

RAWCS *Rover*

February
2019



Divine Mercy Primary School, UGANDA



Linking Eastern Region Districts, 9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700, 9710

RAWCS Eastern Region Quarterly Meeting

Hosted by District 9675
February 23rd and 24th 2019

MEETING VENUE:
COUNTRY INN HUNTS LIVERPOOL
2415 Camden Valley Way, CASULA, NSW



Saturday evening - Dinner \$40
6:30 for 7pm

Keynote Speaker:

Sister Myree Harris, OAM

Sister Myree Harris, OAM, a contemporary Josephite nun acting in the spirit of Mary MacKillop by responding to the needs of the homeless in inner Sydney since 1990. Sister Myree was chosen by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference to represent Australia at a world conference on homelessness in Rome.



Saturday afternoon – 2:00 to 4:45pm

2:00-2.30pm: The Rotary Foundation Global Grants and RAWCS.

Bruce Allen

2.30-3.10pm: From Eastern Region Donations In Kind (DIK) to Health and Education Equipment Repurposing Activity (HEERA)

Alex Donaldson, Keith Roffey

3.10pm – 3.40pm: Afternoon Tea

3.40-4.10pm: Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

John MacPherson

4.10-4.45pm: RAWCS Update and Open Forum

Adrian Roach, Keith Roffey

An afternoon of informative and interesting topics

Sunday morning: 08:30 – 11:30am

RAWCS Eastern Region General Meeting:
General meeting featuring "Have your say". Everyone gets a 2 MINUTE opportunity to talk.

RAWCS Eastern Region Management Meeting:
Follows General meeting.

Anyone wishing to book accommodation at Hunts should contact Harry directly:
Mobile Phone: 0404 481 323 or
Email: harry.hunt@hunts.com.au.

RSVP: By Monday 18th February 2019.

REGISTER ONLINE for the DINNER at: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZTZL>

Save the Dates **Future meetings:**

D9685 - 18-19 May 2019 – Blue Mountains ||| D9650 17-18 August 2019

||| D9700 16-17 November 2019 ||| D9710 22-23 February 2020

||| D9670 16-17 May 2020 ||| D9675 15-16 August 2020 ||| D9785 14-15 November 2020 |||

Chairman's Report

For General Meeting to be held in Casula on the weekend of 23rd^h and 24th February 2019 hosted by D9675

I am looking forward to meeting you all again in Casula and I know the team in D9675 are working on hosting a brilliant weekend for you.

Last General Meeting held in in Dubbo on the weekend of 27th and 28th October 2018 hosted by D9670

Many thanks to John Bennetts who filled in for District Chair Wolf Sturmer who was in New Zealand. We had a great weekend with some very interesting speakers including Rob from Blaze Aid who had a very heart wrenching story.

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.

Project application is now live <http://rawcs.org.au/register-projects/>

Rotary Australian World Community Service (R.A.W.C.S.) Project 6 / 2010-2011 Paul Tunn Memorial Dental Clinic Project Australia and New Zealand.

I have just returned in December from a very successful trip to the Highlands of PNG to open the Paul Tunn Memorial Dental Clinic and to escort 6 Real Schoolies to assist in the preparations of the opening. We were a team of 13 people, some Rotarians, Some Real Schoolies who are Rotarians in the future.



We had a very busy but satisfying 12 days. Providing dental care for 40,000 children who haven't had these services was big news, and all the National newspapers were there to cover the story. Also, on our Team were Shirly Cornish and John Hayes who together were able to assist in women's health education. It was a pleasure to have them as part of our team.



Regional Chairs and combined meeting with the National Executive of Rotary Australian World Community Service (R.A.W.C.S.)

I have just returned from a Regional Chairs and combined meeting with the National Executive of Rotary Australian World Community Service (R.A.W.C.S.) in Sydney. We had a fruitful meeting with the Chairman of the Central, Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern Regions. We had some concerns which we were able to take to the National Executive. These concerns were heard, and I feel confident we are moving in the right direction. Discussions were held on reviewing the year just completed RAWCS strategic Directions, Evolving RAWCS and a Broad understanding of the current and future roles of how RAWCS can provide greater support to the Regions and Clubs

Thank You

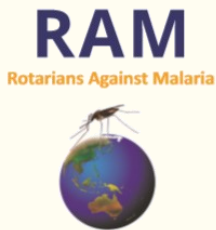
Special thank you to the Project Managers for the work they do with their RAWCS Projects, Thanks also to the support people who make these projects happen at Club, District and Region level.

Adrian

RAWCS Eastern Region Chairman

Rotarians Against Malaria

2018 was a big year for RAM with significant developments in our three focus countries and planning underway to develop projects in NTT (Indonesia) and in Vanuatu.



We made some great connections and learned a lot through our involvement in the World Malaria Congress and the instigation of CS4ME (Civil Society for Malaria Elimination).

Our annual Conference this year was hosted by Griffith University and provided a great opportunity for review and planning as well as seeing firsthand the facility behind the current phase one human trials for the malaria vaccine candidate PlasProtect®.

On behalf of the RAM Executive Committee I the confident knowledge that RAM's programs have helped make this a happier time for many families free from the threat of malaria.

**David Pearson National Manager
Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM),
a national RAWCS project**

RAM awarded \$251,000 Global Grant

The Rotary Foundation has awarded the Global Grant that had been requested by RAM to provide timely support to the Timor Leste National Malaria Program as they seek to achieve WHO malaria free certification by 2022. The Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek D9550 is the Host Partner Club for this Grant with supervision and coordination provided by RAM.

A total of 15 Australian Rotary Districts supported this application with District funds and several donations from individual Clubs.



TARA. ED TEACHER TRAINING AND RURAL SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE MAHARASHTRA - INDIA

RAWCS project 9 -2013/14

Rotary Club of

Berrima District D9710

A Star Teacher Returns Home.

Former Bowral High school student **Jennifer Star** (pictured with project manager PP John Macpherson) returned to Bowral recently to celebrate the 10th anniversary of a charitable group she formed with the Rotary Club of Berrima District.

Originally, the aim of Tara.Ed (which means 'star teacher' in Hindi), was to increase the quality of education in 8 rural schools in Maharashtra State, India through teacher training, provision of basic teacher and classroom resources for 50 underprivileged girls.

10 years later, the project has almost reached its 2020 vision of providing 20,000 students with quality education through improved teacher standards.



BRAVEHEARTS - CAMBODIA

RAWCS project 28 -2017/18

Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise D9670

The project aims to design and construct a sensory playground and community garden for Bravehearts home for moderately disabled infants, children and adults in Phnom Penh.



THE DIDI FOUNDATION INC.
WORKING TO EDUCATE UNDER PRIVILEGED
CHILDREN AND EMPOWERING WOMEN - NEPAL

Schoolies 2018

RAWCS project 60-2012/13

Rotary Club of Northlakes -Toukley D9685



The DREAM MACHINE (2018 Schoolies)



Offering an alternate schoolies experience as part of a RAWCS trip is a great way for Rotary to engage with young people. It gives an opportunity for these young people to have an awesome, life changing experience.

Here's what some of the "schoolies" said about their trip to Nepal:

From Nyah

I chose schoolies in Nepal with the Didi foundation as it seemed like a truly unique way to end my life at school. Making unforgettable memories and making a difference in individual lives.

My highlight of the experience was the small moments. Seeing the pure joy on all the kid's faces when we were with them, becoming immersed in the culture, and the friendliness of everyone we came across.

From Kate

My highlight would be all the people I was able to meet and connect with- I made some amazing friends amongst the other Schoolies kids, worked alongside the Didi Foundation's incredible team and was so inspired by the children in the schools we volunteered in with their beautiful smiles. It was the people who made the trip so life-changing.

The trip was the most unique experience to mark the end of high school. I would recommend Schoolies in Nepal because it's a chance to take a leap of faith and lend a helping hand.



Save the Date:

RAWCS Eastern Region meeting
Hosted by District 9685; May 18th and 19th 2019

Venue: Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls,
Blue Mountains, NSW.



RAWCS VOLUNTEERS

The RAWCS Project Volunteer program is not restricted to members of Rotary Clubs. Partners and non-Rotarians are most welcome to participate. Volunteers are usually required to fund their own costs of travel, accommodation and living expenses.

In many locations volunteers must be able to cope with challenging work and living conditions whilst on site. A good sense of humour is a bonus.

Most teams usually spend 2 weeks working at a site with the local people.

The Program provides an excellent opportunity to promote and foster International Understanding, Goodwill and Peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries.



Project Analysis for all Registered Rotary Overseas Aid Projects – 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018

Country	Teams	Volunteers	Travel Costs	Work Value	Project Value
Bangladesh	1	11	22,000	46,530	68,530
Cambodia/Vietnam	3	36	79,805	120,352	200,157
Fiji	1	5	10,000	47,980	57,980
India	1	16	35,088	35,100	70,188
Kenya	3	7	23,300	37,560	60,860
Madagascar	2	6	15,000	26,472	41,472
Nepal	9	91	274,585	310,760	585,345
Philippines	4	26	50,100	59,130	109,230
PNG	2	11	23,000	38,820	61,820
Solomon Islands	2	4	8,000	16,860	24,860
Timor-Leste	14	57	132,350	198,656	331,006
Uganda	4	8	26,900	29,528	56,428
UR of Tanzania	2	5	23,650	33,840	57,490
Vanuatu	3	22	44,100	53,796	97,896
Totals (YTD)	51	305	\$767,878	\$1,055,384	\$1,823,262

Compiled by: Lloyd Chatfield on behalf of David Waterhouse – Projects Manager – Volunteers Coordinator

CROWD FUNDING

RAWCS is working on Crowd Funding pages to help promote your project, but we need your help!

Send us your awesome photos

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



If you have trouble posting your photos to the RAWCS website contact your District Chair and they will help you post your photos.



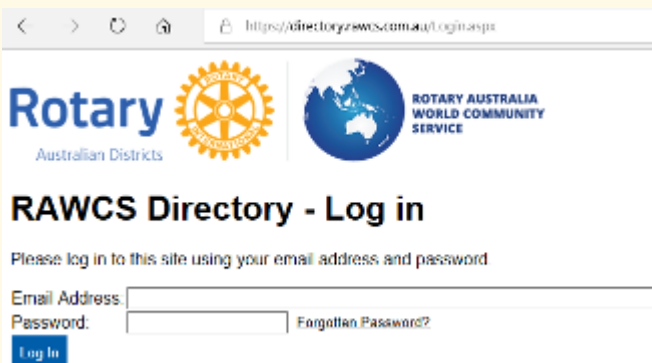
How to check & maintain your RAWCS Project

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.



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.

CHANGES OR EDITS

If any project detail on the RAWCS website needs editing or changing please email the suggested changes to either me (johnroberson@bigpond.com) or RAWCS National Projects Manager Michael Willis mrwillisrawcs@iinet.net.au so that we can make the changes.

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: 0407 940 014

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HEARING FOR WILLOW (RABS) AUSTRALIA

Willow is a 4 year local girl born with a rare hearing condition called Bilateral Atresia. Willow was born without any ear canals. This condition is very rare and no Australian specialists are trained to conduct the surgery.

Willow parents were introduced to Dr Joseph Roberson from the California Ear Institute during a conference in Brisbane. Dr Roberson reviewed Willow's scans and agreed to do the surgery. Dr Roberson is an internationally renowned specialist in Otolaryngology (ENT) and one of the only people in the world able to perform this operation.

Willow needs an operation for each ear to create ear canals and the surgery can only be performed at the Institute in California.

RAWCS project 46-2018/19
Rotary Club of Laurieton D9650

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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