

## District 9780 RAWCS Annual Report 2019-2020

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During the year four RAWCS projects have been wound up; 50-2018-19; DG Partners Project Fight MND, 9-2016-17; Rotary Outreach Initiative for Family Violence Intervention,

45-2009-10; Sariri Model Village, Oro Province, PNG, 73-2008-09; Nabavatu Village Project, Fiji. No new projects have been registered in District 9780 this year.

### **Legacy Club of Ballarat Family Camp**

Legacy Club of Ballarat Family Camp is supported by RC Ballarat South to conduct a camp for young legacy families who have lost their fathers/husbands due to the effects of war. This year the camp catered for 34 children and 21 parents. RAWCS involvement this year was \$6807.50.

### **Support for Melanie Jewson Foundation, Port Vila, Vanuatu**

This project is supported by RC Belmont, to support the Port Vila Hospital and Chapel and maintain the buildings and educational needs of the Vila East Primary School. This year \$4514.60 was spent on reading resources for the East Vila Primary School.

### **Renovate and Repair clinic at Klibur Domin, Tibar, Timor Leste**

This project is supported by RC Mt Gambier Lakes. This year marks the seventh year of seasonal visits to Klibur Domin and two teams visited Klibur Domin. Team one of three volunteers visited in July 2019 and trained nationals in music skills, sewing classes and the development of a vegetable garden and fruit trees. Team two visited in August with further training and maintenance and repairs carried out on one of the volunteer cottages. A follow up trip was planned for May but has been postponed indefinitely due to travel restrictions. Estimated volunteer contributions in work, travel and accommodation value is \$42,280.00

### **Sariri Village, Oro Province, PNG**

This project is supported by RC Geelong. The purpose of the project was to reconstruct village houses, the community hall and other communal buildings destroyed by Cyclone Gubu. During the life of the project 10 houses, 1 large shed, and a two room school were erected, a playground was installed, several bores were dug and 1.5km of poly was laid. A septic tank was installed at the guest house and a considerable amount of school materials and clothing was supplied over the time of the project. Numbers at the school increased from 20 to 110 at the end of the project. The project was wound up at the end of 2019.

### **DG 9780 Partners Project Fight MND**

The purpose of the project was to provide funds raised from donations to the Neale Daniher Fight MND Foundation. Over the period of the project \$4659.28 was raised and has been forwarded to the Fight MND Foundation by RAWCS.

### **Solomon Islands National Referral Hospital Dental Clinic**

This project is sponsored by RC Ballarat West, RC Berwick and RC Honiara and aims to provide in the National Referral Hospital in Honiara with an up to date dental facility. In October and November 2019 a team of nine Rotarians travelled to Honiara. Work completed by the team included;

- Installed custom built dental cabinetry, sinks & taps.
- Installed A-Dec dental chairs and dental equipment in 7 surgeries.
- Painted surgeries & steri room.
- Provided a large amount of dental supplies.

- Provided a large amount of medical supplies including 27 hospital beds & 25 wheelchairs.

All equipment was funded by Rotary from several Rotary Clubs & Districts and was transported by networking three different DIK facilities.

Financial support for the project came from the Rotary Clubs of;

- Berwick \$13,000 plus DIK Adelaide container transport costs
- Ballarat West \$10,000
- Honiara
- Mt Martha, \$3000
- and Torquay (intra-oral X-ray machine pledged)
- Metrology Ballarat \$10,000
- The International College of Dentistry \$5000
- The Academy of Dentistry International \$3000
- Rotary Foundation District 9780 Grant \$3000

The new surgeries will be used to provide a range of services by dentists in the following dental specialist areas:

- Oral Surgery
- Dental Fillings and Root Canal
- Dental Prosthetics Clinic and Dental Laboratory (2 rooms)
- Periodontal (Gums) Care Dental Clinic
- Child Dental Care Clinic
- School and Community Dental Service
- Outpatients dental clinics

During the last visit the team trained four nationals, with each receiving an average of 72 hours of training. The value contributed by the team in work value, travel, accommodation and meal costs was \$80,504.00.

The facility was expected to be operational by late November 2019.

### **Dental Prosthetics Laboratory, Port Vila, Vanuatu**

This project is sponsored by RC Ballarat West, to provide a dental prosthetics laboratory for Port Vila to provide a service for the local people for free or at a minimal charge for people who can't afford private clinics.

In March of this year David Goldsmith visited Port Vila to check on the facility. He found that the lab was well stocked and clean apart from a couple of pieces of equipment that need to be updated and out of date impression material. An interesting secondary function of the lab was the manufacture of toothpaste using mainly local materials. The toothpaste is provided free of charge to local schools that participate in a supervised and monitored toothbrushing program. The lab is to be modified with extra bench space and cupboards supplied by RC Ballarat West.

### **Dental Teams for Tonga Dental Health Project**

This project is supported by RC Ballarat West to provide dental teams to Tonga. This project is continuing but there has been no activity reported on this project to this time, but a

dental chair has been requested for school in Tonga and should be available in the near future.

### **Water Supply Project, PNG**

This project is supported by RC Warrnambool to assist PNG villages & institutions to implement potable water supply solutions. The project is supported by four nationals who were trained in the field by team members in machine operation, well boring, pump maintenance and pump assembly. A team of seven spent July & August in PNG during which bores were sunk and equipped at eight villages. At Embessa Village a 5500lt on a 3 metre tank stand, 1 kilometre of poly pipe, 26 standpipes and taps were installed.

Early in the trip one member developed a serious reaction to the malaria medication and had to be evacuated and several months after returning from the trip another member developed malaria and had to be hospitalised.

The value of Volunteers labour, travel and accommodation was \$58,640.00.

### **Bushfire Donations**

There have been several significant donations to bushfire appeals by clubs in District 9780;

Rotary Club of Geelong

- RAWCS Appeal \$2,300
- Direct to Rotary Club of Corryong

Rotary Club of Drysdale

- \$3,000

Rotary Club of Ocean Grove

- \$12,857.70

Rotary Club of Casterton

- \$1,500 to Gippsland Fire Relief Fund

Rotary Club of Hamilton North

- \$300 to Uniting Church Appeal
- \$500 to RAWCS Appeal

Rotary Club of Millicent

- \$10,000n committed to support Hay Run to Kangaroo Island and Keilira

Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes

- \$7,000 to Mt Gambier Hay Run to assist with fuel costs
- \$700 to district Appeal

Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West

- \$6,000 to purchase and transport hay to Keilira

Special mention should be made of the International Federation of Rotary Doctors of \$USD 500.00 to the Solomon Islands Dental Project. David Goldsmith has put a lot of time and effort into the project over the last few years and richly deserves this recognition by IFRD.

## **Donations**

Donations to RAWCS/RAM that I have been notified of during the last Rotary year are as follows;

- RC Wendouree Breakfast \$2000.00 RAWCS
- RC Bordertown \$500.00 RAM
- RC Waurin Ponds \$400.00 RAM
- RC Hamilton North \$500.00 RAM
- RC Warrnambool \$500.00 RAM
- RC Warrnambool East \$500.00 RAM

## **RAM**

During the year activity has been mainly restricted to distributing the information that comes to me from Southern Region Secretary such as the RAM Quarterly Newsletter, the "Schools Video Competition" and the "End Malaria in Vanuatu for Good".

The National Executive of RAM allocated each region a project to support. The project for Southern Region is "End Malaria in Vanuatu for Good" and RAM requests that all donations to RAM go toward the project.

## **HOW is Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) supporting the Vanuatu Malaria Program?**

1. A Two-District **(9810 & 9820)** Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Overseas Aid Fund **(RAOAF)** Registered Project has been set up where all contributions to the Vanuatu Project will be deposited. **(RAWCS Project 104-2019-20)**
2. Along with New Zealand RAM D9910, RAM D9810 & 9820 will later this year apply for a Rotary Global Grant for approximately \$400,000 for implementation of the "End Malaria in Vanuatu - for Good" program, over a 3-year time frame.

I have given two presentations of behalf of RAWCS/RAM this year, one has been to my home club of Hamilton North, the other to RC Portland (RC Portland makes a donation to RAM as token of appreciation for the guest speaker).

An interesting consequence of the current social distancing requirements is the use of IT to conduct meetings. I have attended several "Zoom" meetings for Southern Region RAWCS and RAM which have been well attended and very informative. I see this as a useful tool in the future to get information out to clubs, especially in a district the size of ours.

If anyone would like further information on any of the projects please contact me. I am able to supply detailed reports on both the Vanuatu Dental Lab and the Solomon Islands Dental Project.

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