



June Newsletter
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A Humble Bike? Getting an Education May Depend on it

Dear Supporter,

As we reach the halfway mark of 2026, we want to thank you for the important part you have played in helping us meet the urgent needs of school children in rural Zimbabwe: You assisted us, so we could reliably deliver food supplies for daily school meals, supply important menstrual health materials & workshops, pay school fees for children from very vulnerable families and provide essential learning materials, such as textbooks and laptops.

We also could provide 353 bikes over the past 4 years to children, who live more than 6 kilometers away from school. This year, 93 newly enrolled students (60%) are in this situation, were they urgently need a bike to avoid having to spend hours each day to walk to and from school - hours, which are not available for study or play.

Thanks to your support for our Ride for Bikes campaign, we already have the funds for 54 bikes. But we can't leave the remaining 39 kids behind, expending all their energy walking, rather than concentrating on learning while in class.



That's why this year's End-of-Financial-Year Appeal aims to raise money for the 39 "still wanted" bikes. *See details below.*

Every amount helps getting these kids on bikes and to school.

Ride for Bikes 2026



Sunday, 19 April was nothing short of amazing: perfect weather, great energy and an incredible community coming together for a meaningful cause.

We had 18 adult and 6 fantastic young cyclists joining us for a beautiful ride starting in Old Noarlunga on a scenic route down to Willunga and back, where a delicious BBQ was waiting for them, thanks to chefs Stella, Michael, Wendy and Olga.

The event raised a total of \$15,300, which provides 54 bikes (including the 10 donated by our partner [Buffalo Bikes Zimbabwe](#)).

A huge THANK YOU to -

- Our riders for showing up and giving it their all;
- Our generous donors for their support;
- Our wonderful volunteers, who made this event happening.



Ten More Laptops for Hwata Secondary



In May, our Country Director, Langton Nyasha (*photo below, on very right*) had the very pleasant task of handing over ten more laptops to the Principal of Hwata Secondary, Mr Huruva Mukucha (*on very left*). This brings the number of laptops supplied by NoBarriers to twenty (10 were already provided in 2025).

With 266 students currently enrolled, it means 13 students need to share access to one laptop.



There is still a long way to go before the children at Hwata Secondary - like in most other schools in rural Zimbabwe - get anywhere the IT learning opportunities, we in Australia take for granted. But while small steps, we are heading in the right direction.

Rotary Club of Norwood's Sponsorship of Menstrual & Sexual Health Program - now in its 2nd Year



This image says it all: a group of Form 2 girls at Hwata Secondary with big smiles holding up their new sanitary kits. For them, it's more than a kit. It's one less reason to miss school.

The Rotary Club of Norwood committed to a 4-year journey with these students, who started Form 1 in 2025. This "Class of 2025" is 70 strong (37 girls, 33 boys) and now in their second year of secondary school.

In March, our partner Sanitary Aid Zimbabwe visited the schools again to refresh menstrual kits, distribute toiletries, and run workshops on menstrual health and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The workshops are for girls and boys alike. Because it's only when boys also understand these topics, that the whole community becomes more supportive.

To the Rotary Club of Norwood: Thank you for seeing this through, year after year.



African Tasting Plate: An Evening of Culture, Connection & Purpose - in Perth



The African Tasting Plate celebrated in May its first Perth event, marking a significant milestone for No Barriers Education Foundation.

Fifty-two guests gathered to enjoy African-inspired dishes, music, dance, and a range of activities. The event raised \$4,850, funds that will go towards menstrual hygiene kits and health education programs for some 300 girls at our partner schools in rural Zimbabwe.

The evening's success is a reflection of the strength of the NoBarriers' community and the value of working together across states and continents.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, donated, or contributed in any way to making this first Perth event such a success. Special thanks to our generous sponsors: Sustainable Edge, MBS Business Services, Chartered Accountants ANZ, Rotary Southern Districts, Sisters Healing Space, Tari's Kitchen, Temwastreats, Perthmakeup by Fortue, and Getfitwithtinytana.

With Perth now behind them, the African Tasting Plate team looks ahead to its next stop: Melbourne.

👉 Our Directors in Perth: Blessings Maruza (L), Madonna Mturiki (R)

BIG CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT in July

Please join us for a big evening of trivia, games and prizes galore. Round up some friends, family or neighbours and form an unbeatable team:

📍 **Friday, 31 July 2026**

 **6:30pm - doors open; 7:00 pm kick-off**

 **Goodwood Community Centre, 32 – 34 Rosa Street, Goodwood**

[Buy Tickets Now](#)

Thank you for walking with us through this financial year.

Our End of Financial Year campaign is now live. Every gift before 30 June helps us to assist children to overcome distance and to arrive at school on time and with plenty of energy to learn.

We'll be in touch again in July with campaign results and final reflections.

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Thank you for all you've already made possible.

Warm regards,

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