

**SOUTHERN REGION ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)
QUARTERLY REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 22 2020**

DISTRICT CHAIRS APPOINTED FOR THE 2020-21 ROTARY YEAR

Acting Regional Coordinator	Gloria Hargreaves
D9780 Supervisor/RAWCS Coordinator	Noel Howard
D9790 Supervisor	Jen Parer
D9790 RAM Team	Dr Bruce Anderson, Bryce McNair, Debbie Skinner and Hamish Jones
D9800 Supervisor	Jacob Opio
D9810 Supervisor	Shelley Gurney
D9810 RAM Team	Jackie Gleeson, Wil Cornelissen, Sandra Pyke and Peter McPhee
D9820 Supervisor	Libby Wilson
D9830 Supervisor	Thisarani Jayasinghe
D 9830 RAM Team	Dr Jenny Kerrison, Dr James Roberts-Thompson, Anne Forsyth, Dr John Wettenhall, Suzanne Watton, Dr Roopa Mulik

RAM Personnel

Christine Williams(D9820) has, due to work pressures stepped down from her role as SR RAM Supervisor. Gloria on behalf of SR RAM personnel, thanks Christine for the time and effort she gave to raising awareness of RAM in Southern Region. Gloria has moved into the role on a temporary basis until the end of this Rotary Year. A request for "Expressions of Interest" in filling this position from the beginning of the 21-22 Rotary Year has been circulated throughout Southern Region. Jacob Opio in D9800 and Thisarani Jayasinghe in D9830 have been appointed as the RAM Supervisors for their Districts and we warmly welcome them as our newest members of the SR RAM Team.

RAM – the Special Project chosen by the wife of the D9820 DG Mark Humphries

A sincere thank you to Linda Humphries who has chosen RAM as her special project this Rotary Year. Linda has visited a number of clubs with DG Mark and is receiving very positive feedback in and support for RAM especially with the SR Project "End Malaria in Vanuatu – for Good"

SR RAM Meeting – November 1st

Since the last RAWCS Quarterly Meeting SR has had a RAM combined SR and CR Regional Meeting which covered a number of topics including

- The importance of a greater engagement with District and Regional RAWCS. The invitation to attend the Southern Region Meeting was extended to the District RAWCS Coordinators
- The sourcing of District RAM Teams (It is pleasing to report that 3 of our District Supervisors now have active RAM Committees)
- The role of the National PR and Media Coordinator Netania Lim in reference to our website, the use of social media and how she can help promote activities/events in our Region
- Introductory planning for Malaria Awareness Day

Virtual Conference held on the 12th and 13th of September

A very successful first RAM Virtual Conference was held where many great speakers enhanced our understanding of malaria. The Conference was held in place of our cancelled Annual 2020 RAM Conference. There were around 73 participants on Day 1 and 66 on Day 2. Thank you to D9810's Wil Cornelissen and his Team for organising such a successful event

RAM Orientation Sessions

Two ninety-minute Orientation/Information Sessions are taking place on November 21 and 28. The target groups are RAM District Supervisors and all new to RAM. The objective of these Sessions is to increase understanding of and support for RAM in all Rotary Districts. A number of speakers will present on various aspects of RAM

The SR and D9910 NZ Global Grant – “End Malaria in Vanuatu for Good”

RAM in Southern Region and D9910 NZ would once again like to thank the Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians who so generously donated to the Vanuatu Project. \$13,500 was raised in a RAWCS dedicated Account and 4 of our 6 Districts contributed a portion of their DDFs. The application for a Global Grant for US\$110,000 was led by PDG Lindsay Ford D9910 NZ and submitted in June. It is to enable a targeted preventive Indoor Residual Spraying Program in 2 high priority locations in Vanuatu to be instigated. We recently found out that the Application was successful.

Attached to this Report is a letter that went out to District Chairs highlighting the fact that due to a wish to continue and extend this worthwhile Project the RAWCS Account 104-2019-20 is still open. RAM in Southern Region would be very grateful if you would please share that we would love contributions to continue and promote this to as many as you can

News from Southern Region Districts

Many thanks to SR RAM Personnel for the time given and effort made in the early months of this 2020-21 Rotary Year especially in the sharing of RAM information with Rotarians via Zoom.

D9780 – District Supervisor Noel Howard

- Sends the RAM Quarterly Report and any other information to be distributed around the clubs through his district mailing system
- Has made a couple of club presentations, one being to the Rotary Club of Geelong East that included 4 other clubs. Noel has also been guest speaker at the RC of Nhill

D9790 – District Supervisor Jen Parer

- Continues to work on the content of the RAM website
- Has sourced 3 members for her District Committee and the Team will be meeting to make plans for action in the new year
- Would like a representative from the central zone of the District
- Is very pleased that the contribution from D9790's DDFs to the Global Grant for Vanuatu of US\$10,000 has borne fruit

D9800 – District Supervisor Jacob Opio

- Is a brand new recruit
- Has been attending various meetings and is receiving ongoing orientation
- Has established contact with D9800 RAWCS Coordinator Lili Teichman

D9810 – District Supervisor Shelley Gurney

- Continues to have a very active team of 5 members who are doing great work keeping in touch with clubs in the District
- Continues to visit clubs via Zoom
- Has been fundraising for RAM by selling raffle tickets
- Has purchased RAM name badges for her Team
- Encouraged donations to the SR RAM Project – End Malaria in Vanuatu-for Good” and other RAM projects
- Contacted WEHI which resulted in a noted guest speaker presenting at one of the meetings of the RC Doncaster. All clubs have been invited to attend
- Promoted RAM on Radio 94.1

D9820 – District Supervisor Libby Wilson

- Ensures that she maintains a close liaison with Linda Humphries
- Is going to strongly encourage a Malaria Awareness Day activity be planned by clubs in her District
- Is continuing to raise funds using the collection tins which have been placed in strategic positions

D9830 – District Supervisor Thisarani Jayasinghe (our second new recruit)

- Has an active team where members come from different areas within Tasmania
- Like Jacob is going through a period of orientation
- Has arranged to have a guest speaker to present on behalf of RAM at her Rotaract Club. Dr James Roberts-Thompson is a member of her RAM Team
- Will try to gain support from more Rotaractors

PP Gloria Hargreaves
Acting Southern Region RAM Coordinator