

Southern Region

AGM & Regional Meeting Report: Sunday 18 th August 2019

Summary of Projects & Volunteers Activities

Venue: Ciloms - Tullamarine; By David Ronksley Report Written 28th July 2019

Taking this Opportunity to Thank PDG Mani for introducing me to Rotary Australia World Community Service as a Member of The Team for Southern Region.

PDG Mani's Support and advise. Many Thanks for the opportunities, Mani.

I hold, PDG Mani in a position of Respect and Highest Regards.

PP Virginia Turner, who works very hard on her many projects and causes.

Many Thanks you are Greatly Appreciated, Virginia.

My Great Mentor John Roberson. Many Thanks.

Mick Willis for advising me of the changes taking place within RAWCS and working together ensuring a positive quality of service is delivered.

Welcoming on team for 2019-20 PDG Ken Moore Southern Region Chair and ViJay Susarla Projects

Rotary Australia World Community Service has undertaken ; “Many Changes over the past 3 Years”.

- **Adapting to the Market Trends and Best Modern Business Practices”.**
- **Ensuring that Current Practice and Policies meeting.**
- **Compliance requirements of a leading Humanitarian Service Organisation in World.**
- **Meeting the needs of Project Volunteers and the Benefactors of the project.**

“Achieving a position within Top10 World Wide.”.

The benefits of Registered Rotary Australia World Community Project.

RAWCS provides all the administration and support services for a simple fee of 3 %.

97% delivered to the intended benefactor of the project.

- **Services include provision for donations to be made directly to projects and an avenue for donors to find the project they wish to support.**
- **Built-in fund raising promotional opportunity and system.**
- **To all Rotary Australia World Community Service Registered Projects without involving any effort or work by the Project Team Managers.**
- **This enables Projects to offer tax deductible to donor and RAWCS issuing a receipt to the donor, Advises the Project Manager of the donation.**
- **A Built in Payment system for all payment approved for payment by the Project Manager. (INVOICE REQUIRED).**
- **Sending each month a record of all approved payments and a statement including account balance you are in control with an inclusive financial management built in back up system.**
- **Build in Volunteer travel insurance to all registered project volunteers.**

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Rotary 6 Avenues of Focus



Saving Mothers and Children Southern Region. 13 projects

7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children.



Fighting Disease Southern Region. 24 projects

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. We educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases.



Supporting Education Region. 42

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



Water and Sanitation Region.10



Peace and Conflict Resolution Region. Nil



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Economic and Community Development Southern, Status is Current. 13

Southern Region is the 2nd largest and very active and growing
Rotary Districts Covered.

9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820 and 9830. Spanning across the states of Victoria and Tasmania.

Support and ongoing Services Provided.

Training and assistance Opportunities to all Parties and Persons Concerned.

Organised by request.

- Club Visits.
- Free on line meeting; **Free Apps are ready available.**
- One on one meetings, have proved to be of value to Teams
- Offering of Workshop and Training is now extended to Districts and Cluster Groups of Clubs.
- Project application planning and submission.
- Memorandum of Understanding) The responsibilities of all parties involved in the delivery of the project (SIMPLE EXPLANATION).
- MOU's must be correctly formulated and signed by all parties involved.
NB A Simply Template is available on the project registration site.
- Training is available to District RAWCS Chairs and ongoing support.
- Attending Clubs by invitation is resulting in clubs registering a local project and taking advantage of the Dick Smith Grant. Clubs are responding positively.
- District grants and other forms of funding is available to contribute to the Dick Smiths grants enabling maximisation of this opportunity.
- There is still work to be done with clubs mostly only believing that overseas projects which are popular is only the way to serve.

Types of Projects;

RAOAF.

Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund is an Overseas Aid Fund to provide sustainable development aid in developing countries as identified by the Department of Foreign Affairs or short term relief for disasters.



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RABS.

Rotary Australia Benevolent Society is a Public Benevolent Fund Registering Projects within Australia for Rotary Clubs to directly support the individual. Districts to provide assistance to people (Individual) in need within their local or wider community.

RACG.

Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants, auspices by the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society Formed to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects.,

Projects have been made possible by a \$1,000,000 donation to RAWCS by philanthropist Dick Smith.

Rotary Clubs to take on local projects meeting individual needs and are able to apply for grants from \$200.00 up to \$ 15000.00, on a Dollar for Dollar scale.

Club funds, District Grants and other funding contribute to the value of the Grant eligible to the amount received.

Team leaders and Project Managers.

Wishing to promote their Teams and Project.

A good story supported with Photos can be submitted for publication on the regional Website and Facebook.

RDU who Monitor the Media avenues, are looking for interesting Articles for publishing.

Assistance in promoting your project.

Summary Value and Activities;

National Registered Rotary year at time of Report	492
Rotary Australia Benevolent Society Projects Southern Region	13
Rotary Compassionate Grants National	67

Southern Region Registered Projects

134

Cost of Travel	\$635,465
Vol EST Work Value	\$1265055
Volunteer Value	\$1900520

Countries	11
Current Teams	47
Volunteers	218

David Ronksley