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the Malaria Vaccine Project

RABS Project 16-2016/17 Rotary Club of SOUTHPORT D9640

In 2017, a project partnership between the Institute for Glycomics at Griffith University, Rotary Clubs, Rotarians Against Malaria - RAM and the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society was formed.

Known as the Malaria Vaccine Project, it is determined to make the dream of a malaria vaccine a reality. The project aims to raise \$500,000 to support the critical clinical trials of the vaccine PlasProtecT[®], created by Professor Michael Good AO and his team.

PlasProtecT[®] consists of whole malaria parasites grown in a laboratory under strictly controlled conditions. These parasites are then treated so they can no longer replicate or cause infection. When administered in a vaccine, an immune response is raised without causing disease, priming the body to fight malaria parasites that may enter the body in the future.

A pilot clinical study in healthy human volunteers demonstrated the PlasProtecT[®] approach is safe and able to induce an immune response. Funding is required to demonstrate that PlasProtecT[®] is safe and effective in a larger number of human volunteers.

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ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

Linking Eastern Region Districts, 9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700, 9710

RAWCS Eastern Region Quarterly Meeting hosted by District 9650 February 10th and 11th 2018

> Venue: Wauchope Country Club, 24 King Street, WAUCHOPE, NSW.

GREAT

Please join us!

Saturday afternoon - 2pm - 4:30 Interesting and informative sessions for new or existing Project Managers and Project Volunteers.

- RAWCS- Criteria for eligibility : Sue O'Neill
- RAWCS Engaging young people with Rotary. Complexities and benefits of taking a group of young people as volunteers : Mary Brell

afternoon tea

 RAWCS – Achieving success through cooperation and collaboration – Clubs, Projects and Rotary and Foundation.

Saturday evening - 6:30 for 7pm

Enjoy a 2 course meal with Rotarians and friends.

Cost: \$40 per head; bookings essential

Key Note speaker: Chairman PDG Adrian Roach

• Pink Umbrella Grants

Sunday morning - 8:30am

RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting:

General meeting Featuring **"Have your say"** everyone gets a 2 MINUTE opportunity to talk about their special interest.

Saturday evening - 6:30 for 7pm

Saturday evening Key Note Speaker: PDG Adrian Roach

RAWCS Project Manager working in Papua New Guinea and Eastern Region Chairman.



Please join us for a great weekend.

RSVP: REGISTER ONLINE for the DINNER at: https://www.trybooking.com/TDWD by Friday 2nd February. Payment made at the time of booking please.

Chairman's Report

Looking forward to our next RAWCS Easter Region Meeting at Wauchope, it promises to be another informative and idea sharing weekend. Come along and bring some other Rotarians and expose them to the wonderful work that RAWCS does.

Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants Dick Smith Donation

This is moving along with many grants

provided and I understand Dick Smith is more than happy with progress. Effective June, some \$383,000 of the million dollars had been allocated to grants. However, applications for grant monies seem to have slowed up.

Did you know?

RAWCS is a facilitator of Rotary Clubs humanitarian projects and does not have any funds for grants, [such as the Rotary Foundation.] The only exception to this is the Dick Smith donation which is being distributed via RABS to disadvantaged Australians via Rotary club specific projects.

Taxable Contributions

From 1 July 2017, the RAWCS Board resolved that all donations to a RAWCS project will be subject to a service charge of 2.5%. This rate compares favourably with other service charges of 5% to 10% in similar organisations. Exceptions to the Service Charge are as follows:

- Donations deemed by the RAWCS Ltd Board to be strategic and where it is not in the best interest of RAWCS to deduct the full-service charge.
- Donations to any project registered to respond to a declared State or National disaster in Australia.

Transfer of funds between projects

Transfer of funds between projects is not permitted unless written authorisation is received by RAWCS from the donor. Donors have given to a particular project and RAWCS must ensure the donation remains in that project account and is spent accordingly.



Above: Adrian visiting RAWCS project in Nondugl, Jiwaka Province, Western Highlands, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Offshore bank accounts

The RAWCS Board does not encourage the setting up and use of <u>offshore bank accounts</u> unless they are accountable to the sponsoring Rotary Club. All RAWCS funds need to be transparent and all accounts should be audited annually.

Project applications are now live:

http://rawcs.org.au/register-projects/

Crowdfunding

The National WEB committee are to investigate the best way for RAWCS to establish a Crowdfunding model for the Rotary Australia Relief Fund and include relevant Rotarians with interest in the outcome, they are to report back to the board before the February board meeting.

Thank You

Special thank you to the Project Managers for the work they do with their RAWCS Projects, Thanks also to the support people who make these projects happen at Club, District and Region level.

PDG Adrian Roach

RAWCS Eastern Region Chairman

A NEW ERA BEGINS FOR DONATIONS IN KIND - DIK

After a decade of service to developing nations from the Minchinbury site, Donations in Kind – Eastern Region has relocated to Castle Hill and looks forward to a new era and new direction.



The Board of RAWCS Itd acknowledges and sincerely **thanks** the dedication and commitment of current and past committees for the service they have given over the last ten years, the Salvation Army for their support and particularly to those Rotarians and friends who toiled recently in the sorting and packing of goods, waste and scrap metal removal, cleaning and the relocation to the new premises.

Goods will no longer be received at the Minchinbury site and in accordance with the Castle Hill site conditions, goods may only be delivered by appointment.

Goods must not be left outside the building at any time.

A "Suitable and Unsuitable Goods List" is available to be downloaded from the RAWCS website however; For information on types of goods being accepted by DIK Eastern Region and to arrange a delivery, please contact: Miriam Jacka 0450 110 336 or Janis Harvey 02 9869 2974

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RAWCS PROJECTS AND VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

Mick Willis RAWCS National Project Manager

NEW online Project Application LIVE

We can now report that the new online Overseas Aid Project Application is now 'live' as of 12th December 2017.

No further Project Applications can be submitted using the Word or PDF versions of the Project Application Form. Copies of these Applications have been removed from the RAWCS website.

Registering a new Project involves going to <u>rawcs.org.au</u> and clicking on Register a Project then clicking on the Register Overseas Aid Fund Project box. The user is then presented with a screen similar to that for the RACG Projects. The user MUST View the Project Criteria AND the Application Completion. Users are urged to PRINT out both documents as they will need to refer to the instructions when completing the Project Application.

The other news is the online Project Application for RABS Projects is live. This effectively puts all our Volunteer and Project Applications online and will considerably speed up the processing time for these documents.



RACG Sub-Committee Meeting:

1. There is currently no Project Finalisation Reports raised on any RAWCS Projects. OAF Projects have a Volunteer Team Leader Report requested. We are developing a modified online Volunteer Team Leader Report and this report will be requested from each Team Leader when a project is marked Completed. A closing report on the Project together with photographs will be placed on the Project website and this Report will be available for use in RDU articles. The Report will be completed totally online.

2. We have decided to allow each RACG Project to access an additional \$5K for each grant. ie. Each Project will now be able to obtain up to \$15K for a Project.

3. We have also decided to allow multiple RACG Project Applications from Clubs provided that the previous project has been progressed satisfactorily or has been successfully competed.



Register your Project

RAWCS Projects are registered for these purposes:

RAOAF – Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund is an Overseas Aid Fund to provide sustainable development aid in developing countries as identified by the Department of Foreign Affairs or short term relief for disasters.

Click here to read to Overseas Aid Fund Criteria.



RABS – Rotary Australia Benevolent Society is a Public Benevolent Fund to register projects within Australia to enable Rotary Clubs and District to provide assistance to people in need within their local or wider community.

Click here to read the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society Criteria



RACG – Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants program manages Dick Smith's \$1,000,000 donation to be distributed to disadvantaged Australians identified by local Rotary clubs or Rotary districts as being worthy of financial assistance.

Click here to read the Rotary Compassionate Grant Criteria.



Len Bolden

It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of our colleague and friend in Rotary, Len Bolden. Len passed away peacefully after a short illness on January 4th, 2018.

Beloved husband of Jenny, Len has been a part of RAWCS from the beginning. He was an enthusiastic and hands on member of FAIM teams as they were know in the early days. Later he undertook various responsibilities in RAWCS as Eastern Region Chairman, Eastern Region Manager for Projects and Volunteers co-ordinator.

Len first became involved with RAWCS when Project Volunteers were known as FAIM (Fourth Avenue in Motion) volunteers about 1977.

His Club, Berry Gerringong, invited a speaker who was the doctor and priest at the hospital on Bougainville in Papua New Guinea. His talk stimulated interest in the Club and the Club raised money for medical supplies for the hospital.

Following that they were invited to visit Moratona Hospital in Bougainville. They formed a FAIM team and went over to Bougainville and spent a couple of weeks undertaking renovation work at the hospital. They completely replaced guttering and did a number of other jobs.

Len and his fellow Rotarians were bitten by the bug seeing first-hand the value of the work of FAIM. The Berry Gerringong FAIM team went back a couple of times to undertake further work at the hospital.

The next project for Len and the FAIM team from Berry Gerringong was Papitali School on Manus Island. They went back to Manus Island several times.

After PNG Len undertook a number of FAIM trips to Nepal. On the first one they built a health centre at Banepa, about 20kms north west of Kathmandu.





Then he undertook a health centre project at Kalahkisthan. Whilst they were building the health centre they identified the need to refurbish the village school.

They applied for and received a \$90,000 grant from AusAID. The class rooms were so run down that they ended up pulling down the school and completely rebuilding it. To complete the job involved a further couple of trips to Nepal.

During a trip in 1996 Jenny and a number of other wives joined the team. One highlight of that trip was that a little girl befriended the team and made such an impression on them that when they were back home they arranged for the local Berry Gerringong community to sponsor the education of 150 children from the Kalahkisthan village.

Len joined the Eastern Region committee in 1989 when the then Chairman of Eastern Region, the late PDG Hugh Newman, asked him to stand for the Secretary position. That was the start of nearly 25 years continuous service to Eastern Region in various capacities. Len served as Chairman for four years between 2004 and 2008. Together with John Roberson he has been the mainstay behind the coordination of Eastern Region's projects since 2000.

In addition Len has served continuously on the District 9710 RAWCS Committee and has served as chair for more than one period, each time for several years.

Left: Len centre, wife Jenny at his side, receiving Award for Service to RAWCS from Brian Goldstraw (RAWCS secretary) February 2014.

ROTARY AUSTRALIA COMPASSIONATE GRANTS (RACG)

A RACG project has the opportunity to have funding matched up to \$15,000 by the Dick Smith grant.

What is a RACG project? RACG Projects provide specific, direct relief to people in need.

Nationally there are 40 current RAGC projects. In Eastern Region we have 15. These are the active RACG projects in Eastern Region.

Transport for Joel.

To purchase a car which will be modified . Joel (13) has Muscular Distrophy and is wheelchair-bound.

Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise D9685

MWWRC Support.

The Manly Warringah Women's Refuge Centre supports distressed women.

Rotary Club of Mosman Inc D9685

Steve Wood Family Assistance

Financial assistance to the family of injured Macksville man Steve Wood to cover some of the expenses.

Rotary Club of Macksville D9650

Hannah Whitton Appeal.

To raise \$20,000 for the Whitton Family of Armidale.

Rotary Club of Armidale North D9650

The Jenny Windeyer Project.

Jenny Suffers with Multiple Sclerosis. Jenny and hubby have 3 children.

Rotary Club of Carlingford D9685

Repairs and Maintenance to Taldumande Youth Refuge.

Conduct or organise repairs and maintenance to the Taldumande Youth Refuge.

Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah D9685

Tony Wright Rehabilitation,

Tony was involved in an accident involving his bicycle and a car. He was transferred to Hospital in a critical condition where he under went several operations.

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West Inc D9650

Insulin Pump Program.

Coordinate the provision of insulin pumps for children with juvenile diabetes.

Rotary Club of St Ives D9685

Liberty Swing or Wheelchair Accessible Courosel.

To install either a Liberty Swing or Curosel at Buttenshaw Park, Springwood. Rotary Club of Springwood D9685

Laundry and Bathroom Facility.

Construction of a Laundry and Bathroom facility for Homeless members of the community.

Rotary Club of Rutherford Telarah D9670

Administration 4WD vehicle for The Purple House - Alice Springs, NT.

The Purple House is a self help health care program for indigenous people requiring dialysis.

Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains D9685

Brett Kenny Medical Support Program.

Brett has been Stage 4 lymphoma and is struggling severe hardship.

Rotary Club of Castle Hill D9685

Scholarships for local disadvantaged and traumatised children at the Be Centre.

The Be Centre is a children's mental health charity based in Warriewood. It provides therapeutic Play support to children who have been traumatised by events in their lives.

Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches D9685

Munch.

Providing sit down meals for homeless and disadvantaged people.

Rotary Club of Rutherford-Telarah D9670

Lightning Ridge Mobile Pool Hoist.

A pool hoist which would allow wheelchair bound, infirm and disabled residents to access hydrotherapy programs.

Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge D9650

Does your Club have a similar project that could use some matched funds?

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RINYA EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -KENYA

This project was initiated in July 2017 in the Rinya Community, Western Kenya.

The project aims to refurbish the Rinya Academy and sponsor children.

RAWCS project 91-2016/17 Rotary Club of THE PONDS D9685



Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd AIM is to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities with humanitarian aid projects.

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