

# RAWCS Rover

Linking Eastern Region  
Clubs in Districts; 9650,  
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NEXT RAWCS meeting  
February 20th & 21st  
Casula, NSW

Host District: 9675



## Chairman's Report

### Warners Bay Meeting

I would like to record my thanks to PP Brian Coffey and the D9670 RAWCS committee for the excellent venue and the organisation of our very successful meeting at Warners Bay on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November. The guest speakers were excellent and the promotion of RABS in District 9670 is the best of any

District in Australia. Well done to all concerned.

I would like to thank the Pink Umbrella Foundation for their awards of \$1000 to six different projects again. These awards are having a huge effect on the attendance at our quarterly meetings.

### RAWCS National Meetings – AGM 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2015

The AGM was well presented and went well with nothing controversial occurring.

Current Secretary PDG Michael Perkins was elected to the position of RAWCS National Chair commencing 01.07.16.

The Board has launched the new RAWCS logo. It meets the requirements of Rotary International and should be used on all project material from now on without any changes please. The logo is available on the website.

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The new website has now been made live and replaces the old site. It is still a work in progress and I as Chair of the National Website committee would welcome any constructive changes suggested to improve on what I think is a much more functional site.

The administrative side of the website has been improved dramatically with facility to upload pictures, project Registration documents and reports. Once we have the public area to our satisfaction we will allow Project Managers to login to the administrative area, upload 2 photos and enter extra detail on their own projects. The changes will not be live until authorised by the National Projects Manager.

The new DGN representative on the Board was announced. It is DGN Robert Tardiani (Rotary Club of Townsville South West, D9550, Northern Region) who is an accountant and may well be targeted as a RAWCS National Treasurer after his term as DG.

### Financial Reports from National to Project Managers

Financial Reports for all Project Managers are being received soon after the consolidation of accounts each month.

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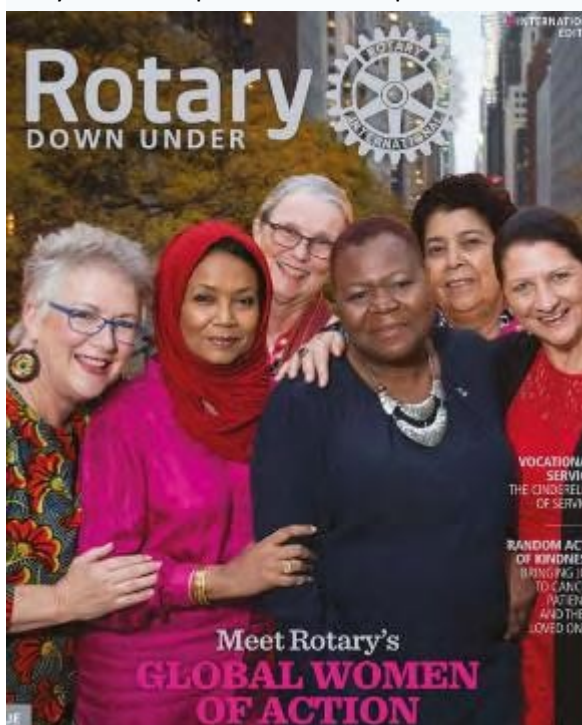
## ROTARY'S GLOBAL WOMEN OF ACTION

**Six deserving "Global Women of Action" were honoured at the United Nations' Rotary Day for their dedication to humanitarian projects across the world.**

These talented Rotarians from across the globe were recognised for donating their time and expertise towards helping thousands of people throughout the world.

Australia was represented by **Lucy Hobgood-Brown**, from the e-Club of Greater Sydney. Lucy was acknowledged for her contributions to capacity building in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where she grew up. Her non-profit **HandUp Congo** ([www.handupcongo.org](http://www.handupcongo.org)) works with RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service and Congolese partners on education, health and micro finance projects, particularly focused on woman and girls.

Other honourees were from Bangladesh, Germany, Zimbabwe and 2 from USA. "The two big highlights for me were getting great new ideas from the other honourees, who are all doing innovative work in their corners of the world," says Lucy "and the panellists on a special session about human



trafficking had a clear call to action on how Rotarians can make a difference with this global problem."

*Read full story in issue 579 of Rotary Down Under.*

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

Chairman's report continued.....

Please check your financial statement and contact Belinda if you have a mistake recorded. Also contact her if you are not receiving a monthly statement.

Belinda Griffen - [belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au](mailto:belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au) – 8833-8317

#### Strategic Review of Projects:

All RAWCS District Chairs are to ensure that all current projects from their District meet the RAOAF Criteria. Some projects may need to re-assess the project and ensure that they are supplying sustainable development aid not welfare. Those affected are requested to re-word their name and description to comply with the RAOAF criteria and liaise with the National Projects Manager to have the web-site amended.

#### Mandatory Online Reports for Project Managers:

By January 2016 the Board has decided that we will introduce mandatory online reporting for Project Managers. We will be informing the Project Manager that in the last 6 months they have authorised transfers to their project of the \$ figure that has been sent to their project. The Project Manager will be asked to list how these funds were specifically spent and they **MUST** be for expenditure that is within the RAOAF & DFAT guidelines. They will also have to answer a series of other questions concerning their project.

#### Casula Meeting:

I have asked Graham Taylor to Chair this meeting as I will be away overseas at this time. I am sure that District Chair Lloyd Chatfield and PDG Jack Elliott will have the weekend organised well and Graham will do a great job of chairing the meeting. I wish you a great weekend.

**Eastern Region Chairman: John Roberson**



### DONATIONS IN KIND

The new **Donations in Kind**, Operations Manual for Regional Committees has been approved and is available to all on the National website. If anyone requires any element of the manual to be amended, it should be brought to

the Regional Management Committees attention by submitting the amendment in writing. If the Region agree with the amendment, we will forward it to the National Board recommending the change for National Board approval.

The Board has agreed to the Donations in Kind facility to register containers online and it is now available for all DIK Depots to use on the website. The Board requires all consignments to be listed from now on. Once we are satisfied that the facility is working well we will allow any Rotarian or Rotary Club to register their consignment (container or pallet) whether a registered RAWCS project or not. In future RAWCS will actively seek all Rotarians & Rotary clubs to do so that this becomes a record of all consignments.

Eastern Region has been informed that the lease on our present Donations in Kind depot at Minchinbury Salvation Army premises will have to be vacated by December 2016. It was agreed by the Management Committee that the Region should search for a suitable depot to relocate to and that the relocation to take place as soon as we can organise for it to occur. We will relocate before we are expected to vacate if we find a suitable site. **Please discuss this at your Club you may have someone who can help.**

*you're invited!*

## RAWCS Eastern Region meeting



Venue: **Hunts Comfort Inn,**  
Cnr York St & Hume HWY, Casula, NSW  
February 20th and 21st 2016

#### PROGRAM:

**Saturday afternoon - from 2pm - 5pm**  
**an energetic afternoon of Rotary information**

*Hear short informative sessions on:*

1. **Visioning RAWCS** - Lloyd Chatfield
2. **Popondetta Hospital PNG** - John Kleinig
3. **Project financing and accounting** - Jack Elliott  
**AFTERNOON TEA**
4. **Rotary Solar Lights** - Pam Boler
5. **Education for war affected children** - Keith Henning
6. **Poverty Aid 4 Cambodia** - Dr Rinna Ly

#### Saturday evening Dinner:

**2 course meal - \$40**

**Bush Poetry Reading by KEN POTTER**

**MICHAEL PERKINS, National Secretary UPDATE**

**Presentation of Pink Umbrella Foundation Grants**

**Sunday morning - from 9:00 am to 12:30:**

**RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting:**

**featuring "Have your say" everyone gets an opportunity to talk about their project or special interest.**

**Please join us. Hope to see you there!**

**RSVP: Secretary Ted Lewis: [lewisted@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lewisted@ozemail.com.au)**

**Share your RAWCS project report on-line**

**at Eastern Region Website**

**[www.rawcseastern.org.au/](http://www.rawcseastern.org.au/)**

**Send your reports to;**

#### WEBMASTER

**Bruce Gendre**

email: [jbknight@bigpond.com](mailto:jbknight@bigpond.com)

Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace D9670.

**Please note: File Size Limit - The web server for the Eastern Region Website has a file size limit of 2MB which limits to size of reports that can be uploaded.**

**Check the website for the latest reports.**



*If you have an inspiring project or any RAWCS or RABS news we would welcome a report to include in a future RAWCS Rover. Please email RAWCS Rover Editor: Sue O'Neill: [sue\\_oneill@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_oneill@hotmail.com)*





# RAWCS launches

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**NEW Logo:** In consultation with RI, RAWCS has introduced a new logo.

The logo is readily available from the website under KEY DOCUMENTATION.

**NEW Website:** check out the new website at: <http://rawcs.org.au/>

**and NEW Presentation:** also under KEY DOCUMENTATION a new training presentation is available.

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KEY DOCUMENTATION



Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) is a limited company formed to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects. The company objective is to manage the [Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund](#), [Rotary Australia Benevolent Society](#) and the [Developed Country Disaster Fund](#). To enable Rotarians, the public and the corporate sector to deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support through a range of [projects](#) including [Rotarians Against Malaria](#), [Donations In Kind](#) and Australian Charitable Support. To facilitate Rotarians undertaking voluntary work, the Board has engaged professional support in the fields of information technology, communications and marketing and has established a staffed office to process the administrative, accounting and banking functions. RAWCS is not an emergency response organization, but rather looks to engage in sustainable, developmental or relief projects.



## Facebook Posts



[RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service](#)



**ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE** allows you and your club to implement charitable initiatives to address issues that matter to you.

*The process is simple:*

**IDENTIFY THE NEED**



**TAILOR IT TO FIT RAWCS CRITERIA**



**RAISE THE FUNDS**

**and SEE YOUR IDEA COME TO LIFE**

RAWCS provides the support and infrastructure for the projects and volunteers. Project donations are tax deductible. There are programs which facilitate turning your ideas into reality.



**Overseas Aid Fund (OAF)** facilitates practical initiatives that foster long-term change in developing communities.

**Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS)** is one of the very few charities that allow you to gather community support to relieve the suffering of an individual or cause in the local Australian communities.



## Medical Aid for Oceania and Worldwide

RAWCS project number #48-2012-13

Medical Aid for Oceania and Worldwide is an international aid project registered with [RAWCS](#) and managed by the Rotary Club of Berrima, D9710.

Surplus-to-requirements medical equipment is collected from hospitals around Australia and shipped to communities in need. The Club's principal partner in the project is Ramsay Health Care. A secondary aim of the project is to dispose of superseded goods in an environmentally responsible manner.



*How it began:* In 2010 the Southern Highlands Private Hospital made available a number of beds and other hospital equipment that it wished to donate. The goods were loaded by the Club into a 40-foot container and shipped to a **Hospital in Suva, Fiji**. Following a second, similar shipment a year later, the Suva hospital was able to establish a much-needed maternity ward.

We discovered that this need for basic equipment (and ultimately for more sophisticated equipment) was so prevalent in developing countries that a regular project could be developed.

In 2012 we signed a MOU with Ramsay Health under which its 70 Australian hospitals would offer surplus equipment to us on a regular basis for shipment to under-resourced medical facilities in the Oceania region and beyond. **Medical Aid for Oceania and Worldwide** was registered as a project with [RAWCS](#).

Since then we have shipped a range of consumables and equipment. Destinations have included Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Congo.

The equipment is shipped under strict guidelines, based on WHO guidelines that ensure it is safe, in good working order, still has a useful life and is accompanied by all necessary accessories and operating manuals.

Working under the umbrella of RAWCS Eastern Region, we ship directly to destinations. We have collaborated with Rotary Clubs including Burwood, Tamworth, Greenhills-Maitland, Illawarra Sunrise, Mosman, Hunters Hill, Raymond Terrace, South Nowra, Albury West, Moruya and Bella Vista, as well as Joondalup in WA and Cairns in Qld and the RAWCS Northern Region in Brisbane. All of these have contributed to the local transport and the loading and shipping of containers to overseas Rotary clubs and other consignees.

What began as an isolated local project has grown into a regular overseas aid program which is making a real difference to people's health in developing countries. Equipment continues to be donated by Ramsay Health Care but also by numerous other sources including private and public hospitals and private medical practices.



**PP John MacPherson**  
Project Manager  
Rotary Club of Berrima  
D9710

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## Rotary Australia Benevolent Society

# RABS



RAWCS has established the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities.

The main requirement for RABS projects is that they provide direct relief to people in need. If the clients are disadvantaged, the relief should target that disadvantage, i.e. a place to sleep for the homeless, food and support for those in poverty, counselling and support of those in distress. The relief provided is only for 'people in need'

All Benevolent Society projects must address one of the following criteria that arouse the compassion of your community:

**Poverty, Sickness, Suffering, Distress, Misfortune, Disability, Destitution, Helplessness.**

*RABS has been registered with the ACNC - Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission and has Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office.*

**DONATE NOW**

**All RAWCS and RABS projects** in all Regions are now registered for online donations.

### RAWCS Overseas Aid Fund

is a [Deductible Gift Recipient](#) so is able to offer **tax deductible donations** to support organisations with worthy projects outside Australia. Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) can provide a similar service within Australia.

Our **Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund** ABN: 21 388 376 554 holds the following registrations:

- ◆ Deductible Gift Recipient
- ◆ Tax Concession Charity
- ◆ Income Tax Exempt Fund

**At RAWCS our objective is to:**

**"Enable Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to undertake humanitarian aid projects."**





# What is RAWCS?

How many times have you been asked this question in your Rotary Club or at District gatherings when you are talking about your Projects or the Projects of others?

We often hear our RAWCS colleagues complain that nobody knows about us and the great work we do.

We are in the main, well acquainted with what RAWCS is and does, but can we explain it and what work it does, to other Rotarians?

At our last Management Meeting our Chairman John Roberson indicated that there was a new Power Point Presentation available which explains RAWCS in a simple manner for everybody.

The presentation is now on the RAWCS National website <http://rawcs.org.au/>.

I think that it is the best explanation of RAWCS that I have seen and I would recommend that you download it and run it on your computer yourself!

On the actual Presentation, there is a commentary with each slide that you can read out in conjunction with the slide as you make the Power Point Presentation.

So next time someone asks you "What Is RAWCS?"... Offer to go to their Club and do the Presentation!

Or contact your District RAWCS Chairman and ask him to do the Presentation. I am sure that he will be delighted to do this.

RAWCS is somewhat unknown in the general Rotary world, but I think that we have a good opportunity to fix this by means of this Presentation and some enthusiasm from each one of us.

I have supplied the names and email addresses of the District Chairpersons below.

Ted Lewis OAM, Secretary  
RAWCS Eastern Region.

## District Chairmen:-

D9650 – Bob Neich – [bobandjenelle@bigpond.com](mailto:bobandjenelle@bigpond.com)  
D9670 – Brian Coffey – [Brian@coffey.net.au](mailto:Brian@coffey.net.au)  
D9675 – Lloyd Chatfield – [lloyd.chatfield@bigpond.com](mailto:lloyd.chatfield@bigpond.com)  
D9685 – Theo Glockemann – [theogeo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:theogeo@bigpond.net.au)  
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## Rotary Australia Benevolent Society



Local projects for "people in need".

### Criteria

- Needs of individuals
- Provide direct relief
- Community
- Support disasters



## What is RAWCS?



- Rotary
- An Australian Multi-District Program
- Non-Government Organisation
- Tax exempt

## RAWCS Programs



- Project Funding
- Project Volunteers
- Donations in Kind (DIK)
- Rotary against Malaria (RAM)
- Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS)
- Developed Countries Disaster Fund (DCDF)

## Rotarians Against Malaria

### Malaria causes:

- 200 million deaths annually
- Poverty & ongoing disease



### Our objectives

- Support malaria control & elimination projects
- Raise funds
- Raise awareness
- Medical research
- Liaise with near neighbour nations & RI

### How?

- Active projects
- Education of local people
- Collaborate with other NGOs
- Training & research

## Rotary Australia World Community Service

### How do we get started?

- Excite your International Director
- Motivate your Community Service Director
- Create Rotary club partnership
- Link up with existing project



### Club benefits

- Tax deductible
- Administration Fund
- Aid Fund overseas
- Increased funding
- Coordinated approach



## Have you checked out RAWCS on facebook!!

If not, jump online and "like" our facebook page. While you are there check out some of the great projects that have been hi-lighted.

### Would you like your project featured on facebook?

We are always looking for stories and photos of your projects in order to help with promoting RAWCS and associated programs. Not only do we hope to give your projects useful exposure but also to utilise your work as an example to generate interest in the development of new projects amongst rotary members not yet involved.

Our appointed social media facilitator Evan Burrell will share content across platforms such as facebook, Twitter and Instagram to help build RAWCS online presence and generate publicity. Stories may also be used in brochures and other publicity materials.

Send summaries of your project of approximately 200 words along with two high res photographs. We are happy for the summaries to be in dot points. Our in house writer will refine and edit submissions depending on the medium in which they are to be published.

We will be highly grateful for any and all assistance in this area – it will help us build a stronger RAWCS.

Email: [EvanBurrell@rotarydownunder.com.au](mailto:EvanBurrell@rotarydownunder.com.au) with your submissions. **Share your story!**

## Online Volunteer Registration

The online volunteer system has been available for 2 years. This system has seen tremendous change to the amount of time spent processing volunteer applications, the storage of data and notifications to the stake holders. Those being DFAT, ACE Insurance, Club Presidents both in Eastern Region and the visiting countries, District Governors again both in Eastern Region and the visiting countries. In the main, users of the system have been very proactive and positive in their approach to using the system. The user's guide can be of great benefit to assist when using the online system for the first time. The stand out issue of confusion for volunteers is the downloading, uploading and emailing of forms and the Working with Children document. With time we hope we stream line the system even further making it as user friendly as possible.

**Our Volunteer co-ordinator is Lloyd Chatfield;**

**Need help, email Lloyd** [lloyd.chatfield@bigpond.com](mailto:lloyd.chatfield@bigpond.com)

**Volunteer Insurance:** Please note RAWCS Volunteers will not be covered when they travel in Afghanistan, Chad, Chechnya, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Israel, Somalia and Sudan.

*These countries are excluded from our insurance cover.*

## Registering a RAWCS project

1. When a Project Manager and sponsoring Rotary Club have completed their application form for a Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund Project (RAOAF), with all signatures or emails of endorsement in place, the application should be send by email to the Eastern Region Projects Registration Officer, Sue O'Neill:

[sue\\_oneill@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_oneill@hotmail.com) Mobile 0404 432 690.

## Registering project volunteers

2. All matters associated with Project Volunteers, ie registration of Project Teams, should be referred to the Region Projects volunteer co-ordinator, Lloyd Chatfield: [projects.eastern@rawcs.org.au](mailto:projects.eastern@rawcs.org.au) Mobile 0419 250 976.

## Registering a RABS project

3. All Applications for Rotary Australia Benevolent Society Projects (RABS) are to be sent to the RABS Coordinator, Alan Chesworth: [alchessie151@bigpond.com](mailto:alchessie151@bigpond.com) Mobile 0429 444 633

**NOTE:-** Chairman John Roberson also announced that the existing \$50 Registration Fee for all Project Applications together with the \$10 Fee for Volunteers taking part in an Overseas Project have been discontinued.

**Ted Lewis: Secretary, RAWCS Eastern Region**



## District 9650 RAWCS Project TAFEA

The Rotary District 9650 RAWCS Project TAFEA Committee is seeking individual volunteers to join work teams on the Island of TANNA in VANUATU. Teams will be involved in the construction and refurbishment of Lenakel Hospital, as well as selected schools on the island.

Cyclone Pam March 2015 caused major devastation to local infrastructure, including community facilities.

Rotarians, partners and non-Rotarians can all join as team members. Several teams of up to 8 people will depart during 2016. Women are welcome. Each team will have an experienced team leader.

Our work teams stay at Evergreen Resort which is comfortable and is a beautiful setting overlooking the ocean. Tanna Volunteers package is approx. \$2,700.

For more information on the work program, contact:

Ray White, the D9650 Tafea project co-ordinator

(M) 0417 682 014 (E) [raymond.white2@bigpond.com](mailto:raymond.white2@bigpond.com)

Interested in being part of a team, contact:

Gil Padarin-Innes, Tafea secretary (M) 0433 835 678

(E) [gilpadarin@hotmail.com](mailto:gilpadarin@hotmail.com)





## Nepal Village Development Project

RAWCS project number #66-2007-08

Team visit 20 September - 5 October 2015

This project has three main target areas: village and school based sanitation improvements, dental care, and reconstruction after the devastating earthquakes in April-May 2015.

Dental Volunteers Mr Mike O'Connell, General Manager, Critical Dental & Dr Sandra Meihubers, Dentist and Program Coordinator.

Our volunteers arrived at the time of the signing of Nepal's newly formed constitution. In a country where many regions are still struggling to recover from the earthquakes earlier in the year, this provided some political distraction that subsequently led to crippling and ongoing fuel, cooking gas and food shortages.

Dental Camps Dental camps were conducted at two locations:

Shree Himaljyoti School, Bhattedanda Village, Kavre District Shree and Jalapadevi School, Bahunepati, Sindhupalchok District.



These locations are also the focus for the sanitation projects. Toilets (septic and biogas) were constructed in Bhattedanda, and construction is currently under way for girls and boys toilets at Shree Jalapadevi school, under the guidance of Paul Pholeros from Healthabitat. Paul was in Nepal, checking on the sanitation works and working with the villagers to plan for post-earthquake rebuilding.

Planned dental visits in May had been cancelled due to the earthquakes, with the project focus swinging instead into earthquake relief.

The target groups for dental care in the September-October visit were the school children and their families, plus the teachers. The dental program has been looking after the Bhattedanda kids since 2008, and the program is just starting in Bahunepati.



**Dental Future Directions:** The Nepali dental team will work with local partners in Kathmandu to provide monthly dental camps to poor and marginalised people, especially those who are still homeless after the earthquakes, and regular camps to the schools and families in the sanitation project villages.

**Sanitation Program Works:** Works were well under way at the Shree Jalapadevi School for the school toilets, which include sinks and an area for tooth brushing.

More information is available: <http://www.teethandtoilets.com.au>

**Dr. Sandra Meihubers, Project Manager,**  
**Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah**  
**District 9685**

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## Eastern Region Executive Committee

**Chairman** John Roberson

**Secretary** Ted Lewis

**Treasurer** Jack Elliott

**Immediate Past Chairman** Harry Durey

**Vice Chairman** Graham Taylor

**Assistant Secretary** Ron Marcus

**Project Registration Co-Ordinator** Sue O'Neill

**Volunteer Co-Ordinator** Lloyd Chatfield

**Project Report Co-Ordinator** John Glass

**Benevolent Society Co-Ordinator** Alan Chesworth

**Donations in Kind** Miriam Jacka

**R.A.M. Co-Ordinator** David Pearson

**RAWCS Rover and Promotion** Sue O'Neill

**Training** Barry Silburn

**Webmaster** Bruce Gendre

## District Representatives

**District 9650** Bob Neich

**District 9670** Brian Coffey

**District 9675** Lloyd Chatfield

**District 9685** Theo Glockerman

**District 9700** Chris Finkel

**District 9710** Brian Goldstraw

## Save the DATE

We hope to see you our  
**RAWCS meeting**  
20 & 21 May 2016  
**Location: The Entrance,**  
**Hosted by District 9685**

