

## **MATCHING GRANT SUCCESS FOR THE ROTARY CLUBS OF MORUYA & DILLIBAZAAR & THE ASHA FOUNDATION**

The 2010/11 Rotary theme of Building Communities – Bridging Continents has come to fruition through the success of a Matching Grant application by the Rotary Clubs of Moruya and Dillibazaar – Kathmandu. The Asha Foundation will be acting as the Cooperating Organisation and the link between the two clubs. Funding has been approved for The Kuntabesi Project which will help provide direct access to water via a solar pumping system, educational supplies for village children and that wonderful Rotary project, the building of a new TOILET.

Kuntabesi is situated 3 hours drive east of the Nepal capital Kathmandu and all work will centre around the Kalidevi Primary and Disabled School. This village is mainly populated by poor subsistence farmers, and they simply do not have the income to make improvements to the school. This is where Rotary funding steps in and helps change lives for the better.

By providing water directly to both the schools, the children and their teachers no longer have to walk down a narrow path to collect buckets of water for daily usage. The Primary school will have the interior walls rendered and painted, new blackboards, teacher resource material and much needed exercise books and pencils for the children. The disabled children will, like their fellow student at the Primary School have access to tap water for the very 1<sup>st</sup> time, and an enclosed play area with suitable play equipment will be provided along with a new disabled toilet.

Commencement of this project will be late August and in September volunteers from Australia will travel to the project site to help the local tradesman.

