

## **National RAM Committee Meeting**

**14 May 2021**

### **Report from Dr. Jenny Kerrison, National RAM Manager**

For period 19 February to 14 May 2021

#### **Good news:**

1. Dr. Kerre Wilsher D9510 has joined our RAM Grants Committee. Other members in this Committee are: Andrea, Russ and Jenny. The Committee aims to broker Grants for Rotary Clubs.
2. Rotary GG USD125,350 for West Timor was approved today! The International Sponsor club is RC Hillarys and Project Manager is Peter McKenzie D9455 and in West Timor, President Nana is our Host Sponsor. Start date in August 2021. Andrea and I will be assisting Peter in the Grant management.
3. A good response to Malaria Awareness Day's first National Fun Run / Walk – over 40 people participated (mainly from SR and a few ER), and now RCs Morwell, Moe and Taralgon Central D9820 will do their fun run for RAM this weekend.
4. RAM Polo Shirt “Help Us Eliminate Malaria” – are ready and with Gloria. Gloria has kindly agreed to post the shirts to RAM National Committee members. Thanks to printer and Rotarian Kevin Harrison. I hope to receive a few shirts to take to the District Assembly and hopefully, they arrive on time for our RAM D9830 Quiz Event on 14 May, run for bed nets for pregnant women in Timor Leste - by my Club North Hobart.

#### **Tasks ahead:**

1. RAM Visibility Campaign – meetings held with members: Regional RAM Supervisors, DG Bruce Anderson, National Secretary Gloria, PR and Social Coordinator Media Netania. The second meeting was on 28 April.
  - (a) Emphasis from the meeting was that speaking to clubs is an important way for RAM to be visible.
  - (b) Two outputs from the meeting:
    - (i) ER Supervisor –DGDN Andrea Grosvenor will work further on the Action Plan that Jenny has compiled from the first and second meeting
    - (ii) NR Supervisor – Dr. Russ Stephenson has prepared messages for us to send out each month – received from Russ on 3 March. Netania has been sending messages during the week prior to 30 April but the social platforms used (twitter, instagram and FB) may not be accessible to

many of us. Jenny and Netania to followup – to review and work on a schedule, and sites to post the messages.

2. National Vacancies:
  - (i) Secretary
  - (ii) Deputy Manager
3. Annual National RAM Conference is on 13 – 14 November, Mercure Hotel, Canberra. Slow progress with invitation to Speakers. Next meeting is in end of May.
4. RAM Grants Committee – members are: Russ D9600, Andrea D9705, Kerre D9510, and Dr. Jenny D9830. Thus, we have good representation from across Australia.

Potential Grant projects: This week, we received one application from Tim Freeman for AUD203,336 for scaling up the Chasing Malaria Program to a total of 50 schools. We hope to submit a Rotary GG for Solomon Islands in 2022.

5. Partner Countries:
  - (i) **TIMOR LESTE:** In April, the country badly suffered from landslides and floods due to Cyclone Seroja. Our PPEs from the current Rotary GG1866289 arrived safely just after the Cyclone! Thanks to Ray Fauntleroy, D9550. Achieved zero indigenous transmission in July 2017 – has to be malaria free for 3 months. Unfortunately, last month, two cases of indigenous malaria transmission reported.
  - (ii) **VANUATU:** RAM-funded geographical reconnaissance household mapping – delayed until July 2021 (ear-marked ~ AUD8,000). Implementation of the Rotary GG USD110,000 is also delayed. Vanuatu was recently included in the WHO E2025 target.
  - (iii) **WEST TIMOR:** Also badly affected by landslides and floods. Rotary GG approved today for USD125,350.
  - (iv) **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Chasing Malaria Program was delayed as the schools were in lockdown many times this Rotary year. Received our first financial report from Chasing Malaria Program. The implementation of Rotary GG for New Ireland Province is delayed.
6. **SOLOMON ISLANDS** – progressing well with current plans for implementation in later half of 2021. RAM-Global Rotary Action Group – AGM and nominations close on 17 May.
7. RAM is a partner with Cross Sector Development Partnerships Initiative (XSPI) – continuing to work on cross-border malaria elimination and this work will help us in our efforts on cross border malaria elimination in the region.