



# Y Service Clubs International

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Service Club in partnership with the YMCA

“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right”

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Letter 1

Dear Members,

Greetings everyone, during difficult times, I extend my well wishes to every one, and your families and extended families. I decided to contact individual members, my reason for this is in part as a result of some clubs not meeting during Covid-19, but also and most importantly to have individual contact, which enables me to share information about Time Of Fast – Global Project Fund (TOF-GOF).

The importance of individual contact allows for an open forum for individuals to ask questions. I look forward to receiving feedback and any questions in relation to TOF-GPF.

### ***TOF-GPF HISTORY***

Historically, Time of Fast TOF is an annual International Y's Men's programme which began as momentary assistance made available to areas of developing countries by arrangement with the World Alliance of YMCAs.

TOF is now a popular programme where Y's Men members all over the world, traditionally give up at least one meal (usually during the month of February) and donate the cost of that meal to TOF fund which in turn makes the money raised in this way available to projects by both Y's Men and the YMCA's all over the world. Since its inception in 1972 to date, TOF has raised about US\$7m for development projects and disaster relief.

### ***WHERE HAS MY DONATION BEEN SPENT***

Refer to attachment being for Summary of Projects for 2018-2019. This is the latest edition from International. On receipt for the list of projects for 2019-2020 this will be uploaded onto the Regional website. <https://yserviceaustralia.com/rsd-news>

### ***CAN WE STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

Yes, if we make a collective effort, we can continue to make a difference, just as the Australia Region has done so in the past. Instead of placing a target on clubs, I would like to see clubs to set their own target, that is reasonable and affordable. It is realized that some clubs are having financial difficulty. In saying this, we should not think there is nothing can be done, there are alternatives, development in new prospects for fundraising can be rewarding.

### ***WHY?***

A small momentary donation by everyone, provides the basis of creating successful programmes and projects. In the past donations from Australia, are highly recognized and most acknowledged. We credit ourselves for this support. May this continue to the future so that a difference is being made to advantage groups that require help.



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***HOW CAN I HELP***

***Some suggestions to raise fund for TOF-GPF for the month of February 2021.***

- Donate value of meal
  - Clubs to hold a TOF-GPF night in month of February, have a light meal of rice or toasted sandwich. Each member pay the normal cost of a club meal. Funds received for cost of a club meal 100% donate to TOF-GPF.
- Follow the TOF-GPF calendar
  - The objective is to start the calendar at your whenever it suits.
  - Involve family and friends make a game of it during Covid-19
- Joint club fundraising effort
  - Individual clubs investigate ways to have TOF-GPF, fundraising activity in February 2021. Maybe, meat raffle, pie night, trivia night even on line.
- Individual Donation
  - Annual donation sent to Regional Treasure by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- Bequest Donations
  - Leave a lasting legacy, and bequest part of your estate to TOF-GPF

***CAN I GET INVOLVED***

- Be proactive in finding ways for your club to raise funds during the month of February.
- If anyone with aspirations in becoming RSD for TOF-GPF, the time is now to come forward. Positions will come available 1 July 2021. I look forward to mentor someone who is most willing to take on this valuable role for when my term finishes.

***WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION***

- The international website and our Australia Regional Website is a great source to receive information not only for TOF-GPF but much more. Visit do a control click on the links and it will take you direct to the website. You will find videos and current documents relating to TOF-GPF.  
<https://www.ysmen.org/our-work/international-support/time-of-fast/>  
or <https://yserviceaustralia.com/rsd-news>
- Further I am available to answer any questions and assist in any way. My contact details are in the header of this letter.

***ATTACHMENTS***

- TOF-GPF Policy and Guidelines
- Summary Of Projects 2018-2019
- International TOF-GPF Calendar

***I sincerely thank you for your time in reading this letter. I encourage your involvement to support TOF-GPF. A most worthy initiative from Y's Men's International. Further I welcome feedback and suggestions.***

Warm Regards  
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