

**SOUTHERN REGION ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)**  
**QUARTERLY REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT 23 May 2021**

**DISTRICT SUPERVISORS APPOINTED FOR THE 2020-21 ROTARY YEAR**

<b>Regional RAM Supervisor</b>	Gloria Hargreaves
D9780 <b>Supervisor/RAWCS Coordinator</b>	Noel Howard
D9790 <b>Supervisor</b>	Jen Parer
D9790 RAM Team	Dr Bruce Anderson, Bryce McNair, Debbie Skinner and Hamish Jones
D9800 <b>Supervisor</b>	Jacob Opio
D9810 <b>Supervisor</b>	Shelley Gurney
D9810 RAM Team	Jackie Gleeson, Wil Cornelissen, Sandra Pyke and Peter McPhee
D9820 <b>Supervisor</b>	Libby Wilson
D9830 <b>Supervisor</b>	VACANT
D9830 RAM Team	Northern Members – Dr James Roberts-Thompson, Dr John Wettenhall and Dr Roopa Mulik Southern Members – Dr Jenny Kerrison, Thisarani Jayasinghe, Suzanne Watton, Nina Huang, and AG Paul Fernyhough

**RAM Personnel**

There are going to be three changes in the roles of SR RAM District Regional Supervisors in the new Rotary Year. We will be warmly welcoming Bryce McNair, and Vivienne Blennerhassett as the new RAM Supervisors to Districts 9790 and 9810 respectively. D9830 is presently searching for a Rotarian to replace Thisarani Jayasinghe (TJ) who has stepped down due to work and study commitments. RAM and D9830 welcome AG Paul Fernyhough to the District Team. It is good to report that Jen, Shelley and TJ will stay on as members of their District's RAM Committees. On behalf of RAM, I would like to say to each of the Rotarians who are vacating the role (in TJ's case Rotaractor) how much the efforts made, time volunteered and achievements realised are appreciated. I have enjoyed working with you all and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Fundraising**

Fundraising activities have been organised by a couple of Districts in SR over the past three months. For instance, D9830 organised a successful Lawn Bowls Event in March that attracted 50 Rotarians and family members. This month the Rotary Club of North Hobart plans to run a Quiz Night. The D9810 RC of Oakleigh/ Clayton/Huntingdale organised a well patronised sausage sizzle at Oakleigh Bunnings and those manning the BBQ took advantage of the opportunity to share news of RAM and our Vanuatu Project with the community. The profits of this event + other activities raised \$2,000 for the Vanuatu project. Plans are afoot to host a Winery lunch event in September. More details later. Gloria is delighted to report that in this Rotary Year, up to April 21<sup>st</sup>, SR has raised over \$18,880 for the RAWCS/RAM Account 32-2010-11. This is a result of planned events, club and individual contributions and a number of people who participated in the Malaria Awareness Day "Fun Run" either as a 'runner' or as a sponsor. Well done to SR! There will be more contributions attributable to the "Fun Run" in the final two months of this Rotary Year and Gloria wishes to thank the many people who took up this challenge.

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

Linda is successfully raising awareness of RAM as she continues to visit a number of clubs in D9820 with DG Mark. She is receiving positive feedback in and support for RAM especially for the SR Project "End Malaria in Vanuatu – for Good"

## **SR RAM Meeting – May 16<sup>th</sup>**

As before this will be a combined SR and CR Regional Meeting which will cover a number of topics including

- The sharing of Regional and National RAM news.
- District and CR Reports
- Update on the National Conference and
- A progress report on SR Rotary Global Grant
- A report from the National PR and Media Coordinator Netania Lim in reference to our website, encouraging the use of RAM Blogs and RAM Social Media and the success of the MAD National event
- A report from the Primary School Video Competition Coordinator, Virginia Turner

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

RAM in Southern Region and D9910 NZ would again like to draw attention to the fact that the RAWCS fundraising account (104-2019-20) for Vanuatu remains open. Vanuatu faces big challenges in its malaria elimination program and any contributions made to this Account will help RAM to continue and extend this worthwhile project in the near future. Gloria, PDG Lindsay Ford (D9910), Libby Wilson the D9820 RAM Supervisor and Geoff Pledge from the Rotary Club of Frankston have formed a Fundraising Committee. Their objective is raising much needed funds for a new project that will further support the Vanuatu Malaria Elimination Project. Since July 2020 about \$7,000 has been raised for the RAWCS Vanuatu Account.

## **Resources**

Understandably very few resources have been requested from RAM personnel in SR for a number of months. The new RAM polo shirts however are now available. The cost for anyone wishing to purchase one will be \$31.00 plus postage. Please contact Gloria if you wish to buy a polo shirt

## **News from the Districts**

### **D9780**

- Has sent notifications of the RAM Video Competition, the Malaria Awareness Day Fun Run and links to the Channel 10 malaria Report and Professor Mueller’s Presentation
- Has had notification of a significant donation from RC of Kardinia and of a very generous personal donation
- Has visited and presented an Appreciation Certificate to RC Portland for a significant donation and shared Prof Mueller’s Presentation at the Meeting

### **D9790**

- Had a RAM Display stall in the House of Friendship at the District Conference
- All clubs have been sent emails through their District emailing system (the progress of RAM in Vanuatu, the MAD National event and encouragement for clubs to consider financially supporting RAM)
- Bruce McNair (Jen’s replacement has already been booked to speak to 2 clubs and hopes to establish a functioning support Committee)
- Was happy to receive a very generous donation to RAM from the RC Albury

### **D9800**

- Jacob participated in the National Malaria Awareness Day event as a cyclist. His club was very supportive
- He has attended useful regular scheduled Zoom meetings with SR RAM Supervisor Gloria Hargreaves and D9800 RAWCS Coordinator, Lili Teichman
- Made a successful RAM presentation to the RC of Werribee
- Jacob is making a 5-minute RAM presentation at the SR RAWCS Quarterly Meeting

### **D9810**

- The Garry and Warren Smith has been in full swing for a number of months. RAM will receive the proceeds
- Raised the profile in the District by promoting and participating in the RAM MAD Event. Shelley and Team members had other Rotarians join them in their individual walks.
- Shelley continues to promote awareness of RAM through interviews on local radio
- SR Team Zoom Planning Meetings continue
- Gloria will be guest speaker on Radio 96.5 inner FM next month

- 6 schools have been approached for the Primary School RAM Video Competition and it is yet to be seen if any will participate

#### D 9820

- RAM banner displayed alternately at Warehouse, Op Shop & Market
- GWS Raffle tickets sales: ongoing till mid-June, proceeds to go to Eliminate Malaria in Vanuatu
- Malaria Awareness Day: A number of club representatives from D9820 made contact expressing their intention of organizing a team for the "Fun Run/Walk" fundraiser event. Thus far the only obvious funds raised have been three registrations of \$20. This may be (hopefully) because the last record on the contributions list was on 21/4 with activities planned for closer to end of month.
- RAM donations generally have been low, as have the response to DG partner's project. The latter donations were to go to the Vanuatu project.
- Local Radio interview organised to speak about Eliminate Malaria in Vanuatu.

#### D9830

- The successful fundraising Lawn Bowls Day was taken as an opportunity to share news of RAM with the local community.
- a RAM display was presented at their District Conference
- members of the Team have been RAM guest speakers at a number of clubs
- there is ongoing liaising with members of the District RAM Committee
- Southern members of the Team, Suzanne and Nina have been busy with fundraising activities and speaking engagements

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