoma prevalence: 3.8%

2018 overall trachoma prevalence: 3.9%





# Project delivery 2017-2019

## EndTrachoma by 2020

Building Healthy Communities

AUSTRALIA

is the world's last developed country with trachoma. Our project works with national stakeholders to eliminate this avoidable infectious disease through advocacy and community projects, alleviating poverty and improving sanitation awareness and infrastructure

### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

#### Face-washers

Clean Faces, Strong Eyes! If we kept every child's face clean, trachoma would not be a problem. Face-washing programs have been **embedded** in a number of schools with the help of our Chamolis project

#### Mirrors

Not ubiquitous in remote communities, mirrors are an important tool in self-care and self-pride. We have delivered **over 3500** to remote homes in WA, NT and SA

#### Donations in Kind

Rotarians and clubs have supported at-risk communities with hygiene packs, towels and bedding. In 2018, we worked with welfare groups in **3 regions** in the NT and SA

#### SpaTaps, washing machines

Water conserving devices and small, electricity free washing machines have formed part of health promotion initiatives to improve personal hygiene. We've delivered for trial **40** SpaTaps and **22** Washing Machines

#### The Water Trailer Project

Originating from RC Melb, the trailer has provided communities in the APY lands and Alice Springs region with off-mains access to water, and **engaged youth** through music and games to promote health hygiene and end trachoma

The good news is that trachoma rates have fallen since 2008 from **over 20%** to **3.8%** nationally. Our projects focus on community development and prevention. Your donations will help us **eliminate trachoma forever.**

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## THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRACHOMA PROJECT WA (EHTP)

Led by the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA, with WA Regional Public Health Units and Aboriginal Environmental Health workforce. Supported by Rotary Clubs of Australia through project EndTrachoma by 2020

Trachoma, the potentially blinding infectious eye disease, is preventable by enabling strong hygiene practices.

In WA, trachoma at risk regions remain in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest and Goldfield.

### Australia is the last developed country where this disease still persists.

The EHTP will reduce the **incidence** of trachoma in Aboriginal communities in WA

Works with **local** Aboriginal communities to develop environmental health action plans

Ensures **functional** wash spaces with local Aboriginal Environmental Health Practitioners

## EndTrachoma by 2020

Building Healthy Communities

Rotary's R100 Australia-wide project continues to resource educational and environmental health initiatives towards the elimination of trachoma in Australia.

With Bunnings and 3M, our program in 2018-19 delivered over 6000 acrylic mirrors and 2200 towel hooks through EHTP.

Mirrors and bathroom hooks are important tools that allow hygiene practices to occur, in safe and self-determining ways.

**DONATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
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## 2019 projects.

EndTrachoma by 2020  
Building Healthy Communities

1. REMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY
2. COMMUNITY LAUNDRY
3. DIK CONTAINER DONATION
4. PERSONAL CARE DONATIONS
5. PORTABLE WATER TANKS
6. HYGIENE KITS
7. MIRRORS AND TOWEL HOOKS

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# Portable Water Tanks, APY Lands SA



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**3 PORTABLE WATER TANKS** with SA Health,  
Nganampa Health Council, RASAC,  
Ross Engineering, Rotary District 9570)





# National Mirror Project

## MIRRORS:

- In WA, SA and NT
- Delivered via environmental health services and housing
- 2410 packs = **7230 mirrors installed** to date

## TOWEL HOOKS:

- **2428 towel hooks delivered** via the WA environmental health trachoma program



# Health Software and Hardware Support

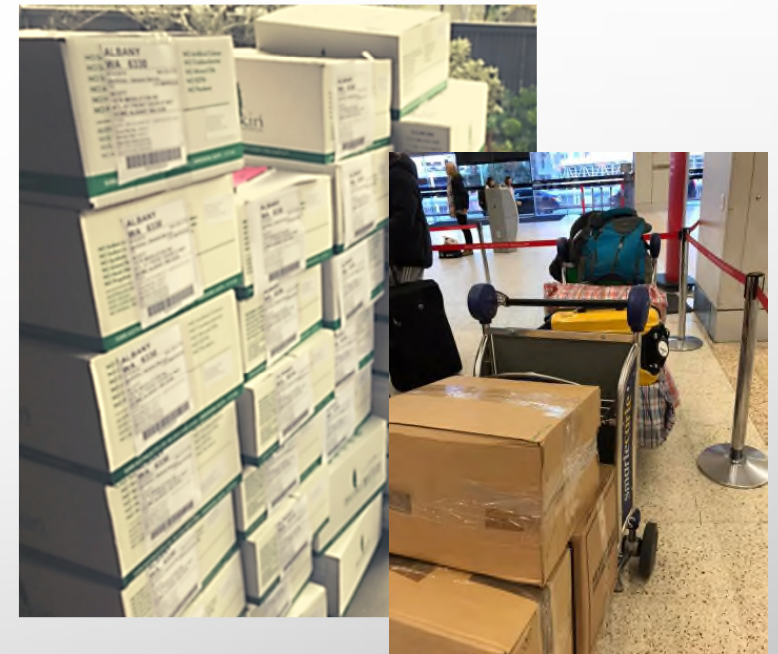
## “Knowledge and Tools”



**500 towels & face-washers** for Nganampa Health Council's Health Hardware packs



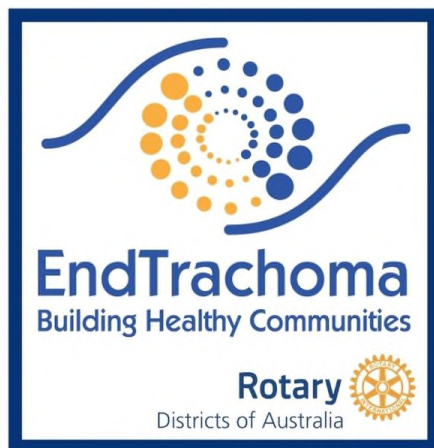
**900 Pinchapoo hygiene packs** to NT Health promotion and Nganampa Health Council



**450kg Rotary Sukin** donations to NPY Women's Council Youth programs, and Environmental Health Trachoma Program, WA



# Our latest Health Hardware Project



**2000 Toiletry  
Kits for  
2000 Children  
in the N.T.**

***Who wants to help?***

Decide on the number of kits you will make and we'll match you with a school requiring quantities of up to 230 kits. Then we will send you the project information pack with everything you need to know.

*Then:*

- ***Sew the bags***
- ***Source the items***
- ***Send the kits***

**CONTENTS:**

- Face washer
- Hand towel
- Soap
- Soap container
- Toothbrush
- Toothbrush container
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Brush or Comb
- 1 litre reusable drink bottle
- Handmade Toiletry bag
- Something special





# *Together let's prevent trachoma*

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participate in this project**

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