



## ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM) UPDATE

8th May 2023

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These Celebrations are  
for the week from  
8th to 14th May 2023

Birthdays  
Nil

Wedding Anniversaries  
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries  
Nil



### RAM in Partner Countries

#### Papua New Guinea (PNG) (D9620):

Global Grant project 2016222 New Ireland Malaria Elimination Program- Outreach Response Team Development. This project was initiated by RAM Australia and adopted by RC Kippa Ring-North Lakes (as International Sponsor) with assistance from District 9620. RAM Australia donated 42% of the total Rotary GG funding. Commencement has been delayed by the pandemic and other difficulties including the withdrawal of matching funds from the New Ireland Province Provincial Health Authority. The GG is now terminated and DDFs returned to TRF. The cash contributions are held by the RC Kippa Ring-North Lakes and will be used as soon as a relevant project is proposed.

#### The Solomon Islands:

Malaria cases have continued to increase since 2015. RAM Australia and RAM Solomon Islands commenced the Active Case Detection (ACD) program in April 2023 after two-years of careful planning and with delays to implementation due to the pandemic. RAM was assisted by Dr Kevin Palmer in developing the project design. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between RC Honiara, RAM, Honiara City Council, and Pasifiki HR in February. We now have a team of 12 public health/nurse graduates who are trained to conduct home visits, to provide malaria awareness education, care of bed nets. They are also tasked with finding fever cases, testing symptomatic patients using Rapid Diagnostic Test kits, and referring the malaria-positive patients to the nearest clinic for treatment.



    
MOU signing between RAM SI and Honiara City Council



RAM Australia and RAM Solomon Islands Active Case Detection (ACD) staff "chasing malaria" on the move!



Trained staff conducting home visits to educate, find fever cases, test symptomatic patients, refer patients for treatment.

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### Vanuatu:

The pandemic has caused a delay in implementing a Rotary Global Grant, managed by Rotary NZ D9910, D9820 and D9810, to train and equip a national indoor residual spraying (IRS) team. To date, the project has trained two Master Trainers and 10 IRS machines and USD60,000 worth of insecticides have been purchased.

To help raise the cash component for this Global Grant, in 2020 Southern Region opened a RAWCS/RAM Vanuatu Account that received generous contributions from clubs across our Region.

Unfortunately, malaria increased in the first half of 2022 and in July 2022, the Vanuatu Ministry of Health declared a malaria outbreak, in part because COVID activities became, by order of the Director of Public Health, the main focus. Fewer malaria intervention activities being initiated, lower human resources and limited funds, led to an inevitable resurgence in reported malaria cases. A Rapid Response Program was initiated by National and Provincial malaria staff in hot spot areas that includes increasing staff; targeted indoor residual spraying; distributions of nets and community awareness activities

RAM received a request from Vanuatu to direct the raised funds to the support of some of the activities that are an integral part of the Rapid Response Program Implementation however, RAM's contributions have been delayed by natural disaster (two cyclones) and the hacking of Vanuatu Government internet systems.

An external consultant has undertaken a mid-term review of the Vanuatu Malaria program for the Vanuatu Government, to prepare the next Global Fund funding round 2024-27. RAM Committee members provided input into the review process. RAM is now working with WHO and Vanuatu malaria program to complete the Rotary GG. There have been 4 Volunteers posted from the Australian Volunteers Program who will be in Vanuatu in July 2023.

### Timor Leste:

Timor Leste achieved zero indigenous malaria in 2021 and is on track to achieve WHO malaria-free status by 2025. The country's biggest threat is cross border malaria transmission from West Timor into Oecusse in Timor Leste.

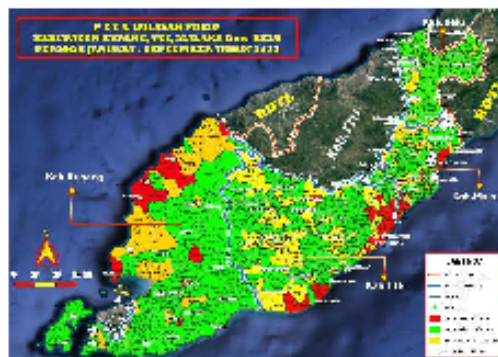
The two-year Rotary Global Grant to prevent re-establishment of malaria progressed well, and is managed by the RAM Timor Leste country representative from RC Darwin, D9560.

### West Timor, Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) Province:

Indonesia shares Timor Island with Timor Leste. RAM is assisting the local Rotary Club of Kupang Central (D3420) and the Rotary Club of Hillarys (D9455) to implement a Rotary Global Grant in four districts in West Timor. One of the key activities is to train and post Village Malaria Cadres (VMCs) in two border Districts, to encourage early testing and treatment of malaria. The RAM-Global Rotary Action Group has provided top-up in funding to increase the number of trained VMCs. A second Global Grant application (led by Past RAM National Manager Dr Jenny Kerrison) for malaria activities in NTT has been finalised and submitted, led by RC West Perth and RC Kupang Central. Jenny is planning to take a small team of volunteers on RAM activities to NTT, possibly in May 2024.



A District Malaria Assistant (DMA) in the Rotary Global Grant (GG) conducting mass blood survey (MBS) using rapid diagnostic test (RDT) in a school.



Malaria distribution in West Timor. Map produced by DMAs in the Rotary GG managed by RC Kupang Central and RC Hillarys.

This update is based on a Report written by RAM National Manager Dr Bruce Anderson (March 2023) and has inputs from the Immediate Past RAM Manager, Dr Jenny Kerrison

**MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

Mon May 8	<b>RCMM Club Meeting</b> - Guest Speaker is Mardi Shepherd, Chairperson District 9820 of Australian Rotary Health - Chair - Rob Marks
Wed May 10	<b>RCMM Board Meeting</b>
Sat May 13th	<b>Shine on Recognition event</b> - <b>see Flyer on page 6</b>
Mon May 15	<b>RCMM Club Meeting</b> - Guest Speakers from Rotaract Club of Berwick
Fri May 19	<b>Bunnings BBQ</b> - <b>see Roster on page 5</b>
Mon May 22	<b>RCMM Club Meeting</b> - Club Assembly
Sat May 27 to Wed 31	<b>Rotary International Convention in Melbourne</b> - <b>see Flyer on page 7</b>
Mon May 29	<b>RCMM Social Night</b> - Member Bios – Peter Wiltshire and Ron Najim

**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

Mon 5 June	<b>RCMM Committee Meetings</b>
Mon 12 June	<b>No Club Meeting</b> - Public Holiday
Wed 14 June	<b>RCMM Board Meeting</b>
Fri 16 June	<b>Bunnings BBQ</b> - <b>see Roster on page 5</b>
Mon 19 June	<b>RCMM Club Meeting</b> - Guest Speaker - Fergus Nutt on the Real Estate industry
Mon 26 June	<b>RCMM Changeover Night</b> - at The Mornington Hotel Room 10 upstairs
Mon 26 June to Sat 1 July	<b>RYLA</b>

**Rotary Club of Mount Martha (RCMM) Environment Statement**

RCMM acknowledges the importance of protecting and preserving the environment. RCMM is proactive in promoting environmentally sustainable projects. RCMM ensures that at all current and future Rotary projects and events, consideration will be given to:

- Reducing Waste
- Promoting Recycling
- Reducing the Environmental Impact


**OUR COMMUNITY & CLUB SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL**

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## ROTARY OVERSEAS RELOCATED PLAYGROUNDS

Thanks to Wayne Jenkins, Rob Davies, Roger Annear and Peter Warren for unloading Playground "ZBM" which is now on its first leg to Rotary on Bougainville Island, supported by the Frankston Rotary Club.

This makes six playgrounds in storage at Mount Martha with a container dispatch date hopefully around June/July 2023.



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS**

**BUNNINGS BBQ'S**

**8 to 11am**

Rob Davies  
Merv Williams  
David Wheeler  
Wayne Jenkins

Rob Davies  
Gordon Morriss  
Tom Barrett  
Wayne Jenkins

Rob Davies  
Wayne Jenkins  
Mary McIntyre  
David Wheeler

Rob Davies  
Greg Buchanan  
Peter Wiltshire  
Mary McIntyre

Rob Davies  
Wayne Jenkins  
Merv Williams  
Peter Wiltshire

Rob Davies  
Wayne Jenkins  
Greg Buchanan  
David Wheeler

**11am to 2pm**

**Friday 19th May 2023**

Barrie Sweeney  
Peter Rawlings  
Wayne Norris  
Ray Martin  
Anne Shaw

**Friday 16th June 2023**

Peter Rawlings  
Peter Warren  
Carol Allen  
Anne Shaw  
Ron Najim

**Saturday 15th July 2023**

Peter Rawlings  
Tom Barrett  
Anne Shaw  
Ray Martin  
Ron Najim

**Friday 11th August 2023**

Byron Groves  
Carol Allen  
Wayne Norris  
Anne Shaw  
Ron Najim

**Friday 22nd September 2023**

Peter Rawlings  
David Wheeler  
Roger Annear  
Peter Warren  
Anne Shaw

**Friday 20th October 2023**

Peter Rawlings  
Roger Annear  
Anne Shaw  
Wayne Norris  
Ray Martin

**2pm to 5pm**

Byron Groves  
Tom Barrett  
Peter Warren  
Colin Stokes

Bill Cummins  
Roger Annear  
Phyllis Scales  
Colin Stokes

Bill Cummins  
Byron Groves  
Barrie Sweeney  
Roger Annear

Gordon Morriss  
Tom Barrett  
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**If you are unable to make your allotted shift, please find another Member to replace you and advise Colin Stokes (acting BBQ Convenor) and Byron Groves (Bulletin)**



Districts: 9700, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820

**Rotary International Southern Districts  
SHINE ON RECOGNITION EVENT 2022-23**

will be held on  
**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**  
from 1pm to 4pm

to recognise and celebrate the volunteer  
community work of anyone with a disability

The Awards are in 2 categories: Youth 15 – 25 years and Adult.  
There will be an Award and a gift of \$500 in each category.

**VENUE: The Templestowe Baptist Church Hall,  
103-105 Anderson Creek Rd, Doncaster East, 3109**

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**CLOSING DATE for Nominations: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



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**#Rotary23**