



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

**DISTRICT SUPERVISORS APPOINTED FOR THE 2021-22 ROTARY YEAR**

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

**RAM Personnel**

There are three changes in the roles of SR RAM District Regional Supervisors in this new Rotary Year

As mentioned in the last Quarterly Report, Bryce McNair, and Vivienne Blennerhassett are the new RAM Supervisors to Districts 9790 and 9810 respectively. We warmly welcome Dr James Roberts-Thomson to the position of D9830 RAM Supervisor

It is really good to report that Jen, TJ and Shelley will stay on as members of their District's RAM Committees.

**Fundraising**

The District D9810 Team are in the process of organising and promoting a "No Mosquito Lunch" fundraising activity to raise money for the Southern Region Vanuatu Project. It will be spit roast and will include speakers, raffles and a silent auction. All being well in regards to COVID restrictions, it will be staged on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Six Acres Winery, Silvan

**SR RAM Meeting – July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Once again, this was a combined SR and CR Regional Meeting and covered a number of topics including

- RAM working with the District RAWCS Teams to the benefit of both.
- The SR and CR Regional Reports
- Update on the National Conference
- A progress report on SR Rotary Global Grant
- The importance of objectives being set by the SR District Supervisors for this Rotary Year  
Each District Supervisor has been asked to send 5 personal objectives to Gloria who will add them to her own list and distribute the document to Supervisors and their Teams .  
This document will be often referred to during this Rotary Year for planning and reporting purposes
- A report from the National PR and Media Coordinator Netania Lim
- A report from the Primary School Video Competition Coordinator, Virginia Turner

**The SR and D9910 NZ Global Grant – "End Malaria in Vanuatu for Good"**

The introductory RAM funded baseline mapping and the training by the Master Trainer of trainers of the Spraying teams have been completed so the activities associated with the submitted Rotary Global Grant have commenced and are progressing well. However, Vanuatu faces increasing challenges in its endeavour to reach WHO malaria-free certification by

2025. There are critical funding gaps in the Vanuatu malaria program and this threatens the plans to implement community-based Malaria Elimination Officers (MEOs).

We (National RAM, SR and NZ) plus Vanuatu are keen to help to facilitate the recruiting of MEOs. Hence NZ and 5 Districts in SR have initiated a Fundraising Campaign to increase the amount in the RAWCS Vanuatu Account.

The aim of the Campaign is to allow us continue to offer financial assistance thereby extending what is being achieved by the Global Grant

RAM needs added help to support Vanuatu in its objective to be free of indigenous malaria by the end of 2025. A way we can do this is to support this vital new initiative. NOTE that National RAM is matching any contribution up to \$30,000 and the amount raised over the past 14 months is just over \$24,000

The attached flyer has been forwarded to 5 SR District Supervisors and to District 9910 NZ and asked that it be sent far and wide and promoted in as many different ways as possible. It is seeking contributions to the RAWCS Vanuatu Fundraising Account 104-2019-20.

Gloria has also sent it to Ian Esmore the SR RAWCS Communications Coordinator for inclusion in the RAWCS website and the RAWCS Regional Newsletter and to RAWCS Secretary Virginia for circulation and Gloria thanks them for their assistance .

### **RAM 2021 National Conference**

With many factors involved especially COVID restrictions, the RAM Conference Committee has voted to cancel the in-person Annual Conference and it will now be offered as a Virtual Event

Key points to note:

- Dates remain the same - 13 and 14 November 2021.
- All those who have registered and paid will receive full refund.
- The virtual Conference will charge a small registration fee as for last year
- A revised registration site will open soon.

### **Resources**

Understandably very few resources have been requested from RAM personnel in SR for a number of months.

If you know of any who would like to buy a polo shirt ask them to contact Gloria. They cost \$31 + \$10 postage costs and when she's contacted, Gloria will explain the buying procedure. They are great to wear at any RAM event including seminars, Conferences etc

### **Information Sessions**

These are going to be organised by our National Manager Dr Jenny. They are aimed at assisting RAM District Supervisors and their Teams to learn more about RAM and the responsibilities of their roles. The sessions will be for one hour, will be held monthly and are planned to begin at the end of September.

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