

**ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD. EASTERN REGION.  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING, HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT  
THE WEST PORT CLUB, BULLER STREET, PORT MACQUARIE**

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#### 1. ATTENDANCE.

##### District Governors and Prospective District Governors

DG Barry Hacker,

##### Management Committee

PDG Harry Durey, Chairman	9650	PP Len Bolden, Project Registration Coord	9710
PP Ted Lewis, Secretary	9670	PDG John Glass, Project Report. Coord	9670
PDG Jack Elliott, Treasurer	9690	PP Graeme Boler, Furniture Goodwill Co	9750
PDG Bill Little Project Vol. Coordinator	9690	Rtn Brian Goldstraw, Webmaster	9710

##### District Representatives:

**9650:** PDG Ken Hall, PP Joyce Durey, PP Rob White, PP Ray White, Rtn Bob Newling. **9670:** PDG Howard Grigor ADG Adrian Roach, PP John Bennetts, PP George McLoughlin, Rtn Trish Davies. **9680:** PP Lou Brown, PP Sue O'Neill, PPDavid Waterhouse, Rtn Graham Taylor. **9690:** PP Irene Little. **9700:** PP Alan Chesworth, PP Mike Holloway. **9750:** PDG Richmond Manyweathers, PP Pam Boler, PP Graham Morphet,

##### Visitors in attendance:

**9650:** Doug Winter

#### WELCOME.

DG Barry Hacker welcomed members of Eastern Region to his District 9650. Eastern Region Chairman Harry Durey welcomed all to the General Meeting and thanked members of the Rotary club of Port Macquarie, particularly Ray White, for their assistance in arranging the venues for this meeting, their excellent warm hospitality and for arranging the Saturday night dinner and guest speakers, PDG Laurie Barber who spoke about the "Beginning of FAIM" and Mitch McKay who spoke about the "History of Port Macquarie".

#### REMEMBRANCE.

The Chairman called for a minutes silence to remember the contribution made by Bobbie Nicholls who was the wife of the late PDG Ken Nicholls who managed the Donations In Kind depots for many years.

#### 2. APOLOGIES:

**9650:** PDG Ian Dyball, PP John Van Boxtel. **9670:** PDG Don Stephens, PDG Don Watham, PP Wendy Stein, PP Lyn Thorpe, PP Bill Walker. **9680:** PDG Larry Jacka, PDG Greg Muldoon, PP Miriam Jacka, PP Ron Marcus, PP John VandenBurg, PP Joan VandenBurg Rtn Graham Black, Rtn Christine McCormack, Rtn Sandra Meihubers **9690:** PDG Jennifer Scott, PDG Barry McConville, PP Warren Bond, PP Ken Hall, PP Veronica Necyporuk, Rtn Margaret Favelle, Rtn Grace Maano. **9700:** PDG Bruce Barber, PDG Irene Jones, PP Tony Lord, PP John Roberson. **9710:** PDG Ian Sayers **9750:** DG Phil White, DGE Bill Salter, DGN Suzanne Walker, PDG David Brawn, PDG Phillip Hayes, PDG Judith Ward, Rtn Anne O'Connor, Rtn Janie Reid.

#### 3. MINUTES.

It was Moved Richmond Manyweathers and Seconded Howard Grigor, that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August at Liverpool be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

The following matters were referred to the Management Committee for discussion and resolution as follows:-

**4.1 Funding of Projects in PNG** – There has been some discussion regarding the condition of some assets installed in past years along the Kokoda Track. It is possible that some corporate funds might become available to restore these assets as well as the Kokoda Hospital.

*It was agreed that Jack Elliott should arrange to speak with John Read and Peter Davies of Orange with a request that they survey the Rotary installations along the Kokoda Track and report their condition to the Committee*

**4.2 Reporting on Projects** - It was recommended that the details of "Reporting on Projects" be discussed at the management Committee. John Glass suggested that the following information should be collated : Status Report, Last Visit Date, Last Report submitted.

**Ron Marcus** suggested that the Management Committee consider retaining Country Coordinators and that reports should be directed through them.

*It was agreed that:-*

- *There would be no Country Coordinators appointed unless the Management Committee considered that there was a particular need for such a coordinator.*

- *Some weeks before each General Meeting, the Reporting Coordinator will require each District RAWCS Chairman to download their District Project list from the National Website at <http://www.rawcs.com.au/ProjectSearch.php>*

- *The Chairmen are to contact each of the Project Managers listed and collect the following information to enter into an Excel File with the following headings:-*

**Project No, ER District, Country, Status(Active/complete/ on hold), Last Visit, Last Visit Report?, Proposed Next Visit, District Chair Contact**

- *This information will be sent to the Reporting Coordinator who will compile a report based on Countries.*
- *This report will be submitted to the General Meeting*

**4.3 Rotary Convention Sydney-** It was agreed that Eastern Region approach RAWCS Limited arrange the securing of a “Booth” at the Rotary Convention to be held in Sydney. Moved Elaine Lytle, Seconded Richmond Manyweathers.  
*It was agreed that the Chairman of RAWCS Ltd would be contacted in the first instance by Chairman Harry Durey.*

## **5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN.**

See Report in Section 1 of the Agenda Papers

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE.**

No Correspondence

## **7. TREASURERS REPORT.**

The Treasurers Report was tabled by Jack Elliott. It was Moved Jack Elliott and Seconded Len Bolden that the Report be received.

**7.1** The Treasurer outlined the RAWCS Ltd proposals following the resolution at the National Board regarding the proposed levy on donations, which will be decided at their Annual Meeting held at the Rotary Convention later in November.

**7.2** The Treasurer indicated that the Managers two Projects were arranging for substantial direct deposits for their Projects and requested that separate accounts be arranged for them.

*It was moved Jack Elliott, seconded Bob Newling and agreed by the meeting, that the following two accounts be opened:-*

*“Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund Bo Hospital” and*

*“Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund Dhaka Hospital Cancer Unit”*

*and that viewing rights be made available to the respective Project Managers.”*

## **8. DISTRICT REPORTS.**

**8.1 District 9650** – See Report in Agenda papers

**8.2 District 9670** – See Report in Agenda Papers \_

**8.3 District 9680** - No formal Report was submitted. David Waterhouse indicated that representatives from 9680 have worked in Nepal - Graham Taylor indicated that his Club has now prepared Projects that encompass work in several countries and this eases the administrative effort - Jack Elliott indicated that D 9680 has begun a program of delivering RYLA programs to persons from overseas countries including Timor Leste. Representatives from the District have assisted in the presentation of a course in the Timor L'Este.

**8.4 District 9690** – Irene Little submitted the following report

### **Rotary Club of Cabramatta:**

**Project 137/2005-2006**

### **Village Aide Program, D3860, Phillipines**

Work is continuing – next Mission Jan/Feb 2012

### **Rotary Club of Burwood:**

**Project 42/2008-2009**

### **Gingog Community Enterprise for Social Progress, Phillipines:**

Work is continuing – Next visit will be in November 2011

### **Rotary Club of Liverpool West:**

**Project 14/2008-2009**

### **Cataract Operations for the very poor in isolated rural villages, Vietnam:**

Cataract Operations and Dental procedures undertaken in 2011 – next visit July/August 2012

**Project 49/2009-2010**

### **Cambodia Vision Project, Cambodia:**

Successful mission in July 2011 – next visit in October 2012

### **Rotary Club of Nepean:**

**Project 19/2011-2012**

### **Women’s Health Mission to Mutaleb Community Hospital, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh – DAK Foundation:**

The DAK founders will be visiting in November 2011.

**Project 7/2007-2008**

### **Aussie Bangla Smile Project, Dhaka:**

The Aussie Bangla Smile Project team travelled to Bangladesh in 2010 and a team will depart on 10/11/11 for Bangladesh

**Project 135/2010-2011**

### **Impact Foundation – Jibon Mela Health Centre Outreach Activities, Meherpur, Bangladesh:**

The club has co-sponsored with the RC of Dhaka funding for 2 hospital projects in Bangladesh

### **Rotary Club of Padstow:**

**Project 41/2005-2006**

### **Provision of medical equipment for Hospital at Almagro, West Samar, Phillipines**

The physical work at the hospital has been completed

**Rotary Club of Parramatta:**

**Project 80/2010-2011**

**Health Mission to Caibiran, Biliran, Phillipines:**

Initial mission was in March/April 2011 – Expected renovation to Hospital in April 2012

**Rotary Club of Parramatta City:**

**Project 7/2005-2005**

**L.E.A.R.N.S. Project, Mindoro Province, Phillipines:**

Ongoing assistance in cooperation with a local Rotary Club

**Project 99/2010-2011**

**Funding of Van for St. Peter's Jnr. School, Aywee Village, Uganda:**

In July/August 2011, A\$21,000 was forwarded supplied to purchase a van

**Rotary Club of Penrith:**

**Project 117/2010-2011**

**Hope & Health Project – Community & Health Development Program in the Phillipines:**

This project is reported separately by Grace Maano

**Rotary Club of Windsor:**

**Project – Arep High School, Vanuatu:**

A fiberglass boat has been manufactured for the High School – Visits will be carried out in January 2012

**Rotary Club of Revesby/Wirrimbirra:**

**Project 87/2010-2011**

**Ahsania Mission Cancer & General Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh:**

Progress is slow in arranging funds

**Nepal**

Consideration is being made to raise a Project to carry out work at the “Shree Amar Jyoti Secondary School”. This will be a joint project with RC Edwardson (SA), RC South Wagga Wagga and RC Kathryn (NT)

**8.5 District 9700** - See Report in Agenda Papers. Mike Holloway from the Rotary Club of Cowra encouraged everybody to attend the next meeting in Cowra.

**8.6 District 9710** –. No formal report –Jack Elliott reported that the Uganda Project of Annabelle Chauncy is going smoothly and their second stage is beginning with the assistance of a benefactor.

**8.7 District 9750** – See Report in Agenda papers.- Graham Morphett reported that Dr Ron Sommers who is operating a Project in Kundiawa, is concerned about infant deaths at birth. They have provided two ambulances to the local hospital to collect and deliver expectant mothers. In the city, he has started a Rotary Club which is supported by Sutherland RC and requires some assistance to begin a Scout Troop in this community.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 PROJECT CO-ORDINATION –**

**9.1.1 Project Volunteer Coord – Bill Little** – Bill Little submitted the following Table:-

**Teams departed or registered since 1st July 2011**

Team No.	Month	Project Location		Volunteers
1	July	Chiang Rai	Thailand	19
2	July	Trobriand Islands	Papua New Guinea	3
3	July	Koroipita	Fiji	8
4	July	Tanna Island	Vanuatu	2
5	July	Kokoda	Papua New Guinea	8
6	July		Sri Lanka	4
7	July	Arepa Sola	Vanuatu	9
8	July	Arepa Sola	Vanuatu	3
9	July	Kabale	Uganda	2
10	July	Maubara	East Timor	3
11	July	Meherpur	Bangladesh	3
12	August		East Timor	9
13	August	Fomu	Papua New Guinea	2
14	August	Tanna Island	Vanuatu	5
15	July	Losuia	Papua New Guinea	7
16	August	Sindhuli	Nepal	3
17	August	Port Vila	Vanuatu	5
18	September	Cebu	Philippines	2
19	September	Kathmandu	Nepal	7
20	September		Tanzania	7
21	September	Dhulikel	Nepal	7
22	September	Maubara	East Timor	2
23	September	Buala	Santa Isabel	8
24	September	Maubara	East Timor	7
25	September		Papua New Guinea	2
26	September	Siem Reap	Cambodia	2
27	September	Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea	2
28	October	Luro	East Timor	1
29	October	Fomu	Papua New Guinea	2
30	October		Nepal	16

31	October	Banda Aceh	Indonesia	3
32	October		Nepal	1
33	October	Maubara	East Timor	1
34	October	Hog Harbour, Santo	Vanuatu	10
35	November	Uban, Pama	Thailand	3
36	November		Papua New Guinea	3
37	November		Bangladesh	14
38	November	Nondugl	Papua New Guinea	13
39	September	Port Vila	Vanuatu	5
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>213</b>

Month	No. Teams
July	12
August	5
September	11
October	7
November	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

Country	No. Teams
Bangladesh	2
Cambodia	1
East Timor	6
Fiji	1
Indonesia	1
Nepal	5
Papua New Guinea	9
Philippines	1
Santa Isabel	1
Sri Lanka	1
Tanzania	1
Thailand	2
Uganda	1
Vanuatu	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

**9.1.2 Project Registration Coordinator –Len Bolden -** See Report in Agenda Papers. Len Bolden reminded the meeting that the Project Application Forms should be fully completed including signatures before submission. It would appear that the District Chair is not aware of new projects. The matter was referred to the Management Committee for their attention.

Len Bolden tabled the following report:-

The following additional Projects have been processed and the required Project Registration Numbers issued subsequent to the original Report submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**24/2011-12: Health, Education & Community Empowerment Project – All Countries** – a project of the Rotary Club of Kenthurst, District 9680 with Sue O’Neill as the Project Manager – 02 9654 0510 & sue\_oneill@hotmail.com

**27/2011-12: Catheterization Laboratory Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal** – a project of the Rotary Club of Castle Hill, D968- with Ron Marcus as the Project Contact – 02 9634 6204 & [rmarcus@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rmarcus@ozemail.com.au)

A Project Application Form from the Rotary Club of Revesby Warrimbirra, D9690 was forwarded to John Roberson, the National Project Coordinator, this morning Friday. An approval can be expected by Monday, I believe.

There are two other Projects of which I have been advised but both are still very much on the drawing board. Details will be distributed when they come to hand.

**9.1.3 Project Reporting Coordinator – John Glass** – John Glass reported that he had sent out requests for Project information to all District Chairmen. At the time of the meeting, responses were received from D9650, D9670, D9690, and no response at all from 9680, 9700, 9710, 9750. He considered that this response was very disappointing. It was suggested that all Chairmen respond directly to John Glass

**9.1.4 Nepal and Mongolia – Ron Marcus** – Ron Marcus tabled the following report:-

**Nepal Survey:**

A total feasibility survey was carried out by necessary technical volunteers who are needed to assess the following projects, particularly the Cath Lab project which requires volunteers with the necessary qualifications for a highly technical medical X-ray project. The survey was carried between 31<sup>st</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**Dhulikhel Community Hospital - Dhulikhel:**

A request was received from the above hospital through the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel for the supply and installation of a Cardiac X-ray imaging Laboratory. Nepal has a population of 26 million and only has 3 of these units which are based in Kathmandu, 30Kms away.

The hospital is a large community based hospital in an area that is known to have recognised cardiac problems and need this diagnostic equipment to help save lives in the immediate area. The feasibility study has found that indeed there is a need for such diagnostic X-ray equipment and the hospital has the required medical staff to operate the unit.

The survey found that the hospital has the required infrastructure to support all aspects of the unit and they have agreed to all recommendations put forward by the survey committee.

This will be a joint project of the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, the Rotary Club of Castle Hill and the Rotary Club of Nunawading. A Project Initiation Form” has now been completed with all necessary signatures and submitted to RAWCS for approval.

Queensland health have agreed to donate a Cath Lab from Townsville Hospital to RAWCS for the Dhulikhel hospital. A specialist team including Medical X-ray engineer, Peter Koens and myself will travel to Townsville next weekend and with the assistance of Townsville Sunrise Rotary Club, will technically dismantle the Cath Lab and prepare it for shipping to Nepal.

**Scheer Memorial Hospital – Banepa:**

The hospital has requested assistance in the conversion of the vacant third story area into new administration offices and doctors conference room so that the existing administration area on the ground floor can be used as additional outpatient accommodation and an expansion of the hospital Pharmacy.

The time frame for the project should be over a three week period in April/May 2012 with some of the labour required, about four - five volunteers, being shared with the Dhulikhel Cath Lab project. Final dates dependant on the removal and transportation of the Cath Lab and availability of essential labour.

This is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid Town and the Rotary Club of Terrigal.

A "Project Initiation Form" is awaiting necessary signatures and will be submitted

### 9.1.5 Timor Leste – Graham Morphet – See report in Agenda papers

**9.1.6 Papua New Guinea including Kokoda Track**–.See reports in Agenda papers - Trish Davies reported that some of the tutors who were trained by her team are now being effective in teaching adults English in their villages. She also indicated that she is in contact with the Kokoda Track Foundation and several Trecking Companies to assist with the delivery of teaching equipment and the like.

**9.1.7 Vanuatu – Ray White** Submitted the following urgent wish list and asked that Rotarians check the list and contact him if they have any of the required equipment:-

D9650 Project Tafea Committee has received a request from the Medical Superintendent TAFEA Province, Vanuatu, Lenakel Hospital, Tanna Island for DIK hospital & medical equipment and supplies listed below.

To help us satisfy as much of the list as we can, we seek your assistance if you know of any hospital or health facility that may be undergoing renovations or has superfluous items no longer required by them, to contact:

Project Tafea Committee Chairman Ray White, Tel 02 6584 2534, email [raymond.white2@bigpond.com](mailto:raymond.white2@bigpond.com) or D9650 RAWCS FAIM Chairman Rob White, Tel 02 6656 1887, email [relde@msn.com.au](mailto:relde@msn.com.au)

### Lenakel Hospital Equipment "Wish List" Nov 2011 Items that Lenakel Hospital or TAFEA rural nursing dispensaries need immediately.

Quantity	Equipment name, description, intended use
4	Stainless steel, 3-shelf, <b>multi-purpose trolley</b> , with heavy-duty wheels. To replace the current trolley in labour-delivery and to have additional ones for emergency room, wards, and outpatient. (The ones used in restaurants are probably good-enough quality at a much lower price than sold through medical supply outlet).
2	File trollies, durable steel with heavy duty wheels, Must have large file box on top (approx 60 cm long, and wide and deep enough for A4 paper in hanging folders). This is to hold hanging file folders. Room for one or two shelves underneath. To replace existing rusty broken trollies. (These trollies may be available at lower price from office supply company)
6	Single <b>step-up stools</b> , four-legged, stainless steel/aluminum. No wood. Must be heavy-duty and washable. For use in labour-delivery, emergency, OR, and out-patients to help patients get up onto exam and delivery tables
4	Stainless <b>steel stools</b> with adjustable height. Must be washable. For use in labour-delivery, emergency, OR, and out-patients for doctor/nurse to sit and do surgery, deliver baby, or dress wounds.
4	" <b>Mayo stands</b> " stainless steel, with stainless steel trays, adjustable height for use as dressing and instrument tables on the wards, outpatients, emergency department
8	<b>IV poles</b> , stainless steel, with heavy duty wheels.
6	<b>Rubbish bins</b> , steel, large, with washable-reusable inner bin and durable foot control lid, for use in ER, Outpatients, labour-delivery to dispose of blood-soaked dressings, tissue, etc and to keep the dogs out.
2	<b>basins and stands</b> , Stainless steel, wheeled,
10	<b>Instrument trays</b> , stainless steel, with lids, for soaking, disinfecting, storing, instruments
6	<b>Kidney basins</b> , stainless steel
6	<b>Round bowls</b> , stainless steel
2	<b>Examination lights</b> , wall mounted, for use in outpatient department consult rooms
1	<b>Examination light</b> , on wheeled stand, for use in outpatient treatment room (Welch-Allyn)
2	<b>Wall-mounted otoscope/ophthalmoscope units</b> for outpatient consult rooms (Welch-Allyn)
1	<b>Microscope</b> , for examination of tissue and blood, binocular, high-power, with oil immersion lens, condenser, adjustable stage, internal light, 220 Volt.
1	<b>Laboratory Fume hood</b> , partially enclosed, with vented evacuation fan to be installed in laboratory to protect staff during processing of TB and other specimens.
5	<b>Tap sets</b> , with elbow lever, to enable staff to wash hands without contaminating taps. Cold water only.
1	<b>Refrigerator</b> , small, for storage of blood (blood bank) + temperature monitor
3	Small portable high-vacuum <b>suction machines</b> , durable. (eg Laerdal Suction Unit) for use in outpatients, emergency, wards, and labour-delivery. Single bottle OK.
1	<b>Suction machine</b> capable of high and low vacuum with 2- bottle water trap-system for continuous drainage of chest tubes, gastric tubes, etc (eg. Clements Hi-Vac)
3	<b>Nebulizer machines</b> for administering nebulized salbutamol to asthma patients
1	<b>Hemoglobin meter</b> , point-of-care, hand-held HemoCue Hb201+ as backup to current one.
4	<b>X-ray view box</b> , single-film size, for installation on pediatric ward, x-ray room, out-patients, and doctor's office
1	<b>Baby scale</b> , mechanical, balance-beam, for pediatric ward (additional scale for smaller babies)
1	<b>Adult scale</b> , mechanical, balance-beam, for adult ward (replacement)
7	<b>Fetal Doppler</b> , handheld, battery-operated..for use by dispensary nurses
6	<b>Oxygen flow meters</b> , to attach to oxygen regulators for administering oxygen.
2	<b>Wheelchairs</b> , full size adult chairs, durable!
6	<b>Hospital beds</b> , mechanical (not electric), to replace broken ones
20	<b>Mattresses</b> , regular hospital bed mattresses, with water-proof washable covers to replace worn ones and beds have no mattresses
30	<b>Pillows</b> with washable covers. The hospital has no pillows now.
30	<b>Pillow cases</b>
1	<b>Mattress</b> , 2 part, washable cover, with Velcro join for the labour-delivery bed.
20	<b>Bedside table/lockers</b> for patients to store food, valuables. Most existing ones are broken and rusty.
10	<b>Bathing basins</b> for newborn babies
12	<b>Stethoscopes</b> , basic model,
6	<b>Aneroid sphygomometers</b> for blood pressure measurement. No electronics please.
12	<b>Macintosh</b> rubber or plastic sheets to protect clothing and bedding for incontinent patients and for dressing changes, etc.
1	<b>Heavy duty, large volume laundry washing machine</b>

1	<b>Sewing machine and table</b> , to repair hospital linen
1	<b>Iron and ironing board</b> , to press the linens, OR clothing, drapes, etc
2	<b>Buckets and mops</b>
1	<b>Heavy-duty blow dryer</b> (Hair dryer) for drying slides in the laboratory. Must have setting for no or low heat.
2	<b>Floor washing brushes</b> (for scrubbing the ceramic tile floors)

**9.1.8 Philippines** – Grace Maano Submitted several Reports on her latest Medical Mission to the Philippines. These have been loaded onto the Eastern Region Wwbsite.

## 9.2 DONATIONS IN KIND –

### 9.2.1 DIK Depot - Miriam Jacka submitted the following Report –

There was a massive working bee at DIK on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. Not only did the yard get cleared of 4.5tonn of unwanted black metal (as the scrap metal merchant calls it) and a container was packed on the same day.

I was not totally sure if having so many people working two different projects at the same time would work, I was so wrong in underestimating the power of ROTARIANS at work...

Each group were focused on what their jobs were, and did it to the best of their ability, and then some.

There were 21 people who helped on the day, the District Governor and his wife from 9690, plus members and partners from the three Sydney Rotary Districts, and including PP Dr Tim Vocor for the Rotary Club of Santo.

I can't thank each person enough for their commitment and speed that they worked.

The scrap metal has been a build up of unwanted or unusable items received into DIK over a long period of time.

Thankfully this time we are not paying for the bin to be delivered as the owner from the scrap metal company was a past Rotarian... The profit from the metal should be around \$900.00.

We need to be more active in saying **NO** to items that are not or may be not be suitable for Developing Countries.

Our main problems seem to be with medical and Hospital equipment.

Why are Hospitals getting rid of these items, is it because they have outlived the use by date? If so it could be possible that these items are of no use to us also.

Recently we have had some Ultrasound/X-ray units delivered, all are not suitable for developing countries

One Ultrasound was 10years old the machine that was connected to it was 15 years old (looked good) but the Medical Engineer who looked at all the equipment said he would not send it anywhere. That was the first problem, second one is that any X-ray equip. Etc needs to be decommissioned and it is believed that this has not been done

**Under no circumstances will we accept any X-Ray units or Ultrasounds at Minchinbury if anything does arrive unannounced it will be sent back with reverse freight charges to the sender**

Just to name a few items that we should think about twice before saying yes.....

**Electric operated beds** are great, but only in Hospitals in major cities, not in small clinics in outer laying areas where the electricity is not so easily available.

**Medical consumables**, more often than not stocks are out of date when delivered or with only 12 months use by date left. This goes fast when it sits in the Warehouse waiting for Clubs to raise funds for containers.

**OH&S** if items don't pass our standards why do we pass onto other Countries

**Computers**, are we doing the right thing in sending computers that are so old and out of date, how much more life is left in them?

**Books**, do developing countries need books with several pages missing from the books, covers missing Australian cooking books?, In many cases donors take books them their book shelves and don't want to dump them so they give them away (makes for a god feeling).

**WHERE IS OUR DUTY OF CARE** to the people that we are trying to help?

It seems to me that DIK is the dumping ground for so many items, and I believe this needs to stop and it can only stop by all Rotarians being smarter in what is usable and can be used in Developing Countries

### CONTAINERS

If you are planning to send containers independently from DIK that is not a problem, but please call and ask for help, to ensure that your container arrives and is accepted by the country authorities.

### Containers despatched and packed on and off site for 2011-2012

1	20ft	PNG	SCHOOL & HOSPITAL EQUIP
1	20ft	PNG	SCHOOL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
1	40ft	PNG	SCHOOL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
1	40ft	SEIRRA LEONE	SCHOOL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
1	20ft	PHILIPPINES	SCHOOL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES -- Graeme Boler
1	20ft	????	SCHOOL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES -- Graeme Boler
1	20ft	VANUATU	SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL SUPPLIES
1	20ft	FIJI	HOSPITAL BEDS
1	20ft	PNG	SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL SUPPLIES
1	40ft	PHILIPPINES	VARIOUS SUPPLIES
1	20ft	PHILIPPINES	SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Altogether 11 containers..

### HOURS WORKED

Man hours worked at DIK since September was 416.5 hours with 92 people attending working bee or loading containers at the DIK site.

## 9.2 Ranfurly Library – Richmond Manyweathers tabled the following report:-

Our export rate has increased as we have been contributing books to a number of container projects in addition to our regular 40 cartons per fortnight program.

Stock is OK at the moment and last year's shortage has been rectified. However, we always need replacement stock given our current rate of 'export'. In addition money is essential for the freight. Almost all financial support comes from D. 9750 clubs and individuals. Support from the other Eastern Region districts would be appreciated.

It is important to check stock before delivery. If uncertain check our list of preferred items on the web site or give a call ( 9524 4827). It is now costing us valuable dollars to discard unwanted books so culling before delivery is essential.

Our work force has slowly increased but new volunteers are welcome for training.

## 9.3 NEWSLETTER AND TRAINING –

**9.3.1 Newsletter** – The RAWCS Rover was not distributed due to the editor's illness.

## 9.4 ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA –Irene Jones – tabled the following report:-

### **Pacific Islands Regional Multi-Country Coordinating Mechanism**

The following brief summary report has been prepared and submitted by the RAM representative on the Pacific Islands Regional Multi-Country Coordinating Mechanism (PIRMCCM), PDG Peter Thomas.

Twenty-two country representatives, one representative of people living with HIV, eight regional partners, AusAID, IFRC, JICA, RAM, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO — the donor — The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria or GFATM — the Local Fund Agent and SPC as the Principal Recipient of three GFATM grants met from 31 May to 3 June 2011 for the 11th annual PIRMCCM meeting.

### **Strategic Decisions**

Several strategic decisions were made at the PIRMCCM meeting which will strengthen grant oversight and assist with the continuation of health funding to the Pacific region.

Major decisions included:

1. Approval of the Request for Continued Funding for the Phase 2 of the Malaria Rolling Continuation Channel grant to the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu;
2. Re-confirmation of the importance of developing a clear terms of reference for the PIRMCCM to conduct its grant oversight activities;
3. Review of the Principal Recipient's management of the three grants;
4. Agreement to submit a regional proposal for Round 11 and the steps to be taken to identify a Principal Recipient;
5. Acknowledgement of the work of the newly established Joint Secretariat; and
6. The election of new PIRMCCM Executive rotating members.

Meeting documents related to strategic decisions can be found on the website:

[http://www.spc.int/frp/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=83&Itemid=33](http://www.spc.int/frp/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=83&Itemid=33)

### **PIRMCCM New Leadership**

Effective from 3 June 2011, the PIRMCCM Executive Committee will be chaired by Dr. Stephen Homasi from the Ministry of Health of Tuvalu. Mrs Apolonia Cabi-Tongia from the Cook Islands National Council of Women is now the elected Vice-Chair. Other Executive members are:

- Mrs Gualofa Matalavea from the Ministry of Health, Samoa
- Mr Albino Bobogare from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Solomon Islands
- Mr Robert Spegal from Micronesia Human Resources Development Center, FSM
- Mr Jones Sanga from the Rehabilitation Centre, Solomon Islands
- Mrs Maire Bopp from PIAF representing people living with HIV
- Mr Peter Thomas from Rotarians Against Malaria
- Dr Dong-il Anh from WHO
- Mr William (Bill) Parr from SPC

The Executive will focus on ensuring the Malaria Rolling Continuation Channel grant receives continued funding and coordinating the PIRMCCM regional proposal for Round 11.

A short time ago the National RAM Committee was asked to help fund the purchase of a quantity of larvacide for use in the Solomons. This was a first for us, but after some investigation we agreed. The simplest way to describe the effects of larvacide is to quote directly from the website of BASF and an item on Abate @ larvacide

When applied to standing water where mosquitoes and other insects breed,

Abate kills the larvae before they develop into mature insects. In effect,

it short-circuits the cycle that disseminates the pathogen to humans. Several

vector-borne diseases, such as malaria and dengue fever, may be strongly associated with the domestic storage of drinking water. One option, where there is a significant risk of disease, is to prevent disease vectors from breeding in stored, domestic drinking water.

Temephos, the active ingredient in Abate is recommended by the World Health Organization for addition to drinking water.

The "Abate" larvacide we supplied to the malaria control program in Honiara has been used most effectively to control mosquito larvae.

The program was held up for a couple of months, until the heavy rains eased, and now in conjunction with a special grant from the World Bank has been used to clean up drains and waterways within the urban area and adjacent squatter settlements. The "Abate" is used in areas that cannot be drained, or the flow of water is insufficient, and according to the team who check such areas and collect larvae where they can, is very effective. Larvae counts are dramatically down and stay down. So far 6 twenty kg drums of granules have been used.

### **Use of larvacide in the Solomons**

Peter White reports the following:

"I travelled to White River, a low-cost housing settlement on the edge of town, and witnessed one of the clean-up teams checking watercourses and stagnant water areas and applying "Abate". I was impressed; they were doing a very thorough job.

This work is an integral part of the overall malaria control program in the urban area. The use of treated bednets, the spraying of residual insecticide in all dwellings, good treatment protocols and reduction of mosquito breeding areas, has seen a dramatic reduction in the Incident Rate for Honiara Urban Area to 82/1000. Funding from The Global Fund, AusAID, The Rotary Foundation (our 3H Grant) and RAM have all contributed to this outstanding achievement.

I am waiting for the formal report and a follow-up request for more larvacide. I would recommend that RAM funds the supply of a further 6 drums of "Abate"."

## Richmond Manyweathers tabled the following report:-

Further to the published report, I would like to highlight the important role our National RAM Past chairman, Peter Thomas from South Australia is playing on the Pacific Islands Malaria Co-ordinating Committee. Peter's election to this body reflects both the important contribution he can make but also the very esteem in which Rotary and RAM in particular is held for its work in the malaria battle.

With Global Funds assisting in the supply of treated nets on a very large scale RAM is continuing to provide nets for special cases. It will also change its focus in the not too distant future as the need for funds to support environmental projects increases. Kill mosquitos and destroying breeding sites complements the very necessary task of stopping people being bitten.

Work is being done by the Australian Army Malaria Institute, with whom RAM has a close connection, attempting to eliminate malaria from selected Pacific Islands. This is an exciting initiative and one we are watching carefully. As with the polio campaign, the biggest threat is that of imported malaria, especially in areas where movement by the population is an important economic and cultural feature.

**9.5 PROMOTIONS** – No report supplied

**9.6 WEBMASTER – Brian Goldstraw** - Brian Goldstraw reported that several new Reports have been uploaded to the website and is pleased that there have been many hits on the various reports located there.

**10. HAVE YOUR SAY.**

**Jack Elliott** – Formally thanked the Eastwood Branch of NABank in for the courtesy and assistance that he receives from this branch.

**Trish Davies** – Thanked Adrian Roach for his assistance in her RAWCS efforts. She indicated that she has personally purchased and had delivered a container to the Kokoda Hospital and appealed for assistance with Funds

**Brian Goldstraw** -has asked for a contact in Fiji .

**Graham Morphett** – Reported on the visit from two PNG Natives and indicated that the Rotary Club of Wewak may be restarted.

**Adrian Roach** – reported that his district has had banners created and the artwork is available for any group who wishes them. He will be Travelling to PNG and taking 2 HCS Students and an Exchange Student whose parents Rotary club in Oslo are raising money for the project.

**Howard Grigor** – has completed 8 trips to the outback with medical equipment from DIK

**Graeme Boler** – presented a prototype “Solar Light” which costs in the order of \$5 per unit. He has proposed that Rotary take up the challenge of providing these units to the Worlds underprivileged families. He will be carrying out research on proposal

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS** – There was no General Business

**12 FORUM TOPIC** – There was no Forum Topic

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Management Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

District 9700.- 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Cowra.

D 9710 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012- Bowral Mittagong.

D9750 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012- Masters Builders Club in Wollongong

D9670 November 2012

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Chairman PDG Harry Durey

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Secretary PP Ted Lewis OAM