

Mr Giuseppe (Joe) Rotondella, a Fremantle fisherman, has also been involved in the fishing and pearling industry in the Yangon, Myanmar area since 1992. He developed a pearl hatchery on 'Pearl Island' for the Myanmar Government and as a result the Myanmar Pearl Industry has emerged as a producer of the world famous Golden pearls.

He is highly regarded as a very successful businessman in the Fishing Industry in Western Australia. Through a variety of investments in land, pearl farming, prawn and lobster fishing he has established himself as a highly respected and financially independent member of the community.

For many years in Australia and Myanmar, he has been supportive of hospitals, Special Needs Children's charities, Aboriginal projects and charities, the Cambodian Children's Fund and has been an ongoing benefactor of many Australian Senior and Junior sporting clubs. He has been very active in donating financially to many local charities and benevolent foundations in the Western Australian community.

He continues to pursue his quest to significantly make a difference to the lives of the poor, orphaned and handicapped of Myanmar. He loves the country and the people of Myanmar. He equally divides his time between both countries, as Myanmar is a country he refers to as his second home.

He has always been very enthusiastic in the provision of current technology training for under-privileged children over the previous 17 years.

He has developed the opportunity to make life more comfortable for a number of the orphanages and charities in the Yangon area. He has also provided finance, televisions and computers for the young residents and has been involved in the procuring of future employment for the over 18 year old orphans. He has also provided a school for the community of a nearby island that provided employees for his pearl farming interest.

On July 16th, 2011 he was responsible for the provision of 19 new computers for the Multimedia Room at the Yangon Training School for Girls in Myanmar. This occasion was prominently reported in the local newspaper and Television media.

He had the Multimedia Room completely renovated with new carpet, repainted the walls, fixed the roof, installed air-conditioning and provided a Tutor for a period of 12 months. This appointment may be extended.

He has also donated 5 large screen televisions & DVD's and 50 MP4 players to the Yangon Training School for Girls.

He intends to establish a number of computer training centres in Government and private schools, and in orphanages in order to create career opportunities for the disadvantaged children of the community, particularly orphans. The total package would include refurbishment of computer room, computers, printers and tutoring.

As a first phase he is currently involved in the import into Myanmar of 250 computers from our **Club Computer Project** with the intention of developing 10 training centres. This will give the disadvantaged and Government school students of the community the skills necessary to provide a future when their days at the orphanages have been completed.

He is investing heavily, using his own funds in the acquisition of smaller blocks of land in the outer suburban areas of Yangon. He is currently involved in the building of sustainable housing for the disadvantaged members of the community. His aim with this endeavour is to provide these homes at either affordable or free rentals. The construction of these dwellings will eventually provide accommodation for approximately 1,000 poor people.

He is currently introducing a new style of building which will accommodate 16 dwellings on 2 combined sites. This will provide internal western style bathing facilities with running water, electricity and western style toilets.

Recently, Mr Rotondella donated a lovely home to a house maid who was servicing his room at the Traders Hotel. This was in order for her mother to return to her native village, He purchased the mothers Yangon home which included all the conveniences, flat screen television sets, fridges and gas stoves and presented it to the maid and husband free of charge. As you can imagine she was overwhelmed by his generosity.

This is not the first time this has occurred as he has previously donated free of charge, 4 modest homes and land to the needy and he intends to continue this practice and further generous financial assistance to the poor.

An extraordinary human being.