

**SOUTHERN REGION ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)
REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT for RAWCS Quarterly Meeting on February 20th 2022**

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS APPOINTED FOR THE 2021-22 ROTARY YEAR

Regional Coordinator	Gloria Hargreaves
D9780 Supervisor/RAWCS Coordinator	Noel Howard
D9790 Supervisor	Bryce McNair
D9790 RAM Team	Dr Bruce Anderson, Jen Parer, Debbie Skinner and Hamish Jones
D9800 Supervisor	Jacob Opio
D9810 Supervisor	Vivienne Blennerhassett
D9810 RAM Team	Jackie Gleeson, Wil Cornelissen, Sandra Pyke and Peter McPhee
D9820 Supervisor	Libby Wilson
D9830 Supervisor	Dr James Roberts-Thompson
D 9830 RAM Team	Dr Jenny Kerrison, Dr Gerry McGushin, Dr John Wettenhall, Suzanne Watton, Dr Paul Ferneyhough, Thisarani Jayasinghe, Jennie Mitchell, Tammy Palmer, Nina Huang and Dr Roopa Mulik

RAM Personnel

The only change is to the D9810 RAM Team as Shelley Gurney is moving from Doncaster to Western Australia in the very near future. On behalf of RAM, I would like to sincerely thank Shelley for what she has achieved in RAM, firstly in her role as D9810 DG's partner where RAM was her focus project. She then became the RAM District Supervisor followed by being a member of the RAM Team for her District.

SR RAM Meeting – Jan 23rd

Topics included

- Southern Region RAM Supervisors reported on their plans for the near future. (emphasis was on Malaria Awareness Day)
- Fundraising activities in our Region
- A report re the Primary School Video Competition in 2021/22
- A report from the National PR and Media Coordinator Netania Lim
- What being a member of a RAM Volunteer Team entails. (Guest speaker- Peter McKenzie WA RAM Supervisor)
- Regional news

PDG Dr Bruce Anderson was an invited guest to the Meeting. Bruce was invited to speak briefly about becoming RAM National Manager in the next Rotary Year

Contributions

I am pleased to report that Southern Region, from July 1st 2021 to the 9th of January 2022, has raised \$10,150 for the General RAM Account 32-2010-11 and since the Fundraising Vanuatu Account was initiated in 2019, SR now has a total of \$33,350 raised

Information Session 2 (January 17th)

The aim of this follow-up session was to help District Supervisors to put all the RAM information presented in the two sessions into perspective to enhance their confidence in representing RAM to their Districts and Rotary Clubs
Thanks go to Dr Russ Stephenson (NR RAM Supervisor) and Dr Jenny Kerrison (National RAM Manager) for their input into the format of the Program

4 of the 6 SR District Supervisors attended and the meeting offered a valuable source of information on a number of topics
PDG Dr Bruce Anderson (D9790) and Gloria Hargreaves (D9810) from Southern Region were 2 of the Presenters.

Malaria Awareness Day (MAD) on April 30th

RAM's PR and Media Coordinator Netania, is once again planning a national activity to recognise MAD on April 30th which will be similar to the event we had last year. District RAM Supervisors are also being asked to encourage clubs in their respective Districts to consider organising an awareness event to celebrate this important day in the RAM Calendar

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

As Vanuatu continues to face huge challenges in its malaria elimination program, the RAWCS Account remains open and any contributions will help enable RAM to continue and extend this worthwhile project. There is about \$33,000 in the Account at the moment and National RAM generously agreed to match the total up to \$30,000. After consultation with Dr Tessa Knox the WHO Consultant in the Vanuatu Malaria Elimination Program and Wesley Donald who is the Manager of the Vanuatu Malaria and Other Vector Borne Diseases Program, 3 projects are currently under discussion.

Our funding could support:

- A World Malaria Day (April 25th) community malaria awareness event
- An activity that is a component of their community-based Malaria Elimination Officers Program
- a funding gap for some components of the IRS Program

At present, National RAM is liaising with Dr Tessa and Wesley regarding the level of involvement in each or all of these options

Southern Region and New Zealand will continue to raise money via <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20> for Stage 2 of the Malaria Elimination Program in Vanuatu and sincerely appreciate the contributions made by Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians in both Southern Region and in New Zealand.

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