

# Money for wells donation



Anyuon Liai, Matt Andreas from Garden City Rotary and Sister Sue Flood discuss the placement of water wells in Sudan.

PICTURE: BEV LACEY

## City benefactor helps the Sudan

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THE families of Toowoomba men Malwal Mywin and Anyuon Liai are among 25,000 Sudanese people who will soon have safe drinking water.

A Toowoomba-based benefactor has donated \$70,000 to set up five water wells in the hometowns of Toowoomba's Sudanese families.

The five communities are in Warrap State which is one of the poorest states of southern Sudan.

Mr Liai said people currently had to walk five hours every night to find their drinking water.

"That area was very

isolated during the war and lots of people died from lack of water," Mr Liai said.

"Nearly two thirds of the family I left behind are dead.

"The other third are still there and this will be a great change in their lives."

The generous benefactor opted to remain anonymous but has asked the Toowoomba Garden City Rotary Club to facilitate the gift through a

partnership with the Social Justice Commission of the Catholic Church (Toowoomba Diocese).

Rotary's Toowoomba director of International and Youth Trevor Watts said the benefactor wanted to see the money used for an international humanitarian project that held significance for Toowoomba residents.

"Toowoomba people's generosity never ceases to amaze us at Rotary," Mr Watts said.

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