

**National RAM Manager's Report**  
**National Committee Meeting on 19 February 2021**  
**Dr. Jenny Kerrison**

This Report covers the period 4 December to 15 February 2021.

No	National activities	Status
1	<p><u>National Vacancies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) National RAM Deputy Manager – vacant now</li> <li>(ii) National RAM Secretary – position starts July 2021</li> </ul> <p>Jenny to submit role description for the National RAM Deputy Manager position to RAWCS Ltd. DGE Representative Heather Chong, to circulate.</p>	No progress
2	<p><u>SR RAM Supervisor position:</u></p> <p>Thank you to Gloria Hargreaves for taking up the SR position. Gloria is currently looking after the SR, and will move from the National Secretary position to the SR Supervisor position in July 2021.</p>	Vacancy filled
3	<p>Annual National RAM Conference on 13 and 14 November 2021, CANBERRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Planning Committee met in January, and on 15 February.</li> <li>• Eastern Region RAM will provide logistics support. Mercure Canberra the most likely choice.</li> <li>• We need to get Audio-Visual assistance at the Conference.</li> </ul>	RAM to recruit one Audio-Visual Assistant for the Conference
4	<p>RAM PhD Scholarship – met on 26 Nov 2020. No Scholarship to offer in this 2020-21 Rotary Year. For 2021-22, may consider smaller scholarships to offer e.g. top-up stipend to a current student.</p>	See DG Dr. Bruce Anderson's report
5	<p>RAM Strategic Goal #1: Grow a strong RAM National Committee with financial and technical capacity for delivering quality malaria projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grants Committee</b> – will meet 5 March; members are Dr. Russ Stephenson, Andrea Grovesnor and National Manager; Russ has developed the draft Terms of Reference – for further development. <u>Outputs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- five (5) Grants in 2019-20</li> <li>- one Grant being developed for West Timor in 2020-21.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Yearly reviews</b> with partner countries to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis).</li> <li>• <b>Annual Conference</b></li> <li>• <b>Annual Information Day for Regional &amp; District RAM Supervisors</b></li> </ul>	<p>One potential Grant for 2020-21</p> <p>Districts who did not donate in 2019-20:</p>
6	<p>RAWCS Ltd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CEO – salaried - Andrew Woodward</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	New RAWCS Ltd. contacts list to be circulated

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Secretary – PDG 9820 Adrian Froggatt and Hank de Smit – while Adrian is being oriented</li> <li>3. Treasurer D9800 Jim Wilson</li> <li>4. Immediate Past RAWCS Chair – PDG D9830 Michael Perkins has resigned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Contacts list available – will be circulated.</li> <li>• Board is working on increasing awareness of and engagement with RAWCS Ltd. in the Districts. RAM will play our part by including one or two RAWCS slides from the new RAWCS presentation developed by Dave Pearson. See website – <a href="https://rawcs.org.au/key-documentation/presentations/">https://rawcs.org.au/key-documentation/presentations/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<b>Partner Countries</b>		
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Timor Island:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) #GG1866289 USD251,334 is managed by RC North Hobart D9830 and RC Dili Lafaek D9550.  TRF Regional Grant Manager has approved the training plan and budget for community health volunteers (CHVs) and malaria officers, to prevent re-establishment of malaria in two border area municipalities (Bobonaro and Covalima).  Issue: Approved by TRF, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) were purchased in Darwin for the Timor Leste’s National Malaria Program but unable to send until Air North planes resume services between Darwin and Dili.</li> <li>(ii) Rotary Global Grant application for Timor Leste submitted in 2020 for USD107,000 for use in 2022 and 2023 – close to receiving approval from TRF.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Progress made – training plan being developed.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Vanuatu:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) RAM donated AUD50,783 for malaria services and geographical reconnaissance (GR) household mapping</li> <li>(ii) RAM-funded GR household mapping to be conducted in February – delayed.</li> <li>(iii) USD110,000 Rotary Global Grant obtained in 2020 has commenced – no further progress since last report.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Delayed
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>West Timor, NTT Province, Indonesia</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UNICEF’s Consultant has advised that they will provide pro bono work in the proposed USD125,000 Rotary Global Grant for West Timor.</li> <li>○ Rotarians in Indonesia D3420 and RAM Australia are negotiating details before we advise TRF.</li> <li>○ Peter McKenzie unable to contact to lead Grant revisions. RAM National Manager standing in for Peter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Negotiations continuing with UNICEF Indonesia

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Papua New Guinea</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>Chasing Malaria Program</b> - RAM Australia donated AUD82,000 to RAM PNG in this Rotary Year for six (6) schools in three locations in Central Province. Reports from Tim Freeman are for <u>all</u> schools.</li> <li>(ii) Fourth Quarter Chasing Malaria Report – a model since 2015. Scale up to in Central Province and other provinces. Our funds are mixed in with RAM PNG and Exxon Mobile.</li> <li>(iii) Financial report received from RAM PNG on the Chasing Malaria Program for period 1 January to 31 December 2020. The report contains details of broad spending. A specific Chasing Malaria program financial report is requested from RAM PNG for June 2021.</li> <li>(iv) <b>USD50,000 Rotary Global Grant for New Ireland Province (NIP)</b> – implementation is delayed. Pro bono Consultant Ross Hutton will consider preparations required for implementation - remotely.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Financial report received.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Solomon Islands</u> AUD40,000 allocated for Solomon Islands – not spent. RAM Solomon Islands may have funds to contribute.</li> </ul> <p>Central Region RAM Supervisor Cherilyn Fleming is leading the project for RAM Australia with support from National RAM, Northern Region RAM Supervisor, RAM Solomon Islands, and RAM PhD graduate Edgar Pollard.</p> <p>Working with pro bono malaria consultant Dr. Kevin Palmer (USA-based), to develop a Surveillance Team for a small RAM Australia project in Honiara.</p>	<p>Project proposal for a 6 months pilot received today.</p> <p><u>Tentative dates:</u> Implementation Jan-June 2022</p> <p>Rotary GG application in July 2022.</p>
<b>Partnerships</b>		
8	<p><u>RAM-Global Rotary Action Group</u> Monthly Board meeting held on 4 February. RAM-Global will widely promote the Community Health Workers (CHWs) / Volunteers model to support malaria control and elimination. This model was successfully implemented in Zambia by Malaria Partners International (previously known as Rotarian Malaria Partners).</p>	CHWs are important to early malaria diagnosis, treatment and surveillance.
9	<p><u>Global Fund and RAWCS-RAM Campaign</u> PDG Dai Mason is continuing to make good progress in the Campaign. Please see the two attached documents for the RAWCS Board from Dai.</p> <p><u>Being planned:</u> In conjunction with RI Conference in Melbourne, a 2-Day Congress on Malaria - 25 and 26 May 2023 - Prior to RI Convention in Melbourne. Not seeking funding (not at this stage).</p>	RAWCS Board – to consider requests.