

## **SOUTHERN REGION ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)**

### **QUARTERLY REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 17 MAY 2020**

#### **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	Professor Sue McDonald
D9810 Supervisor	Shelley Gurney
D9810 Deputy Supervisor	Jackie Gleeson
D9820 Supervisor	Libby Wilson
D9830 Supervisor	Dr John Wettenhall



#### **Southern Region RAM Personnel**

Due to social distancing regulations, as well as District RAM Supervisors being contacted by either phone or email, a Zoom Meeting was held on Friday May 1. Four of the six District Supervisors, Christine Williams (the incoming Southern Region Supervisor) Wil Cornelissen (the Project Manager of Project 104-2019-20) and PDG NZ D9910 Lindsay Ford) attended. We discussed

- the status of the fundraising project for the Vanuatu Malaria Elimination Project,
- the Video School Competition
- the Role and Responsibilities of District Supervisors and
- Achievements of the attending District Supervisors

Another SR Meeting is scheduled for mid-June

All the District Supervisors have participated in a number of Zoom Meetings, many of them being related to RAM Gloria would like to express her appreciation to all RAM District Supervisors and teams in the past three years. Their support, encouragement and commitment has made her role so much easier and she wishes Christine all the best in her new role and any assistance required will be given willingly

#### **Adopt -A-Project**

The RAWCS Fundraising Project where contributions for the 'Stop Malaria in Vanuatu – for Good' are directed is now up and running.

On behalf of the Committee of this 2 District RAWCS Project, Wil Cornelissen, D9810 – the Project Manager, Libby Wilson D9820 – the Deputy Project Manager and Christine Williams D9820 – Project Committee member, I would like to sincerely thank the National Manager RAWCS Projects and Volunteers, Merv Williams and the SR RAWCS Project Manager Vijay Susarla for their guidance in getting this RAWCS Project registered. (The promotional flyer is attached, the Project Committee would be very grateful if everyone could please promote this worthwhile Project in any way possible)

The Vanuatu Project is a combined effort of SR and New Zealand and the latter has just organized a similar fundraising project with RNZWCs. The NZ flyer is to be circulated through the 6 NZ Districts. Along with NZ later this year we will apply for a Rotary Global Grant. More information can be gained from the RAM website [www.ram.rawcs.com.au](http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au)

#### **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](mailto:egharg@netspace.net.au) to supplement your stocks

#### **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 this Rotary Year so far is \$24,500.00

#### **D9780**

- Newsletters and information sent by Regional Supervisor is passed on to the District bulk email system to DG, DGE, DGN, AGs and District international Coordinators

- A club in District 9780 donates RAM pins to guest speakers
- Noel is actively looking for Rotarians to join a District team

#### **D9790**

- Jen has visited clubs but it has been very quiet lately due to restrictions
- 2 people from Melbourne showed an interest in being part of her team but haven't been very involved
- Works through her AGs
- Has been busy working on the RAM website
- Jen shared that Harvard University has online courses. One is Malaria Elimination and she has signed on. Is very impressed. (This information was forwarded by National RAM Manager Jenny to all Regional Coordinators to be shared with their respective District Supervisors)

#### **D9800**

- Sue's club donated to RAM just before everything got shut down
- Works closely with D9800 International Service Coordinator Jenny Foster. A Committee of all Project Supervisors is being set up. This group is designed to provide support and improve engagement and distribution of information
- Will pursue Rotaract and Interact Clubs
- Sue is on the National Scientific Advisory Committee trying to organise the next PhD Scholarship.
- Has a District Secretary who is willing to disseminate any information requested.
- Will not be RAM District Supervisor but is actively seeking a replacement

#### **D9810 –**

- Shelley's very active District RAM Committee continues to hold regular meetings.
- She has visited clubs but it has been very quiet lately due to restrictions
- Shelley has manned an information stall at a local market to inform local community of RAM. Well received
- A member of her committee is regularly involved in her local market
- Rotarians in charge of the market day contributed generously to RAM
- Has given a couple of RAM Zoom presentations which went over well
- Shelley arranged for an article about RAM and the RAWCS Vanuatu Project to appear in the District Newsletter. Will do that more regularly
- Is delighted that support for RAM in D9810 is strong
- Shelley has organised identifying RAM District badges for the members of her Committee

#### **D9820**

- There was a donation of \$2K to End Malaria in Vanuatu-- raised from a targeted one-off Book Sale
- Libby has arranged for donation tins out in 3 sites--not very lucrative but a good way to raise awareness
- The sale of "Lucky Dips" at Monthly Market in March--regrettably April & May markets were cancelled due to Covid-19
- Information was sent to District 9820 for circulation to District AGs, Presidents, Secretaries and International Directors, Website & Newsletter
- In the near future Libby will continue one/one discussion with AG's and International Directors--or Secretaries/Presidents for Clubs who do not have International Directors....aim to encourage donations, recruit reps for RAM and discuss the opportunity to visit club or present End Malaria in Vanuatu by Zoom.

#### **D9830**

- The 9830 RAM committee met by Zoom on Sunday. We had a good turnout from the North & North West, and National RAM Manager Jenny from the south..
- It was basically a meet and greet session as there were a couple of newcomers.
- Jenny gave a brief outline of the role and structure of RAM Australia.
- The mechanics of club presentations during the COVID-19 crisis was discussed.
- We resolved to meet again for more formal presentations in June.

Dr John is also actively looking for Rotarians to join his District RAM Team.

PP Gloria Hargreaves

Southern Region RAM Supervisor