

**SOUTHERN REGION – ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICES (RAWCS)  
MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY ZOOM MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
AT 9.45 FOR 10.00AM.**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>APOLOGIES</b>
D9780	4	1
D9790	2	1
D9800	15	1
D9810	5	1
D9820	1	1
D9830	2	1
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PDG Ken Moore opened the meeting by welcoming all present to the third quarterly meeting for the Rotary year 2021/22 and invited each of the 31 attendees to introduce themselves

**Apologies** – Secretary Virginia reported the apologies.

Minutes of the meeting held November 2021 were accepted with no business arising.

**Regional Coordinator – PDG Ken Moore - Report Circulated.**

Due to the planned Information Day to be held at Rowville International as a face -to face event was postponed due to COVID, D9800 DG Dale Hoy and his professional team Sandi Fulcher and Jane Pennington offered to organise the ZOOM RAWCS Information Day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February. This proved to be very successful with interesting Southern Region RAWCS Project Presentations and it attracted an attendance of 74.

DG Dale and his assistants Sandi & Jane were sincerely thanked for the success of the ZOOM Information Day by PDG Ken.

Information received from National Project Manager Merv Williams had been circulated calling for expressions of interest for newly available Bush Fire Funds. National RAWCS had received a generous donation from an overseas organisation to assist the many individuals and areas affected by bushfires in South Eastern and Western Australia. The 2019-20 fires are included in the donation and PDG Ken advised for this to be widely broadcasted to Clubs and Districts in order to assist the appropriate communities.

Application for funds shall close at the end of March 2022 therefore if further information is required to please be in contact with Secretary Virginia.

Information from National level:

There has been an ongoing ACNC ( Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission) review of RAWCS activity, RAWCS accreditation has been confirmed but questions surrounding RABS and Overseas Aid are being sorted.

PDG Ken shall keep us informed when additional news filters through regarding the Drought Community Outreach Program and the Annual Strategic Planning Weekend to be held in April.

## **Quarterly Regional Reports:**

Regional Communications Report – Ian Esmore – Nil Report due to illness.

### **Regional Project Report - Lili Teichman – First Report as SR Project Coordinator Circulated.**

Thanked National Manager Merv Williams for emailing District Coordinators an Audit Report reminder notification with a hope this will encourage Project Managers to complete and submit in a timely fashion. Audit reports have been steadily received – Thank you.

New projects are starting to slowly filter in. Some projects were requiring further clarification in their submissions due to incomplete or inaccurate information and these have been addressed by Merv Williams.

A learning session may be beneficial with District Coordinators regarding application submissions as at times a number of fields are missing or not enough information included. A training session could be arranged with Merv Williams leading the training session to able District Coordinators to assist individuals when completing their submissions.

During the past quarter since November 2021, a number of [projects have been submitted across S.R. Districts. As the COVID environment eases hopefully more projects will be submitted.

### **Regional Volunteer Report – Brad Quilliam – Nil Report due to COVID –19**

#### **Regional RAM Report – Gloria Hargreaves – Report Circulated**

A very informative Regional report submitted by Gloria Hargreaves.

Covering the District Supervisors including Teams where applicable appointed for the 2021-22 Rotary year.

Interesting topics discussed at the January Southern Region RAM meeting as well as a presentation by W.A. RAM Supervisor Peter McKenzie on a subject “What being a Members of a RAM Volunteer Team entails”.

Contributions: \$10,150 was raised for the General RAM Account July 2021-January 2022.

\$33,350 was raised to date for the fundraising Vanuatu Account project being “End Malaria in Vanuatu for good”.

Malaria Awareness Day (MAD) 30<sup>th</sup> April – RAM Supervisors to encourage Clubs to consider organising and awareness event to celebrate this important day in the RAM calendar. A fundraising activity is being arranged by D9810 and flyers shall be sent to Districts 9790 / 9800 / 9820 with the hope of attendance by Members.

#### **Regional Safe Water, Sanitation ,Hygiene Report - Ruth Carlos Martinez – Report Circulated**

While WASH is presented in the report a list of high profile projects in the Philippines needing Rotary Club sponsors have been included - Please refer to the full details in item 6 on the submitted report:

##### **Water, Sanitation, Hygiene –**

**Magsikap Infanta Quezon** – Urgent need for Clean Water to School and Community – **Budget \$15,000 – Balance needed \$5,000 for completion of the project**

**La Union, Marikina** - Urgent need for 6 sky hydrants for clean drinking water & sanitation. **Budget \$30,000**

**Floridablanca Pampanga** – due to water borne diseases urgent need for clean water through water well renovation and added filtration – **Budget \$3,000.**

**Economic Development** – Livelihood – displaced families need 13 sewing machines for livelihood program – Training already provided – **Budget A\$11,000.**

Due to the critical need of the above items assistance to promote to Rotary Clubs is urgent.

**Drought Community Outreach - Brad Quilliam / Bob Edgar** – An updated report shall be submitted for circulation ASAP.

#### **Donations in Kind (DIK) Reports**

**D9780** – Frank Thompson – Report Circulated.

An important item verbally added – Clubs must work with DIK not bypass with regards to containers shipped particularly to PNG and Sri Lanka.

**D9800** – David Dippie – Report Circulated.

A very interesting report submitted by David Dippie covering District / Multi Club container projects and Disaster Aid rebuilding containers to countries needing our help.

#### **District Coordinator Reports –**

**D9780 – Noel Howard** - Report Circulated –

**David Goldsmith** – Tongan Project – Update of COVID in the Pacific – Project supported by D9780, D9800, and D9820

**D9790** Nil Report

**D9800** Lili Teichman - Report Circulated - The report covered the Timor Leste Vaccination Project

**D9810** Alan Lunghusen – Report Circulated – The report covered the Rotary Dandenong Ranges Recovery.

**D9820** Nil Report

**D9830** Leigh Dyson – Report Circulated -

#### **Guest Speaker – National RAWCS Project & Volunteer Manager – PDG Merv Williams**

**Topic – RAWCS Communications** - It is important for RAWCS to be communicated to Districts.

Communication should cover – Training - Important for a Development Day to be organised, which should give District RAWCS Coordinators the opportunity to be able to relate back to their Clubs in order to explain What RAWCS Does.

RAWCS information must be promoted to the Clubs and Training shall enable District Coordinators the confidence to approach Club International Committee Members. Therefore the need to become familiar with Club International Chairs.

David Dippie mentioned the importance of re-introducing District RAWCS Meetings.

#### **General Business:**

Secretary Virginia to be in contact with Rowville Receptions to ensure reimbursement of the deposit is received by National RAWCS ( Sydney office). Discuss with Rowville International the availability of future dates.

#### **Future Meetings:**

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022--- ZOOM

21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 ---- AGM & Information Day --- Book Rowville International?

20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 ---- ZOOM

Meeting Closed ..... 12.30pm