



# Adopt-a-Village Australia

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Dear friend,

You are cordially invited to the launch of Adopt-a-Village Australia.

Adopt-a-Village (AAV) is a global initiative assisting the most vulnerable of Armenia's citizens.

Each diasporan community is matched up with a region of Armenia, establishing direct links with community representatives and together agreeing on projects that would benefit that community. Australia and New Zealand have been linked with the region of [Vayots Dzor](#), with Australia's initial focus being the village of Shatin.

AAV is not about big money projects, which might be susceptible to corruption, but about micro-projects (many not involving cash), the exchange of skills and the establishing of a direct relationship between the Diaspora and villages. Diasporan representatives oversee the projects, with the full support of local and central government in Armenia.

For more information about AAV, please visit our [website](#) or join our [Facebook page](#).

AAV is not an organisation, but a way of facilitating the existing resources and unharnessed potential of Australians of Armenian and non-Armenian background for the benefit of the Armenian homeland.

AAV has been endorsed by Bishop Najarian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in Australia and New Zealand. You can find his endorsement [here](#). His Grace will attend the launch and give his blessing to the birth of Adopt-a-Village Australia. We will also hear from a representative of Shatin village and from Len Wicks, founder of Adopt-a-Village, followed by a panel discussion. There will be a brief reflection in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

The details of the launch are as follows:

**Date:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

**Time:** 12:30-3:00pm

(Arrive at 12:30pm for tea and coffee, followed by a prompt 1:00pm start)

**Venue:** [The Dougherty Community Centre](#), 7 Victor St, Chatswood NSW 2067

**Parking:** Some on-site parking and Westfield Shopping Centre car park

**RSVP:** By Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The event is free.

We would be honoured to have you with us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via return email or on 0410 658 905.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Armen Gakavian

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