

## District 9780 RAWCS/RAM Quarterly Report 30/10/2020

Once again due to restrictions on travel as a result COVID-19 there has been activity on overseas projects reported this quarter. There have been some transactions reported.

### Solomon Islands National Referral Hospital

This is a project of The Rotary Club of Ballarat West. The NRH serves the population of Honiara and the acutest cases from over the country. Services are currently provided out of a caravan with a single chair parked at the hospital. The project aims to provide a clinic equipped with 7 dental chairs, sterilization facilities and a prosthetic lab.

A shipping container of dental and medical supplies and equipment sent to Honiara Rotary / National Referral Hospital in March 2020. This date was intended to synchronize with the arrival of a Rotary volunteer team of professionals to unload the container, install more equipment, renovate the Lab. and do other work, including Medical. Unfortunately, this visit had to be cancelled/ postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The funding of the shipping costs of the container was shared pro-rata with DIK D9800. Some medical supplies in the container arrived at a critical time at the beginning of the pandemic when there was a worldwide shortage of some of the items.

Other Rotary items in the container included Days For Girls, and education materials for Haroro school. The dental items have been safely stored off-site awaiting the next team visit.

Honiara Rotarians helped to unload the container.

Some of the NRH Dental clinics are currently being set up as emergency C19 isolation facilities (so far no cases identified in the Solomon Islands) until a new isolation facility is ready.

I keep in regular contact with CDO Dr Ellison Vane and others in the hospital and MOH for updates on the situation. Much uncertainty currently surrounds the future COVID situation and a realistic date for the next Rotary team visit is expected to be May 2

Date of Expenditure	Amount Authorised	Purpose of Expenditure
7/2/2020	\$1,618.82	Dental Cabinetry
18/2/2020	\$767.75	Dental prosthetic supplies & equipment
18/2/2020	\$224.55	Dental instruments purchased on e-bay
3/3/2020	\$918.72	Road transport of 4 dental chairs from Adelaide DIK

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

This is a project of the Rotary Club of Belmont, to support the work of the Melanie Jewson Foundation to support the Port Vila Hospital and also to

maintain & run the chapel at the hospital & maintain the buildings & educational needs of the East Vila Primary School.

The Melanie Jewson Foundation's (MJF) donation strategy is based on the principles of ethical, needs-based donation of equipment and resources. This means that each item and each project is driven by the identified needs of the staff of the school or hospital in question, as well as the Vanuatu Government. We work hard to ensure that items are of an acceptable standard and fit the specifications required by schools and the hospital.

The MJF works in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH), the Vila Central Hospital (VCH) to ensure that donated goods are of the highest quality and are items that can be used in Vanuatu effectively.

The MJF also works with Vila East Primary School to provide culturally appropriate readers and resources, determined by the Principal and his staff, to further the literacy skills of the students to best prepare them for further education in the future.

Date of Expenditure	Amount Authorised	Used for What Purpose
15/6/2020	\$19,057.50	Medical equipment
15/6/2020	\$5,868.43	Medical equipment
29/6/2020	\$3,705.12	Literary resources for Vila East P.S.

## **RAM**

During the last quarter I have sent notifications about the tech talk on Vivax, the RAM Virtual Conference and the PNG donation information to all clubs in the District. I have given two presentations, one on RAM to RC East Geelong and one on RAWCS/RAM to RC Nhill. I have had no enquiries about the National Video Competition.

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