



## RAWCS Rover July 2020

**The Rover aims to support our project teams to form, learn, grow, succeed, share, collaborate and inspire each other.**

The August Quarterly Meeting will be on-line but we hope to be able to plan a live event again at some time!

If you haven't done it yet, **please complete your project's RAWCS Achievements for 2019**, which can be downloaded [here](#) and submitted [here](#)

**Thank you** to those who responded last quarter - we really need to know all the good we are doing so that we can help and attract more helpers!

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## *A Word from the Chair*



Brian is on the road at the moment but sent us these images of RAWCS life in action.



The Nondugl Project Maternity Ward fire



The new SIMS Cambodia project – recipient of a Rotary Foundation Grant.



## *Together We Achieve More*



A summary from PDG Greg Moran of the work undertaken and the support provided on their latest trip to PNG – late 2019. (Project 156-2005-06 - Maintenance of Kokoda Memorial and Hospital, PNG)

“At St Margaret’s Nursing School we met the nursing students sponsored by D9650 clubs **via Pacific Training Aid**, for their final year. The welcome included traditional dancing, meeting with staff and students and a lovely morning tea. As a result of D9650 club generosity, 12 final year students were able to complete their studies in 2019 and then be employed in the clinics and hospitals at various locations in the provincial area.”

A water tank donated to the Inonda School in the previous year by Inverell Rotary Club had been installed and connected to a roof to provide clean drinking water to the school students. The tank was officially opened and dedicated to the Inverell Rotary Club under the **Safe Water Saves Lives program**. School Packs put together and donated by Coffs Harbour Sunrise Rotary were very popular and gratefully received by the literacy group.



Two team members, Sue Moran and Beverley Walls from Days for Girls visited an adult literacy school at Koko village and were happy to donate more school packs to a very grateful group of people working hard to improve their skills.

Bev presented reusable sanitary kits under the auspices of Days for Girls to girls and women from the Inonda School and also provided them with an educational session on the care and use of these kits as well as general hygiene and female anatomy.



Greg organised local people to help finish off the Kokoda Hospital Nurses container house. Some minor works, such as window and door trims, flywire installation and painting of the kitchen area and bedrooms ensured the house was completed and ready for occupation.

Overall it was a very busy and exciting trip to Kokoda PNG, covering many areas that we had become involved in and checking to ensure that previous works planned and undertaken were being utilised and in good repair.”

This report reinforces the value of knowing about and combining a number of different RAWCS programs when possible, to enhance the identified project outcomes of projects.

**Greg has utilised aspects of Pacific Training Aid; Safe Water Saves Lives, Days for Girls & School Packs, along with on the ground support, training and monitoring to enhance and build local capacity and provide a sustainable community.**

## Counting Achievements

### By Calendar Year or Rotary Year?

What works best for you?

Let us know here:

[comms.eastern@rawcs.org.au](mailto:comms.eastern@rawcs.org.au)

If you haven't told us yet what valuable outcomes your project had last year, please do.

Compiling annual data on 500+ projects is a challenge, so asking everyone to write an essay is not practical, either for the project managers or the collator.

What we can both manage is a check list in which you enter the numbers that apply to your project. If you didn't distribute wheelchairs, write zero or leave it blank.

If you did, write how many. It will be easy for us to add up all the wheelchairs from all projects and to compare it with other years or other agencies for impact.

The same applies for all other outcomes too, of course!

**You can download the form [here](#).**

The form is long, but don't let that scare you - I wrote a lot of words so that you don't have to!

Just ignore the bits that don't apply to you. Fill in the numbers that apply to your project, and some contact details.

If you are doing something that we didn't anticipate then there is space to add an extra heading in each section. That way we'll evolve the form we ideally need.

When you are done, you can scan and email it in, or put it in an envelope and post it to Eastern Region Communications 50 Victoria St Cooma, NSW, 2630.



## Projects involving COVID-19

update issued 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

### **RAWCS Projects**

The RAWCS Executive directive issued in April 2020, relating to the non-acceptance and non-approval of fund raising projects relating to COVID19 has been rescinded.

All applications to RAWCS relating to COVID19 pandemic fund raising projects will now be accepted and approved as within the normal approval process.

RAWCS Projects (Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund – RAOAF; Rotary Australia Benevolent Society – RABS and Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants – RACG) are all being accepted.

### **Volunteer Travel**

ALL travel by RAWCS Project Volunteer Teams remains suspended until further notice.

This is in line with the legislative requirements and advice of the Government.

RAWCS appreciates the compassion of many Rotarians, Volunteers and Rotary Clubs who wish to support those many, many people impacted by COVID-19.

We look forward to supporting our Rotarians, Volunteers and Rotary Clubs in projects.



# Malaria in Our Area

RAM welcomes Wil Cornelisson as the incoming RAM Deputy Manager.



## MALARIA ELIMINATION PROGRAM VANUATU

**ELIMINATE MALARIA for Good!**

**Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) are looking for clubs and individuals to support their Vanuatu Malaria Elimination Program.**

Malaria is one of the biggest killers in the world today, attacking some of our most vulnerable communities and contributing significantly to the untold suffering and sustained poverty of more than forty per cent (40%) of the world's population.

The malaria parasite is carried by the Anopheles mosquito which is a tough adversary.

Much funding worldwide has been provided for research into the development of vaccines and the establishment of malaria control programmes.

One of the best ways of preventing malaria is to avoid coming in contact with mosquitoes. This can be achieved by sleeping under a treated mosquito net. Treated bed nets have been shown to be over 70% effective in reducing the incidence of malaria in those areas in which they are able to be used.

**In 2018, 228 million cases occurred world wide**

**In 2018, Malaria caused 405,000 deaths (67% of deaths are children under 5 years)**

**Mosquitoes kill more people in one day than sharks killed over 100 years!**

**Every 2 minutes, a child dies of malaria**

### Your funds will be used for:

Purchase and distribution of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN)

Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS)

Surveillance-tracking the disease and taking appropriate action.

**Your investment will help save lives.**

Join us to find out more  
**SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020 @ 4.00pm**

**zoom**

Meeting ID: 447 491 3305



**To donate: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20>**

## The UN Seeks Your Input



### THE WORLD NEEDS SOLIDARITY. YOUR CONTRIBUTION COUNTS.

The United Nations is marking its 75th anniversary at a time of great challenge, including the worst global health crisis in its history. Will it bring the world closer together? Or will it lead to greater divides and mistrust? Your views can make a difference.

What do you think the UN should be treating as priority matters?

It's certainly hard to choose but the UN will work better the more people are involved and so maybe it's interesting to have your say.

The survey is at [www.un75.online](http://www.un75.online) and you'll see the world's responses so far when you finish.





## HEERA Closed for Now



Please note that until further notice the HEERA (DIK) Warehouse at Castle Hill is closed and all container movements have been suspended.



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