

DISTRICT 9810 ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018-19

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Gloria wishes to express her appreciation to National Project and Volunteer Coordinator Mick Willis, Regional RAWCS Secretary Virginia Turner and a number of the D9810 RAWCS Team for their willingness to advise her on any query she had on correct RAWCS procedure.

Gloria attended Southern Region Quarterly meetings as both Southern Region RAM Coordinator as well as in the capacity of shared District RAWCS Chair. A good grounding in RAWCS matters was gained by her at these meetings.

The District RAWCS team personnel did not change for the 2018-19 Rotary Year

The Practice of holding District RAWCS Meetings was continued this year and 4 such Meetings were held. They were well attended. Communication and raising the profile of RAWCS in our District continued to be an important item on each Agenda. Russell Gurney the 2018-19 D9810 DG suggested the RAWCS Team work through a list of promotional activities added to each set of Minutes and to liaise with Ken Miller the District Public Image and Communications Chair. National Project and Volunteer Manager Mick Willis attended each of the Meetings reporting on any change that had been introduced and any that were to be initiated.

Each meeting a Project Manager spoke about an aspect of RAWCS Registered Projects

Eg how their project was promoted and the importance of accountability

It was decided to invite a Rotaractor to each of our meetings. We wished to share with Rotaract what's happening in RAWCS in our District and asked that he/she informed other Rotaractors in D9810 Clubs of what was covered in these meetings. It was great to hear ideas put forward by these young people on how we can work more closely together.

District Club Bulletin Editors and International Chairs were listed and occasionally sent short pieces describing some aspect of RAWCS. Information and promotional flyers were sent to be attached to the next edition of their Bulletins eg flyers promoting the DIK Open Day in March, the Adopt A Bed Project initiated by DIK and the RAM National Conference

Any information sent from National RAWCS is relayed to all Club International Chairs in the District and to the AG's to inform Club Presidents during their Cluster Meetings.

At D9810's International Seminar held in November, the International Chair PP David Alexander asked Gloria to present a short outline of RAWCS operations and activities and the Incoming RAWCS Chair Peter Brock spoke on behalf of RAWCS at the District Assembly in April.

Examples of RAWCS working closely with District International Chair David Alexander

- the input David had during each of the District Meeting that related to RAWCS in our District
- after the International Service Seminar at David's instigation, a list was made of RAWCS Registered Projects. The objectives of this list were firstly to view them as project opportunities in which clubs could participate and also for clubs to invite Project Managers to be guest speakers

Gloria made it known that she was available to make a RAWCS presentation at Club Meetings and was invited to 3 of our District Clubs as guest speaker

D9810 RAM Chair Peter McPhee, Shelley Gurney and Gloria attended the RAM Conference that was staged at the Griffith University in August 2018. They heard from a number of excellent presenters speaking about present and future RAM Programs, an updated presentation on the development of the PlasProtect vaccine, the latest research in the varied techniques aimed at the elimination of malaria and heard updated reports from representatives of our countries of focus. Gloria attended the interesting RAWCS Planning Meeting Weekend at Ciloms Airport Lodge in April. She was however only available on the Sunday.

Reports from RAWCS Chairs on their current activities

Donations In Kind (DIK)

- The DIK Open Day in March was once again very successful
- 48 wheelchairs are going to Ghana. A mining company paid the costs for the shipping container.
- As a result of the RAWCS District meetings an opportunity presented to invite the Rotaractors who attended to involve their clubs in volunteering at DIK. The attraction for Rotaract is they don't need to raise any funds, they simply assist with sorting goods at the warehouse and possibly loading a shipping container.
- DIK Committee member Russell Hayes is now charter Secretary of the planned new Rotary Passport club based at DIK which will take this a step further. This is the new concept where volunteers have their efforts recorded in terms of hours in their Rotary Passport. The Rotaractors will hold these Passports along with volunteers from external NGOs.
- In an effort to raise funds to support DIK Administration the "Adopt A Bed Sponsorship Program" was initiated. It allows a Rotary Club or individual to sponsor a bed for \$200.00 which will improve patient care in developing countries. The sponsor then tracks where the bed is sent

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

Peter McPhee has completed another successful year as District 9810 RAM Chair with Jackie Gleeson continuing as Deputy Chair

Peter has

- spoken at a number of clubs in the last twelve months and has also done very well in his efforts to raise funds for RAM.
- encouraged clubs to put on promotional displays in community areas such as shopping centres
- played a big part in the set-up and manning of the RAM booth at the Combined District Conference in February.

- Addressed several outside organisations about RAM's efforts in Timor Leste, PNG and the Solomon Islands
- Attended and was interviewed on Rotary Radio 96.5 on a 1 hour program
- Attended and addressed District Assembly

The RC of Doncaster held a Malaria Awareness Day Fund raising lunch event at the Karralyka Theatre/Function Centre which, was well attended and a great success. Shelley and her Committee raised approx \$4,000 which brought the total raised by Shelley in the last Rotary Year to over \$34K. An amazing effort and she was duly awarded a RAM Certificate of Appreciation which was presented by our RAM Chair Peter McPhee, at the D9810 Changeover.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Bill Chapman who is D9810 Chair of Water Sanitation and Hygiene, shared his deep concern regarding the trend for projects that concentrate on water and largely ignore sanitation. He is also very concerned about the high percentage of failed Rotary Water & Sanitation facilities. Bill emphasised how essential it is for all Projects Managers of Water & Sanitation Projects to consider all aspects, including regulations, government policies and the culture of the host country. The message is – listen to what the people want, not what we think they need

At the end of the previous Rotary Year the RAWCS database shows that D9810 had 28 active projects. It was disappointing that only five were initiated in 2018-2019. As two have been completed the remaining 3 ongoing RAWCS Projects for this period can be found below

On a personal note I would like to thank the members of the District RAWCS Team for their unfailing support, encouragement and ready assistance to me in the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed filling the role as RAWCS Chair for our District and I welcome my very worthy successor Peter Brock and wish him all the best.

D9810 RAWCS Chair Gloria Hargreaves

ONGOING RAWCS PROJECTS INITIATED BY D9810 IN 2018-19

6-2018-19

Kiriwina Education Aid Project (RAOAF)

Improve the facilities in primary schools around the island and set up a Secondary School Scholarship Fund

Manager: Alan Lunghusen (H) 03 9752 3768 (M) 0488 033 133 Email: alan@lunghusen.com **Deputy Manager:** Margaret Vesey (M) 0455 500 428 Email: imvesey@bigpond.com

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Alkira Residential Home Renovation (RACG)

Refurbish the Home

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Come-Share Foundation (RAOAF)

This project is to provide funding and materials to assist in the education of under privileged children throughout Sri Lanka under the auspices of the Come-Share Foundation. This program has an enviable record of integrity with close to 100% of funds going directly to beneficiaries. The main focus is to cover expenses such as board and lodging, educational materials and travel up to and including university. For those not entering university initial assistance is provided for a range of professional and vocational courses ranging from accountancy, administration, human resources, motor mechanics, etc. Support is available to persons from all communities and all parts of the country.

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