

## THIRTEEN ROTARY CLUBS IN THREE COUNTRIES

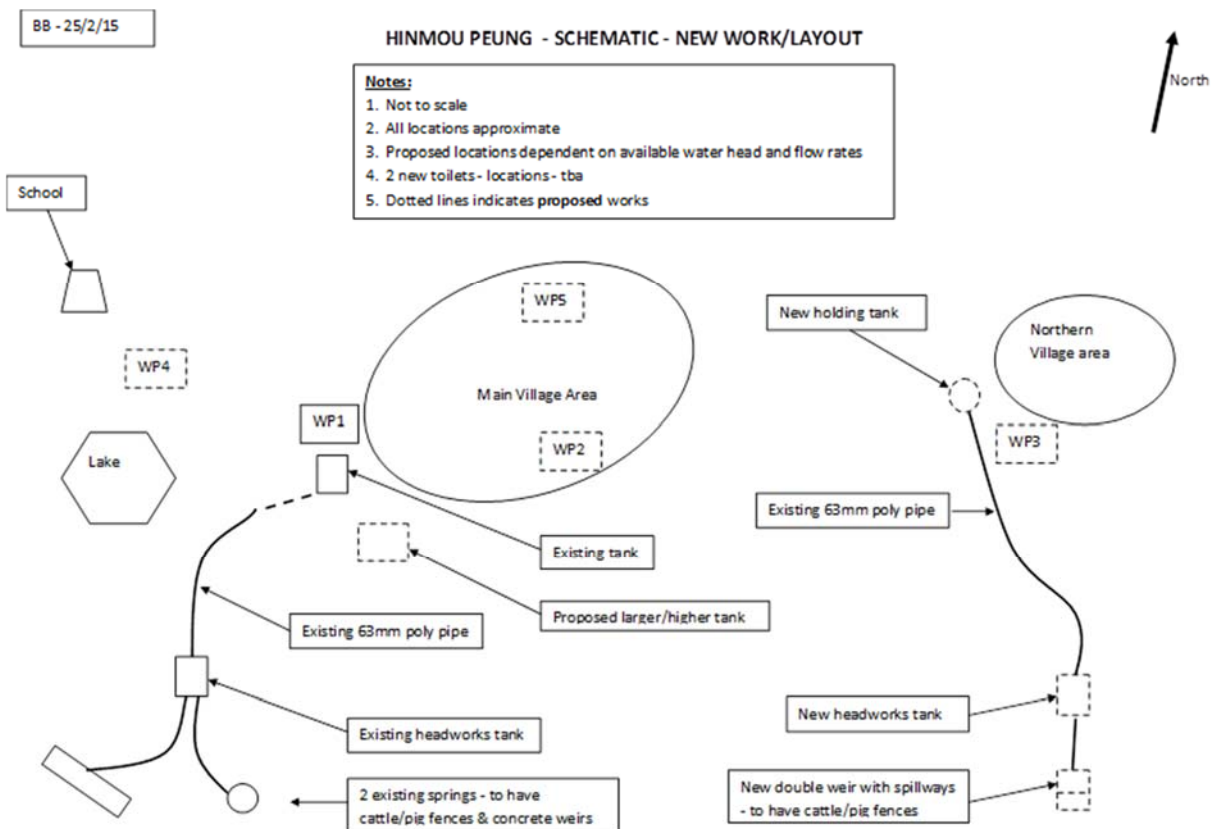
### PROVIDE RUNNING WATER FOR REMOTE VILLAGES IN LAO PDR

Between 2012 and 2015 a group of 13 Rotary clubs in 3 districts combined to undertake a series of water supply projects in northern Laos. The Rotary Clubs were Mosman, Crows Nest, Lindfield, Berowra and Ku-Ring-Gai in District 9685, Rotary Clubs of Perth, Hillarys, Matilda Bay, Northam, Batavia Coast and Kalamunda in District 9455, and Chiangmai and Vientiane as Host Clubs in District 3360. With the financial support of two grants (RAWCS Project 59/2011-12 and Global Grant 1412794) these 13 clubs worked with an Australian NGO called MiVAC (Mines Victims and Clearance) in Phoukood District of Xiengkhouang Province under MiVAC's permit from the Lao Government. In all, a total of 5 remote villages were provided with running water. These villages had previously been forced to rely on women and children to haul water manually over typically very long distances.

The general approach was to construct headworks from reliable water sources in nearby mountains, lay supply pipelines, construct holding tanks and reticulation to standpipes which were located strategically within the villages. The villagers themselves supplied the labour to undertake the construction work under the guidance of local MiVAC management and supervisors.

Each village created a Water Committee to manage the new system and district officers provided training to the local community in personal hygiene and in maintenance of their new system.

Photographs depicting work and training follow. These can be expanded to suit application.





The Sign



The Source Works



Pipeline Laying



Pipeline River Crossing



A headworks settling tank nearing completion.



Building the village water tank

Diverter weir is in background





Village Water Tank



Training



Previous system

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Student washing herself at water point adjacent to school