

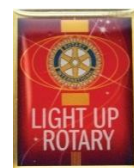
Rotary Club of Bright

Rotary



The

Grapevine



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At the next Meeting of the Rotary Club of Bright to be held at the Bright Chalet, 113 Delany Avenue, Bright on Monday October 20th 2014 commencing at 6.15pm for 6.45pm, the Club will host a Rotary Friendship Exchange Visit from Brazil.

Members who cannot attend, or Members with Guests who haven't booked with Lindsay Jolley please advise The Chalet by telephoning 5755 1833 by noon on the day of the meeting.

Guests are always welcome at Club meetings but please book with the Club, telephone 5755 1696.

President's Message

Last week Members and Partners enjoyed a Vocational Visit to the Wandiligong Primary School hosted by Rotarian Sue Manning. In outlining the Schools teaching programs, Sue demonstrated her dedication and commitment to her role as School Principal. Those in attendance also enjoyed the tour of the historical buildings. Thank you Sue.

We were also pleased to welcome back Lindsay Jolley after his overseas travel. Lindsay will be Acting President during my absence this week.

November begins a busy time for the Club with Spring Festival, Bright's Iconic Rod Run, and Remembrance Day. Dee Hedley has contacted all Members to ascertain where you can give some time to these activities. Please advise Dee when you are available to help.

This week's Club Meeting has been changed to Monday October 20 so that the Club can host the RFE Visitors. Lindsay Jolley has details of the program for the Visit if you wish to attend other functions.

The Meeting to be held on October 30 2014 will be an "Oaks Day" Party for members, Partners and Friends. Patrick O'Shea is Clerk of the Course, and Michelle Chalwell is in charge of Fashions on the Field...more later on that.

"Light Up Rotary" in 2014/15



Jack Peacock passed away 14th October 2014

A Private Service for Jack Peacock will be held on Saturday October 25 2014.

Looking Ahead". Club Programs for August/ September

October 20.....Rotary Friendship Exchange, Partners and Friends
October 30.....Melbourne Cup Eve Meeting, Board Meeting
November 6.....Guest Speaker TBA

Attendance for Thursday 25th September

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| Sid Dalbosco | Terry Gibbons | Diane Gibbons | Steve Gilliver |
| Wayne Phillips | Allan Poyner | Michelle Chalwell | Andrew Pook |
| Stephen Webb | Bruce McDonald | Geoff Hall | Sue Manning |
| Ken Hart | Patrick O'Shea | Ray Borschmann | Ian Graig |
| Lindsay Jolley | Ron Kool | Bruce Kilpatrick | John Martin |

Apologies:-

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| Ela Tually | Geoff Tually | Stuart Hargreaves | Graham Cocks |
| Michelle Sharpe | Andrew Mior | | |

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| Brian Edwards, | Rob Moore |
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BRIGHT ROTARY CLUB SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER Sept-Oct 2014.
SETUP by 9am CLOSE by 1pm (subject to sufficient business.)



| Date | Cook | Server | Cashier |
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| 25 Oct | Graham | Pony Club | Lindsay |
| Nov 1 | Hally | Ela | Geoff |
| Nov 8 | Andrew Mior | Andrew Pook | Bruce Kilpatrick |
| Nov 15 | John | Bruce McDonald | Michelle Sharpe |
| Nov 22 | Rob | Pony Club | Michael |
| Nov 29 | Patrick | Diane | Elaine |
| Dec 6 | Terry | Michelle Chalwell | Allan Poyner |
| Dec 13 | Ken | Lindsay | Chris |
| Dec 20 | Sid | Sue | Ron |
| Dec 27 | Graham | Pony Club | Dee |

Reserve.....Steve Gilliver

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK YOUR SHIFT. PLEASE ARRANGE A SWAP WITH
 ANOTHER MEMBER ON THE ROSTER.**

Pony Club 4th Saturday monthly as per their Club's roster.

Chris Young volunteer please email roster to... y.chris@inet.net.au

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*Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries*

*A Happy Birthday to:-  
 Michael O'Sullivan 19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Diane Gibbons 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
 And a Happy Wedding anniversary to  
 Bruce and Gail Kilpatrick 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.*

**Could I Please have an email with the Birthday dates of our new members and their Wives, Husbands or Partners, plus your Wedding Anniversary, so that I can keep my records up to date. Thank you. My email address is [tezzagee43@yahoo.com](mailto:tezzagee43@yahoo.com)**

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Hi All,

We had lunch with David and Anne Allan on Tuesday. Both haven't been well lately but seem to be on the mend now and we had a lovely couple of hours with them. Their home is lovely and they are thrilled with it and very happy that they made the decision to sell in Bright and make their new home in Wodonga. They are close to all the shops even though they still have to drive to them and Albury isn't far either, plus they have Doctors close by too.

David has joined the Albury Hume Rotary club and they have an exchange student from Sweden. All in all they seem to be happy and I am sure they would be even happier to have a visit from Bright club members who may be passing their area.

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Old Butch

Fred was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young pullets, and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs.

He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced.

This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters.

Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing.

Now, he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Fred's favorite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all!

When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To Fred's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

Fred was so proud of old Butch, he entered him in the Brisbane City Show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges. The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the "No Bell Piece Prize," but they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

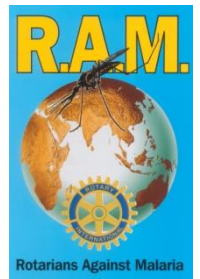
Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention.

Vote carefully in the next election, you can't always hear the bells.



## **Rotarians Against Malaria Conference 2014**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014, Brisbane**



The annual RAM conference was held at the Riverglenn conference centre in Brisbane on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and attended by 32 Rotary District RAM representatives, RAWCS leaders and malaria researchers. The program included updates on progress in the countries where RAM has active programs, RAM AGM, a planning session where future directions for RAM were agreed and reports on the progress of research from several institutions aimed at contributing to the eradication of malaria.

### **Summaries of progress in countries where RAM has been active:-**

#### **Papua New Guinea: report from Tim Freeman RAM PNG.**

- In PNG since 2009 RAM is the distribution agent for malaria programs of the Global Fund.
- Since the second round of Global Funds in 2009 over 5 million LLIN's have been distributed and all 89 Districts covered. Now they are on the second round of nets (3 year cycle) and it looks like the GF target will be reached by the end of November.
- 700,000 LLIN's have been distributed to vulnerable people (pregnant mothers and children under 5)
- Malaria incidence is down 75% overall. Programs have been most effective in the highlands but not as good in the islands. The reasons for this are being investigated. Future GF funding will be available only below a predetermined altitude.
- Censuses and surveys ensure accurate distribution. Verifying data and reconciliations are important.
- Health Centres have the responsibility of distributing nets. Results have been dramatic. There has been a reduction of almost 75% of cases being reported and a 25% drop in the number of deaths.
- Challenges
- Biggest cost is human resources (35%)
- The geography of the country – landslides, terrain, climate and weather events. Accessing remote villages with poor education and understanding of disease.
- Reconciling nets, poor stock keeping
- Reconciling funds and verification of payment

#### **Solomon Islands: report from Chairman Phil Dempster on behalf of Wayne Morris who was unable to attend.**

- Have benefitted from the allocation of Global Funds and their Ministry of Health is in the process of distributing nets over the island for the second time
- With the LLIN's being organised by the MoH, RAM in conjunction with the Healthy Community Program by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, has been responsible for implementing the Healthy Village Program to complement the distribution of nets. Results have been the lowest rates of disease incidence ever recorded in villages where LLIN's are used and tools have been applied reduce mosquito breeding sites.
- Cost of the tools supplied by RAM for the "Healthy Village Program" is approximately \$1,100. Villages must apply to MoH and buy any replacement tools needed. So far, 80 communities have requested to participate.
- AusAid has assisted with the supply of 17 warehouses for net storage and more houses for microscopy
- Residual spraying has been completed especially in the "hot spots"
- Success of intensive surveillance, the supply of nets, residual spraying and the Healthy Village Program on Santa Isabel Island has reduced the current infection rate to 4 cases per 10,000 as compared with 300 per 1,000 just a few years ago.

#### **Challenges**

- To work through the serious issue of a major fraud misuse of thousands of dollars in MoH. This impacts on the current allocation of funding especially from the Australian Government, but the supply and distribution of nets will go ahead.
- To increase the number of villages participating in the Healthy Villages Program.
- To continue to ensure widespread access to early and quality assured malaria diagnosis, effective treatment and prevention for people living in malaria endemic areas

#### **Timor Leste: report by NMCP Manager Mrs Maria Mota and report on recent RAM funded LLIN distribution by Team Leader Dave Pearson.**

- 89% of pregnant women and children under 5 have LLIN's



- Reduction of 220 per 1000 in 2006 to 9 in 10,000 in 2013
- RAM has teamed up with the National Malaria Control Program
- Strategies in place – enhancing case management through early detection; providing universal access to LLIN's; integrated vector management e.g. environmental manipulation; provision of education and communication campaigns; stringent evaluation through increased surveillance and reporting and keeping training up to date of clinicians and doctors.
- Spraying and checking of use of nets in each household is done on a regular basis
- 5 of the 11 Districts are free from malaria
- 65 sub districts all have Health Centres, 300 Health Officers assigned to NMCP.

#### Challenges

- Poor access to diagnosis and treatment in the 20% hard to reach areas RDTs used where no microscopists.
- Establishment of new health facilities to bring the number up to 440.
- To make new appointments of doctors, nurses and midwives and train to local conditions
- The frequent population migration to and from malaria endemic areas
- Difficult to control migration of infected people across border from outside Timor Leste.
- To improve and provide more health education e.g. correct usage of nets
- Drug regulatory authority needs to be strengthened and there be more efficient monitoring and supervision to avoid development of drug resistance.
- Epidemic outbreak preparations.

Support is needed with more LLIN's; more leadership and management training for malaria teams and drug storages in Health facilities.

Maria is hoping/aiming for 565,000 nets in the 2015-2017 time frame +distribution. Districts with zero disease incidence currently will be closely monitored for the next two years prior to starting disease elimination programs.

Dave – as we have done over the past few years, RAM needs to raise funds to maintain our presence and to send teams across to supervise and help implement planned malaria elimination activities.

We were shown the very successful flip charts that are used in the educational sessions when nets are distributed. It was suggested subsidising many more of these flip charts could also be a RAM project and not just for Timor Leste.

#### **RAM AGM.**

A brief AGM was held where outgoing Deputy Chairman Rod Medew was thanked for his service and PP Dave Pearson was appointed to replace him. Dr Roshni Thattengat was appointed as RAM Chairperson of Public Relations.

#### **Future directions for RAM.**

##### 1. How to promote awareness of RAM.

- The provision of timely information for coordinators. Should new Chairs be given an Induction Package?
- Update/change the present flyer to better sell RAM's mission.
- Improve promotion of easily saleable programs e.g. how vital the nets are to protect pregnant women.
- Make the RAM goals for the year very public.
- Refine use of social media to sell RAM and facilitate donations.

There was a fair bit of discussion regarding the idea of an Induction Package for Rotary District RAM representatives and what the package should include. [Contacts; Future Vision of RAM; useful images; links to useful websites; what RAM needs funds for; FAQs; history details of the countries of focus; details of how serious this health problem is in the world etc.] RAM Chair of Public Relations Dr Roshni Thattengat will attend the RAWCS PR conference in Melbourne in October focussed on better web site development.

##### 2. Should we utilise the resources we have to sponsor a research scholarship.

- Good idea but RAM could only fund one at a time.
- Perhaps a Rotary District or Districts could fund this initiative.
- Should have a practical based outcome not be just theory driven.
- Bring candidates from our countries of focus then once they have completed their PhD encourage them to return to work in their country of origin.
- To investigate if ARHRF could assist in selecting and funding a candidate.

##### 3. Could RAM contribute other tools in the fight against malaria in addition to LLIN's?

- Rather than a focus on supplying LLIN's for general 'at risk' population which is being achieved by the Global Fund, RAM should seek more specialised application of LLIN's such as the maternal nets being provided in Timor Leste, epidemic control supplies and areas of shortfall of GF supplied nets.
- It was agreed that while nets remain essential, education was of paramount importance e.g. subsidising the flip charts (\$50) for areas where they are not part of current educational programs.
- The Healthy Villages program is also an essential project to maintain and expand. It is hoped that this Program could extend into Timor Leste, Indonesia and Vanuatu. David and Maria agreed to coordinate with the Timor Leste Ministry of Health to see how viable this may be.
- Supply of RDTs (Rapid Diagnostic Tests) where there was a need not adequately covered by other agencies was discussed as a possible extension of RAM activities.

#### 4. Roles of District Chairs & Fund Raising

RAM's funding has reached \$1.8million dollars in the 18 years since it began. Ideas discussed:-

- It would be a good idea to set an annual goal for funding and promote what we hope to achieve. It was agreed that an aspirational goal of \$20,000 per District per annum could produce sufficient funds to achieve planned programs including funding research.
- Ask each club to consider donating \$500 per year
- Ask clubs to put on outside events to raise funds and awareness of what RAM is and what we achieve (especially on Australia Malaria Awareness Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Acknowledge any contributions

#### 5. Review of Countries of Focus

- Wayne Morris reported through Chairman Phil Dempster that the proposed Global Fund allocation to Vanuatu would be insufficient to achieve total coverage of at risk population with LLIN's. It was agreed that RAM would monitor the situation and seek to assist in cooperation with RNZWCS if a need for additional LLIN's or other support such as Healthy Villages, Diagnostics or Education support was required.
- The vulnerability of program successes in PNG and Timor Leste if similar disease control is not achieved on the Indonesian side of their land borders was discussed. It was agreed that Deputy Chair Dave Pearson should investigate if RAM could meaningfully assist in programs in adjacent areas of Indonesia in cooperation with the Indonesian MoH, Rotary in Indonesia and AusAid.

### **Presentations by Researchers on the fight against Malaria.**

Graham Strachan Aquatain AMF: Graham reported on the development of a commercial silicon based liquid barrier that can prevent mosquito breeding for up to four weeks in a variety of standing water situations. Successful trials have been conducted across the world and the product appears to have potential to achieve similar results to Lavacide without chemically affecting water.

Professor Alan Cowman, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research: Prof. Cowman reviewed the history of malaria control the recent success of LLIN's and the concerning development of drug resistance and evidence of mosquito adaptation e.g. changing biting habits in response to LLIN's. He reported that WEHI has 70 scientists working on aspects of malaria to contribute to development of new drugs (including WEHI-916 effective against all plasmodium species) and effective vaccine. WEHI is also developing tests to determine current and past exposure to malaria parasites and the presence of dormant parasites in people and is investigating naturally acquired immunity in Indonesia and the Solomons to contribute to vaccine development.

Professor Denis Shanks, Australian Army Malaria Institute: Prof. Shanks gave a fascinating presentation analysing the detailed history of well documented malaria epidemic outbreaks. The importance of this knowledge is fundamental to designing epidemic response and preparedness programs as a key component of future disease elimination programs.

Dr Danielle Staniscic, Institute of Glynomics, Griffith University: Dr Staniscic presented an update of progress towards producing a chemically attenuated whole parasite vaccine based on Plasmodium falciparum. She described a four stage development program involving human trials where, in the current third stage, the safety, tolerability and immunogenicity in naive humans is being evaluated. When this is successfully completed the final development stage will examine the protective efficacy of the vaccine in humans.

