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Ryde's new school - 11,700km away

CHILDREN in the desolate mountains of Afghanistan will have a chance to go to school for the first time in decades.

Their happier new year and brighter future comes with a new school nurtured and funded by the Ryde Rotary Club and former Afghani orphan refugee and Marsden High School student Ali Reza Yunespour.

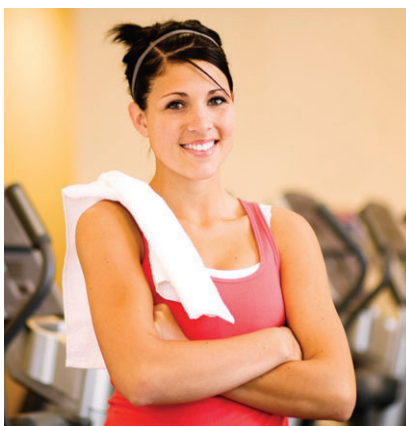
Months of planning, negotiating and building in the remote Borjegai village, 300km from Kabul and 11,700km from here, have finally come to fruition and the school is enrolling for 2011.

For a community that has been discriminated against for decades and massacred by the Taliban, there is finally the prospect of peaceful development.

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The children of Borjegai village form a guard of honour as Ryde Rotary Club's co-ordinator arrives to see their new school.



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