



D9670 RAM Jottings #3.

Malaria 2012 Conference Hosted by AusAID

Sydney, 31 October – 2 November, 2012

The Australian Government, through AusAID, the Australian Agency for International Development, will soon host a major international conference on malaria.

Malaria 2012 will be at the Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney, 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2012. Details can be found at www.malaria2012conference.com.

The focus will be on the Asia-Pacific region and, while very much focussed on malaria, it is recognised that many of the problems we face with malaria are also applicable to other infectious diseases, for example, drug resistance.

Australian Rotarians, in conjunction with other agencies both national and international, have been deeply involved for well over a decade in combating malaria in Solomon Islands and PNG. More recently, the Adopt-a-Village program has started in Timor Leste, which suffers disproportionately from this disease.

Rotarians need to stay abreast of developments in the science and practice of malaria eradication and the efforts of others in these fields if our efforts are to achieve the maximum benefits.

This conference, Malaria2012, is a very important international event relating to Australia's actions in developing countries in the SW Pacific. AusAID seek to have NGO's (Non-Government Organisations) with interests in malaria take part in the conference. Besides simply inviting attendance from all NGO's, they also want to make sure that the issues that they face are canvassed.

RAM's National Chair, PDG Ian Sayers, is trying to ensure that none of our partners misses out and has contacted RAM's specialists in PNG, Solomons and Timor Leste. Ian has also contacted NZ Rotarians through RNZWS (Rotary New Zealand World Community Service), which is the equivalent of Australia's RAWCS.

Three members of Rotary's National Committee of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) will be at the conference and will be directly involved in at least one of the special "theme" breakout sessions.

Further information will be brought to Rotarians via the RAM Jottings as they come to hand.

John Bennetts
Rotary D9670 RAM Chair
jben5797@bigpond.net.au
PO Box 480 Singleton
0407 724 095
02 6572 4095

RAM is an ongoing project of RAWCS

This and previous editions of D9670 RAM Jottings can be found on the D9670 web site at:
<http://www.rotary9670.org.au>