

SOUTHERN REGION ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM) QUARTERLY REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR October 27th 2019

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS APPOINTED FOR THE 2019-20 ROTARY YEAR

Regional Supervisor	Gloria Hargreaves
D9780 RAWCS/RAM Supervisor	Noel Howard
D9790 Supervisor	Jen Parer
D9790 Deputy Supervisor	Dr Bruce Anderson
D9800 Supervisor	Bill Oakley
D9810 Supervisor	Shelley Gurney
D9810 Deputy Supervisor	Jackie Gleeson
D9820 Supervisor	Libby Wilson
D9830 Supervisor	Dr John Wettenhall
D9830 Deputy Supervisor	Craig Stringer

Southern Region RAM Personnel

It is an ongoing objective for all Southern Region RAM District Supervisors to be encouraged to appoint a Deputy and, if possible, a District RAM Team that will offer support across their respective Districts. It's good to report that D9790, D9810 and D9830 have already done so.

Southern Region RAWCS AGM and Information Day

The SR RAWCS AGM and Information Day was once again a very informative meeting that was well attended. A highlight of the day was the Presentation given by the RAM National Scientific Committee Coordinator, Dr Bruce Anderson. Dr Bruce spoke of RAM being a project of the 21 Australian Rotary Districts under RAWCS. His presentation also included a description of what RAWCS is and does and the role of RAM as a RAWCS activity.

Resources

If any of the District Supervisors are running low on any of the RAM resources, please do not hesitate to contact Regional Supervisor Gloria Hargreaves on the phone (M) 0419 140 090 or by email egharg@netspace.net.au to supplement your stocks

Adopt -A-Project

National RAM Manager Jenny Kerrison has introduced a change in direction regarding fundraising for RAM. Regions are being encouraged to identify calls for support for Malaria Intervention Programs in one of RAM's countries of focus. Southern Region has been invited to support the "End Malaria -For Good" Program in Vanuatu. The priority projects Vanuatu wishes to be addressed will be packaged into manageable smaller projects for clubs in our District (if they wish to participate) to support. This means there will be a definite focus for monies raised and the participating clubs will receive reports of progress

National RAM Conference (at Ciloms Airport Lodge on August 24th-25th)

Once again the Conference was an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the fight against malaria. Excellent speakers including representatives from our partner countries and major research organisations presented interesting up to date news of malaria elimination activities. Despite pro-active promotion from SR RAM Supervisors however, the number of attendees from our Region was disappointingly low.

Rotaractors' Support

Following discussion at the Executive Meeting at the RAM National Conference regarding enlisting the support of our National Rotaract Clubs, Gloria has made one of her objectives this Rotary Year to encourage Rotaractors' further awareness

of and interest in RAM throughout the SR Districts. She has begun in D9810 and, with the help of District Supervisor Shelley, has been greatly encouraged by the response.

RAM News from the Districts

As always, many thanks to SR RAM Personnel for the time given and effort made to share RAM activities and achievements. Gloria would also like to sincerely thank clubs, their members and individuals in Southern Region for their generous donations to RAM. The total of contributions for the first Quarter is \$7,082.60

I also wish to express my appreciation to all District Supervisors for sending me their Goals for this Rotary Year.

D9780 – RAWCS Chair Noel puts emphasis on communicating with all clubs in his District ensuring they are up to date with RAM news and activities. For example, Noel forwarded the RAM Newsletter to all the Club International Service Chairs. This year Noel has set an objective of looking for ways to get a more even spread of RAM representation around his District

D9790 – The good news is that the District RAM team has grown, with the addition of Hamish Jones (Strathmore) and Debbie Skinner (Alexandria). We hope to be able to visit more clubs and cover more District events, starting with attending the recent workshop for club International Service directors, organised by D9790 International Chair Kerry Kirk. All were able to attend at least some of the RAM Annual Conference in August and they look forward to their clubs participating in the Vanuatu project as this develops. District Supervisor Jen continues to work with National RAM Manager Jenny Kerrison on revisions to the RAM website.

D9800 – District Supervisor Bill Oakley has visited 2 clubs and has agreed to speak at the RC of Melbourne South in November.

RAM jam and chutney sales have resulted in \$750 being raised so far this year. Bill does not restrict his sales to club visits, for instance, he also sells his home-made products through the Kew Opportunity Shop.

Bill is in the process of liaising with D9800's International District Chair regarding a replacement for him as District Supervisor in the next Rotary Year as he is relocating to Tasmania.

D9810 – District RAM Supervisor Shelley has formed a very active Committee that plans to hold regular meetings. Gloria attended the first one and was very impressed with the original ideas that were raised. Such as, approaching Interact Clubs in schools, targeting Rotary markets, sending out a RAM information flyer that included an offer to be guest speaker at club meetings, contacting the Presidents of the 4 Rotaract Clubs and to arrange to talk on Rotary in Action 96.5 FM. The information sheet also issued a suggestion that each club in the District donate \$500 to RAM.

D9820 – New to the position but Libby is already making good progress in raising awareness of RAM in her District, she has installed tins in 3 RAM Collection tins in shops in her local area and has been asked to speak at 2 clubs in November. Libby has sent the information regarding the 2020 RAM School Video Competition to 5 primary schools. She plans to work towards establishing a RAM team in D9820 and hopes to identify 'RAM Champions' within clusters who will be Libby's points of contact. Another objective is to obtain a pledge from at least 50% of the clubs in her District to contribute up to \$500 to RAM

D9830 – Also new to the position of District Supervisor Dr John has continued to engage a number of people to be on his District RAM Team and remains in contact with each member. He also has a possible additional member as a Rotarian from the RC Burnie has expressed an interest in joining the Team.

Unfortunately, the 'RAM – Ride' fundraising event organised for this month had to be cancelled but it's a distinct possibility that the event will be reorganised to be held in April next year as a Malaria Awareness Day activity.

PP Gloria Hargreaves
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Southern Region RAM Supervisor