

**SOUTHERN REGION ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)
REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S REPORT for SR RAWCS QUARTERLY MEETING on May 22nd 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, Dr Jen Parer, Debbie Skinner and Hamish Jones
D9800 Supervisor	VACANT
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, Jennie Mitchell, Tammy Palmer, Nina Huang, Dr Roopa Mulik and Dr Suren Naiker

RAM Personnel

Unfortunately, Dr Jacob Opio has had to resign from his position as D9800 RAM Supervisor due to work and study commitments. An invitation to submit an "Expression of Interest" in the role is now being distributed throughout D9800. Gloria has on behalf of RAM, thanked Jacob for his service to RAM over the past eighteen months. On behalf of RAM, Gloria would like to warmly welcome Dr Suren Naiker to the D9830 RAM Team.

Contacts

Gloria maintains contact by phone, email and if possible, face to face meetings with her District Supervisors. The objectives being to offer encouragement, support when required and to enquire whether any of their RAM resources need supplementing.

SR RAM Meeting – April 10th

Topics included

- Malaria Awareness Day.
- Fundraising activities in our Region
- An update on the National RAM Conference
- A report from the National PR and Media Coordinator Netania Lim
- 'An Update on National Projects' (Guest speaker- Dr Jenny Kerrison (RAM National Manager))
- RAM National, Regional and District news

The last SR Meeting for this Rotary Year has been scheduled for June 19th

Contributions

I am pleased to report that Southern Region, continues to raise money for the General RAWCS/RAM Account 32-2010-11 and since the Fundraising RAWCS/RAM Vanuatu Account 104-2019-20, was initiated in 2019, SR now has a total of \$37,686.00

National RAM Conference

The RAM National Conference will be staged in Brisbane on October 23rd and 24th at the Brisbane International Hotel. Plans are progressing smoothly.

The majority of speakers invited have confirmed their availability

The RAM PR and Media Coordinator, Netania has created a "Save the Date" flyer that was circulated throughout the Region. A flyer with more information plus the Registration details will be circulated in the very near future

Malaria Awareness Day

The RAM PR and Media Coordinator Netania Lim once again planned a National Activity to recognise Malaria Awareness Day (MAD) on April 30th 2022. The “Walk in Solidarity” event was well publicised throughout SR and its RAM Supervisors hoped for a really good response. It cost \$20 to register and Gloria was delighted with the number of clubs and individual Rotarians that completed the 4-kilometre walk. Clubs in the 6 Districts in our Region were also asked to consider organising a club event to celebrate this important day in the RAM Calendar.

Examples of MAD activities staged by clubs have been a Walk organised by D9780’s RC Bordertown that raised \$1,613 and a bike ride organised by the D9830 RAM Supervisor Dr James Roberts-Thomson that raised \$250. Gloria from D9810 registered for the “Walk” and managed to raise \$320 through sponsorship. She will hear of other MAD activities in her SR Meeting on the 16th June

At the time of writing this report the final amount raised was not yet available

A MAD Fundraising Event in D9810

The D9810 RAM Team staged a ‘No Mosquito Picnic’ on April 30th at the Six Acres Winery, Sylvan. This event was planned to take place in September last year but due to COVID had to be postponed. The 57 people who attended heard 2 Speakers (Dr Bruce Anderson presented on RAM and malaria and Ralph Zuccaro spoke about his experience as a winemaker), enjoyed a lovely spit roast and participated in a Silent Auction. Gloria wishes to thank Vivienne and her team for the work put into organising the successful event, \$2,800 was raised to assist the financial support of Vanuatu malaria elimination activities

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.

A number of weeks ago, further consultation between National RAM and Vanuatu took place and it was decided that \$33,000 from the Account and \$30,000 from matching funds from RAM National would be used to:

- Help fund a Community Awareness Sporting event to be staged in 6 hot spot locations across Vanuatu
- Fund the outfitting and the required 7-day training program of 10 Malaria Elimination Officers who will then work in vulnerable communities testing, treating and reporting any cases of malaria discovered

Unfortunately, these plans have been put on hold due to all public health programs in Vanuatu having to cease for a period of time. The focus is now being directed to COVID response activities

Gloria is now in the process of communicating with Vanuatu to hopefully discover when our support and involvement can continue.

Southern Region will continue to raise money via <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20> to support 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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