

RAWCS Rover

September
2018



FIGHTING FOR OUR FARMERS

DROUGHT RELIEF APPEAL



Project 17 of 2018-19, Drought Relief Fund for Australian Farmers

Supported by Rotary in Australia, National Farmers' Federation & Channel 9

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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 9710

September 1st and 2nd 2018

**GREAT
LOCATION**

with
**RAWCS
YOU
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

The Raiders Club, CANBERRA

Saturday afternoon - 2pm - 4pm

2:00 to 2:10: Welcome

2:10 to 2:30: **Mike Whitehouse** – RAWCS National Treasurer – Travel Policy

2:30 to 3:00: Hints on promoting projects through Social Media

3.00 to 4.00 – **Mick Willis** – RAWCS National Projects and Volunteers Manager – Project management / Volunteer information

Interesting and informative sessions for new or existing Project Managers, Project Volunteers, Rotarians and friends.

Saturday evening - 6:30 for 7pm

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Key Note Speaker:*

Sarah Brown

CEO - Purple House



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Enjoy a 2 course meal with Rotarians and friends.

Cost: \$40 per head; bookings essential

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♦ **Pink Umbrella Grants**

Sunday morning - 9:00 to 12:00 noon

RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting: *General meeting
Featuring “Have your say” everyone gets a 2 MINUTE opportunity
to talk about their special interest.*

Followed by Annual General Meeting.

12:00 - 1pm: Eastern Region Management meeting

Purple House is a home away from home for Indigenous dialysis patients. Now operating 14 remote clinics and a mobile dialysis unit called the Purple Truck, Purple House is getting patients back home so that families and culture can remain strong.

Please join us for a great weekend. RSVP: REGISTER ONLINE for the DINNER

Chairman's Report

For General Meeting to be held in Canberra 1st and 2nd September 2018 hosted by D9710

I was looking forward to the next meeting in Canberra however I will be on a RAWCS Trip to Nondugl, Jiwaka in Papua New Guinea. I have asked my good friend Sue O'Neill to chair the General and Management Meetings in my absence and I know Secretary Brian will be of great assistance. Thank you to both.

I know you will have another wonderful meeting and I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting in Dubbo D9670 - 27th & 28th October 2018 and or the Australian and New Zealand Conference in Hobart at the Hotel Grand Chancellor 14th - 16th September 2018

General Meeting 26th and 27th May at Parkes D9700

Thank you to Chris Finkel and his committee who hosted a wonderful weekend in Parkes. The venue was great, food delicious and the attendees passionate and motivated with RAWCS. I truly believe if we can get more Rotarians to attend these meeting we will grow RAWCS and their engagement greatly.

A special thanks to all who attended the weekend. Great to know that the National Board are working on the changing future of RAWCS.

International Convention in Toronto – Canada

I have just returned recently from the Convention. Unforgettable moments are made at our convention, a place where the Rotary spirit fills the air with a level of energy and enthusiasm you can't find anywhere else. This is the event where we unite and take action to create true and lasting change in the world.



Vale PDG Jack Elliot

Our thoughts and prayers go to Jack's family and his friends. I attended his funeral on Friday 27th July 2018 and it was a lovely farewell to Jack. Jack has made a difference in many people's lives through his work with Rotary and his church. He was our Eastern Region Treasurer for many years and was always there to help.

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.

Project application is now live:

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

Thank You

Adrian Roach

RAWCS Eastern Region Chairman

Next Meeting:

DUBBO

**hosted by
D9670**

**27th and 28th
October 2018**



VALE PDG Jack Elliot OAM

It is great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and fellow Rotarian Jack Elliot.

Jack was an exemplary person, Rotarian and a loyal, hard-working and reliable member of the RAWCS Eastern Region management team.

Jack was Eastern Region Treasurer for ten years. He saw the company grow from around \$300,000 PA to around \$30 million in 2016 when he resigned as Eastern Region Treasurer.

Anyone who had anything to do with RAWCS Eastern Region during that period would know Jack Elliott. Jack's involvement with Rotary and RAWCS is huge. Many of us have been touched by Jack's compassion and many of our projects have benefited from Jack's wisdom and advice.

Jack was well known and a much loved Rotarian. Jack always went that extra mile to do good in the world. Jack devoted his time selflessly to Rotary aims and is a perfect example of a Rotarian who puts 'Service Above Self'.

During his time in Rotary Jack engaged in several Rotary programs, various committees and projects including:

- Club President of Parramatta Daybreak
- District 9690 Governor 1997-98
- Youth Exchange Committee Chairman
- 2005 Rotary Centenary Planning Committee Chairman for D9690
- Youth Service Director 2008-09 Parramatta Daybreak Club
- RAWCS Eastern Region Treasurer 2003 to 2016
- Project Manager Ahsania Mission Cancer & General Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Jack Elliott was involved with the Bali Eye Hospital both in raising funds and travelling to Bali to inspect and work on the project. Jack always had a compassion for assisting those in developing countries.

Jack served on at least two committees to allow them to become RAWCS projects with a result that some of those in these organisations have eventually become Rotarians.

Jack we thank you for your enormous contribution, friendship and compassion.



Above: John Roberson RAWCS past ER Chairman presenting PDG Jack Elliot with the Humanitarian Service Award 2015.

Can you HELP?

RAWCS IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH SKILLS TO ASSIST

RAWCS WEBSITE COMMITTEE

We are looking for people with experience in marketing and websites with skills in:

- graphic design for website development with an emphasis on marketing RAWCS
- script writing to market our website

The RAWCS Board have approved the development of a better home page (landing page) that markets RAWCS to donors and includes facility to incorporate crowd funding for all projects if required. We also wish to invite interested projects to register their project with RAWCS bearing in mind that it is a requirement that every project must have a sponsoring Rotary Club in Australia.



Our existing website is at - <http://rawcs.org.au/> . We can arrange a ZOOM meeting with any interested person to view the backend of the donations, directory and volunteer websites that are incorporated in our existing website.

We would like these personnel to assist our Website and Marketing Committee to develop our website to attract donors from the general-public to all our registered projects. The Committee does not expect this work to be done gratis as we do have some funding available to pay for what is developed.

We must have Rotarians with these skills serving in our Clubs across Australia now!

Can I appeal to you to identify and introduce them to us or get them to contact me for more information?

PP John Roberson

Chair - RAWCS National Website Committee

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Eastern Region Executive Committee

PDG Adrian Roach

Eastern Region Chair

PP John Roberson

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PP Brian Goldstraw

Secretary

Janis Harvey

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Volunteers co-ordinator

PP Sue O'Neill

Projects co-ordinator and
Newsletter Editor

PP John Bennetts

Projects Reporting co-ordinator

PP Alan Chesworth

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John Macpherson

RAM Chair

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Eastern Region Webmaster

PP Reg Pierce

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PP Wolf Sturmer

District 9670 RAWCS Chair

Malcolm Brown

District 9675 RAWCS Chair

Jan Pryor

District 9685 RAWCS Chair

PP Chris Finkel

District 9700 RAWCS Chair

PP John Mercer

District 9710 RAWCS Chair





Targeting \$10,000,000

During August Channel 9 and Rotary Australia partnered with the National Farmers' Federation, launching an appeal to provide some emergency relief to farmers.

In Australia, farmers are the lifeblood of our country and they are in crisis. Record breaking heat and lack of rain means farmers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle, and keep crops alive. Families on the land are suffering and they need our help. Channel 9 and Rotary Australia have partnered with the National Farmers' Federation, launching an appeal to big business and everyday Australians, so we can provide some emergency relief. 100% of donations go to the farmers and are tax deductible via Rotary and RAWCS.

Every dollar counts!



PDG Michael Perkins RAWCS Chairman

We are focused on how to continue building more awareness of the benefits clubs receive from using the RAWCS infrastructure.

Currently, only 25 per cent of Rotary Clubs in Australia have projects registered with RAWCS, and club donations are generally only to one project. This shows there is the opportunity for significant growth. Australia's reduction in Rotary membership, as well as the ageing of our members, is a trend we are deeply concerned about.

RAWCS will be taking proactive steps to help address this issue by developing further offerings and promotion targeted at establishing and expanding relationships with both corporates and philanthropic associations. More information on this and other marketing activities will be publicised as they become available.

We have also coped with the introduction of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission and thankfully received a clean bill of health in a recent review. It was hard work – but we did it. As National Chairman, I am incredibly proud of the entire RAWCS team for their efforts.

Michael.

International Service Award for Medical Aid for OCEANIA.

MEDICAL AID FOR OCEANIA

Assists Ramsay Health Care in sending medical equipment and supplies no longer required to countries that require the equipment and supplies.

RAWCS project 48/2012-13
Rotary Club of BERRIMA D9710



How to check and maintain your RAWCS Project

Project Managers & Deputy Project Managers,

Each of you have access to the RAWCS Directory to view or maintain your projects by entering this website:

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/Login.aspx>

Enter your email address as requested and your password. If you have forgotten your password or have not been given one, request a forgotten password from this page and an email will be sent to you with a password to allow you to enter the website. If this does not work your email address may be incorrect and you will need to contact me or Michael Willis for us to correct the email address on the website.



RAWCS Directory - Log in

Please log in to this site using your email address and password.

Email Address:
Password: [Forgotten Password?](#)

On entering the website your name will be displayed top right and by clicking the arrow you can change your password or log out. To see projects that you are Manager or Deputy of click on search and they will all display. Click on the pencil to view the background detail and upload photos. Click on the book page to view what is seen on the public website.

The RAWCS Website Committee would like to invite you to view your project from the RAWCS Directory where you can see all details we have entered about your project. This is a valuable tool for you to:

- Check that the name and description continue to describe what your project is currently doing
- Check that the Project Manager, Deputy and Committee names and details are correct
- Check that the sponsoring Rotary Club and District are correct
- View all transactions made to or from your account
- View all documents and reports both for the project and from your volunteer teams.

UPLOAD photographs that market your project and are displayed on the public website **PHOTOGRAPHS**

We would like you to select a photograph or a series of photographs to upload that will market your project to donors. These should be in JPEG or PNG files formats and of no more than 2MB.



APPEAL or CROWD FUNDING

If you wish you can contact us to assist in develop a specific appeal and targeted amount for your project that will show a barometer on the website with the target achieved on the website. You can nominate donation values for specific items that you require for the donor to click on when making their donation. This facility also generates Iframes that can be copied and pasted to your own website that will link the donors directly to your RAWCS donation page.

CHANGES OR EDITS

If any detail needs editing or changing please email the suggested changes to either me (johnroberston@bigpond.com) or RAWCS National Projects Manager Michael Willis mrwillis-rawcs@iinet.net.au so that we can make the changes. If you wish to close a project your projects sponsoring Rotary Club must email requesting the closure. All funds must be used or allocated before we can close a project.

We look forward to your cooperation and assistance with managing your project on the RAWCS website.

PP John Roberson

Chair

RAWCS Website Committee

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ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - INDIA

This project aims to enhance living conditions of the people in the target communities in India and Sri Lanka through disease prevention and treatment, improved water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development

RAWCS project 6-2016/17

Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville 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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