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At the recent National RAWCS conference April 2019 new initiatives and strategic planning concepts were canvassed in order for RACWS to be relative to Rotary International future directions. Rotary changing with the times.

Regional Communications coordinator is a new position underpinning the first edition of this newsletter. Rover initiated originally by Eastern Region has had the theme extended to serve Project teams in Victoria, Tasmania, Mt Gambier – Sth Australia region as well as in NSW and the ACT.

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Southern Region Communications

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RAWCS reviewing practices & policy *(Mani report p4)*
Mani Seneviratne Chair 2018-19 RAWCS Southern Region

National web site will be re-addressed in the current Year, the areas to be addressed would be:

- * Purpose of the web site
- * Where we are now
- * Where do we need to be?
- * Making recommendations
- * Marketing
- * Crowd funding

Future of RAWCS
Project Case Studies
Getting the RAWCS Message Out There
Rotarians Against Malaria
Donations in Kind
Crowdfunding
Showcase

RAWCS Southern Region

18th August 2019

Ciloms Airport Lodge, Tullamarine,
Melbourne

**INFORMATION DAY
& Southern Region RAWCS A G M**

9.30 – 10.30am A G M (Open)

Regional Coordinator PDG Ken Moore
Regional Secretary – Virginia Turner
Minutes of previous AGM
Chairman 2018-19 report PDG Mani Seneviratne
Financial & Regional Reports
Project & Volunteer Report
RAM Report DIK Report
Safe Water and Sanitation Saves Lives

10.45 – 3.30pm Information Day

The purpose of the day is to better equip those who will be delivering RAWCS programs and projects directly to Clubs with:

- Key information on the future directions of RAWCS
- Information on specific activities and projects
- Challenges and opportunities
- Communications plan for Regions, Districts and Clubs.

There will be space if you wish to display your project. Just let us know well in advance so that we can coordinate everything.

Registrations

There will be a registration fee of \$10 to be paid at the registration table on arrival – this fee shall cover, Tea / Coffee on arrival, Morning & Afternoon Tea and a four course finger food lunch.

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**ROTARIANS
AGAINST MALARIA**

2019 RAM Annual Conference

24th & 25th August 2019

Ciloms Airport Lodge, Tullamarine,
Melbourne

**Pre-Conference Workshops - two info
workshops on the Sat. morning (24th Aug)**

Speaker topics include:- global malaria statistics; malaria in pregnancy and the malaria vaccine PlasProtect® research. Find out about civil societies' roles in malaria elimination. Learn about the malaria elimination needs and achievements in our partner countries: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Timor Leste and West Timor.

As well as hearing invited speakers on the Sunday morning, the Conference Program will include RAM's General Meeting which will give you an opportunity to contribute to RAM's annual plan for minimising the impact of malaria in our neighbouring countries. This Meeting also includes orientation for new Regional Coordinators and District Chairs.



Online registration.

A more detailed flyer includes registration fees, accommodation details and the Conference Program is now open on the RAM website.

www.ram.rawcs.com.au

Registration closes on August 12th



Focus Maternal and Child Health Economic and Community Development Water and Sanitation Basic Education and Literacy Disease Prevention

Projects involving Southern Region clubs by focus.

Water Provision Project	Port Moresby	PNG	Water and Sanitation
Hearing Health	Dili	Timor-Leste	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Chaughada Education and Training Project	Chaughada	Nepal	Basic Education and Literacy
Food for Natural Disasters	Manilla	Philippines	Maternal and Child Health
Operation Unchain	Siem Reap	Cambodia	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Bodhi School Development for Inclusion	Trivandrum	India	Basic Education and Literacy
Run Out of Poverty	Davao	Philippines	Economic and Community Development
Tabuk Water Distribution and Sanitation Project	Nambucayan	Philippines	Water and Sanitation
Provision of water for Yalobi Village and School	Waya Island	Fiji	Water and Sanitation
Susan McKinnon Foundation	Bago	Myanmar	Economic and Community Development
Community Leadership	Kathmandu	Nepal	Water and Sanitation
The MEC Project Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Cambodia	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Debs Kids in Kenya	Ngong Hills	Kenya	Maternal and Child Health
No Roads - Health PNG	Tufi	PNG	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Mahera Academy	Thika	Kenya	Basic Education and Literacy
Solar Smiles Dental Charity	Dili	Timor-Leste	Disease Prevention and Treatment

[Sample only] Projects Southern Region clubs by location. Full list go to www.RAWCS.org.au

Projects & Volunteers Activities [extract from] David Ronksley Report 19th April 2019

Saving Mothers and Children.	Southern Region 14 projects, National 56
Fighting Disease.	Southern Region 24 projects, National 86
Supporting Education.	Southern Region 43, National 150
Water and Sanitation.	Southern Region 10, National 34
Economic/community Development.	Southern Region 13, National 61
RABS Rotary Australia Benevolent Society	Southern Region 17 , National 46
RACG - National 60	

Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants, auspice by the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS), these projects have been made possible by a \$1M donation to RAWCS by Dick Smith philanthropist. Closed but amount to \$2.5 Million being distributed effectively. (RACG) was formed to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects.

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(. . . extract from report 19 May 2019)

Rotary new Vision Statement.

Rotary International has come up with a new Vision Statement with effect from 1 July 2018.

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

This vision statement reflects the future that we aspire to reach and the impact we wish to have on the world. It explains what we want to achieve, while the strategic plan represents how we are going to get there. The Strategic planning is a process, not an event. And it is important for Rotarians to know that neither the vision statement or the strategic plan was crafted in the R.I board room. Countless focus on groups, in-depth interviews, and discussions with Rotarians, non-Rotarians, Rotary leaders, alumni, Rotaractors and others to gather more insight. The National RAWCS should take note of this. End of my second year has come and this would be my last meeting for the year. I wish to thank my Team for the great support they had extended to me during the past two years.

I take this opportunity to thank the PP Gloria Hargreaves and her RAM Team, David Ronksley and his Rotary Volunteers Team, The DIK Depots of Footscray specially David Dippie and Anton in Geelong. They had done a tremendous amount of work to keep RAWCS working.

I would like to emphasise changes happening within Rotary Australia by the year 2020, there will be a large reduction in Districts and numbers, making Districts much larger and this will affect RAWCS. National is looking into the future plans.

Few committee members namely David Ronksley, John Gander, & Stuart McArthur would be finishing their 3-year term and I would like to thank them for a great job done. You have been a great asset to SR and we appreciated your input, commitment and passion to keep SR awake and progressing, and your untiring work will not be forgotten. Please be with us and keep challenging us to make this world a better place.

Mani Seneviratne

The Rover and Communications Strategy

RAWCS has recently appointed a Communications team to create and implement a Communications Strategy by giving some thought to who needs to communicate what, to whom, and how?

By clarifying our purpose and audience for each channel, we hope to produce communications that are more engaging and effective.

RAWCS certainly does have plenty to say to donors and to non-project participating Rotarians, and potential partners, but it isn't planning to use the Rover to do that.

The Rover is all about serving the Project People: Managers, Deputies, Team members and Volunteers.

Please let us know if there is something you would like us to include in the Rover, and feel free to offer us text and photos, remembering that we will be choosing the most useful, encouraging and entertaining combination we can, and that 200 words is usually a good sort of length. We are happy to provide a link to a more in depth exploration, if that is appropriate.

RAWCS reviewing practices & policy

(David Ronksley. SR Project/Volunteer co-ord)

- Adapting to the market trends and best modern business practices.
- Ensuring current practice and policies.
- Compliance requirements meet that of a leading humanitarian service organisation.
- Meeting the needs of project volunteers and the benefactors of the project .

"Placing RAWCS in a position within The Top 10 World Wide as an International & Community Support Organisation "

Do you have advice to share with your project-focussed peers?

Topics could include:

- ✂ Leads to partners
- ✂ Marketing ideas that worked for you
- ✂ Advice re-local government collaboration
- ✂ Tips on planning group travel experiences
- ✂ Advice on building an effective and engaged support team
- ✂ Crowd-funding- what works and what doesn't

Would you like to invite collaboration in some way?

Do you have a funny, exciting or surprising story to tell? The RAWCS Rover could be the place to do it!

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Eastern Region Communications

(This page edited from Eastern Region Rover)



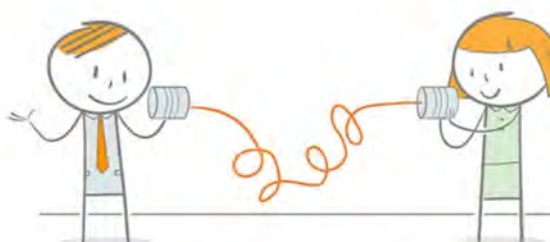
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**RAWCS Project 29/2018-19
RCs Berwick & Ballarat West
Solomon Islands Dental Clinic**

[report by Noel Howard D9780 RAWCS chair]

Dr. David Goldsmith has just returned from Honiara where he oversaw the delivery of a container load of dental equipment which included eight dental chairs, stools, seven amalgamators, a compressor and miscellaneous dental supplies.

The Solomon Islands has a population of 625,000 people spread over 900 islands and is one of the poorest nations on earth. The Solomon Islands GDP is rated 173rd out of 185 countries. There is a high incidence of tooth decay and oral cancer with very few public facilities available for treatment. The Public Dental Clinic is located at the Police Station in Honiara where about 100 patients turn up each morning, of which only about 30 are able to be treated. The only other public dental facility is located at the National Referral Hospital in Honiara whose dental clinic was demolished in 2012.

There are however about 40 qualified dentists in the Solomon Islands with another 15 students about to qualify in Fiji and PNG, but due to government inertia there are limited places for them to work. *(end of report)*

Pictured (above) with one of the new dental chairs at NRF – L to R – Dr Charles Sulu (dental prosthodontist), Dr John Hue (NRH Medical superintendent, Dr. David Goldsmith (Rotary Club of Ballarat West), Dr Loren Oti (Chief Dental Officer for the Solomon Islands) Dr Ellison Vane (Head of Population Oral Health & Research Unit)

Dr David Goldsmith *(... extract)*

The first stage, just completed by this Rotary team, involved the delivery of 9 chairs to the building, the initial installation of the chairs in 3 surgeries and transporting the other 6 chairs to other rooms in the building. As a result of the visit three rooms in the new building now have fully working operating chair/units. Additional training was given to the hospital BioMedical engineer in dental installation and maintenance procedures on the visit.

This is a joint project of the combined Rotary Clubs of Ballarat West and Berwick, and the Rotary Club of Honiara. It is registered RAWCS project 29/2018-19. The dental equipment and materials came from the Royal Adelaide Dental hospital and were shipped by Adelaide dentist Rotarian Dick Milner at Rotary Donations in Kind (DIK) along with a large consignment of medical supplies for the NRH. The cost of purchasing and shipping the container was paid by RC Berwick. *Full report* dgold@netconnect.com.au