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**LINKING EASTERN REGION CLUBS IN
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It's brand new and coming to you with news, updates, forms and training materials. It's a website of our own and well worthy of your support. Check it out and keep it fresh by feeding material on to the webmaster Brian Goldstraw.

**EASTERN REGION
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Well yes, we did have a website before and it provided us with information via a link that is now no longer available to us.

Now we have our own site provided through Bruce Nicholls, the son of Ken and Bobbie and a solid Rotarian from northern Queensland.

Of course you can still find Eastern Region using Google but it is comfortable just to be able to make a one stop jump.

Brian Goldstraw, our webmaster, has indicated that the site is fully operational with all the material previously held on the old site having been transferred.

Perhaps you can make use of the site on your next RAWCS presentation to the club or district. It could form the basis of a good training program.

need of desks, chairs etc. provided that they are placed in overseas locations in known needy circumstances.

To date interest has been shown in PNG, Fiji and Vanuatu.

Clubs will be called upon to disassemble items for packing, load them into containers for DIK to ship them to ports of entry. Wherever possible local clubs will be asked to assemble the furniture and arrange transport to locations.

It is expected that lists of schools with furniture for shipment will soon be available.

**SYDNEY DISTRICTS
ALERTED**

Information is coming to hand on the Ship a Desk project and it looks to be a great International project for clubs costing them nothing other than a few hours of work.

The project will be launched in the Sydney area before being extended to other regions. Hence the call to DG's in these districts to be aware of the project and alert clubs for possible involvement.

The Government's education revolution program has encouraged schools to replace furniture making items in hand surplus to needs. These items have been made available to Rotary to ship to countries in

Check those Risks

Modern work practices require strict attention to the safety of those involved. As Rotarians devote voluntary time to many projects it is imperative that risk assessments be undertaken if only to cover the letter of the law. DIK is no exception. To this end a draft *Health & Safety Plan and Procedures* document covering work at the Minchinbury depot has been presented for comment. The document stresses the need for initial on site training before undertaking work with the wearing of an accredited name badge by all volunteers. Only those with full authorisation will be permitted certain tasks. The signing in of workers is mandated as is the completion of a Volunteer Information Sheet.

**Management
Decisions**

1. A Volunteer Recognition Certificate has been accepted and will be made available as determined by the executive.
2. Updating of Training Manuals is under consideration. It is necessary to revise printed forms according to changing requirements. Process is in hand.
3. A draft copy of RAWCS banner was presented by Larry Jacka. Following discussion of format, a costing has been requested with the banner being made available at the next Gen. Meeting at Taree.
4. The proposed READ Program (Rotary Education & Administration Development) has been shelved due to the lack of response from educational authorities overseas. Several districts are already involved in similar programs with specific schools and these will continue as determined.

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

D.9650: Stage 2 of the patient hostel at Nias has commenced.

Pacific Training Aid program is sponsoring 2 nurses from the Solomons for special training at Pt Macquarie.

A team from Armidale is headed for St Judes to assist instruction.

Improvements have been made in upgrading the Kokoda hospital by Taree and Coffs Harbour clubs.

D.9680: Turramurra continues to work with Aceh commitments.

Kenthurst has sponsored 4 young men from PNG and Vanuatu to attend RYLA in Australia. Thornleigh is sponsoring 2 from Timor Leste.

Crows Nest is building better water plants in Thailand.

Wahroonga is upgrading facilities in secondary school in Nepal.

D.9700: W.W. Koorinal has despatched hospital beds and a load of books to DIK and Ranfurly.

Dental work continues at Maubara in Timor Leste with Wagga Club.

JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The position of ER Volunteer Coordinator has been vacated due to John Roberson's move to National Coordinator in July. Bill Little has offered his services to fill the vacancy.

David Waterhouse an OH&S inspector has overseen the production of a draft manual for RAWCS projects (particularly DIK). We need also an Operations Procedure Publication outlining the duties of all aspects of ER.

Congratulations on the improved standard of application forms for projects. This is due to the early contact with Project Registration Coord. Len Bolden

Porgera High School Project

Considerable progress is reported by Christine McCormack (Dee Why Warringah) in her report of the work in the Central Highlands of PNG. The project aims to:-

- Distribute two containers of donations in kind that arrived as we did.
- Set up High School Library.
- Purchase items required for the School, Women's Association, Vocational Centre and Youth Group.
- Review pilot water supply for Yuyan Village and fish farm for Mulituka School.
- To begin repairs to school buildings and teachers houses.
- Continue to assist the community with their efforts to become independent of the Mine.

Over the past several years the school has been resourced by Northern Beaches Inner Wheel, several Rotary Clubs, Barrick Gold and Rotary volunteers. Without this assistance the school would have closed and 600 students would either have to travel long distances to attend school or not attend school at all. With staff, student, community and PNG Government ongoing support the school can provide a high level of education. Currently the High School is one of the most resourced in the country. For ongoing achievements it has been important to monitor the effectiveness of all donations.

Local schools and service clubs have been generous in their contributions supplying science equipment, uniforms, library materials and tools.

Plans for the future include a fish farm, a water project for neighbouring Yuyan, a proposal for tourism infrastructure and music education with a possible band group.

D.9710 PROFILE

Jock Robertson Reports

Queanbeyan has sent several loads of hospital equipment to DIK. More is to come from their hospital soon.

The club shows great enthusiasm for RAWCS projects and hopes to undertake a project in PNG

Goulburn is collecting garden tools for Vanuatu's Gardening Project.

At a district training weekend held in Moruya in November, RAWCS programs were under the spotlight along with a number of other selected programs

WHOSE RAWCS IS IT ?

Is RAWCS a regular topic at your club meeting ? Members won't respond to activities unless you make it your business to start things off.

MIRIAM'S MUSINGS

It is a frustration to the truck driver, a worry to the Salvation Army officers and a disappointment to the depot team when items arrive at Minchinbury unannounced. Early notification is required for the delivery of items so that staffing can be on hand to receive and process all items. It is also important to know before hand whether the equipment is acceptable to the program and not have to be consigned to the waste bin at additional cost.

When hospital beds are being shipped to the depot, please ensure that all loose parts are well tied down and not a danger to those unloading. And, of course, all items should be in working order.

DIK operating hours are on Saturdays from 8am till 1pm. During the week deliveries can only be made by appointment and only following a phoned message.

Acceptable items for DIK are:-

Hospital beds, mattresses, medical consumables, garden and carpentry tools, spectacles, educ. kits, new clothing and books for Ranfurly

National Website Available

Now on line it is possible to view the national website at www.rawcs.com.au . It will provide links to all Regions and will be kept updated by RAWCS webmaster Reg Emmett. Spot an error and shoot it through to Reg.

INTERESTING RAM STATS.

The Solomons have reduced the malarial infection rate from 50% in 1990 to 7% in 2008.

WHO reports a 50% reduction in 27 countries worldwide in 1990 to 1996.

Global funding is now supplying all bednets so that RAM resources can now be directed to education programs.

Adopt a Village has provided over \$100,000 each year. To this has been added matching grants for \$750,000.

MAD (Malaria Awareness Day) is to be held on 30 April 2010. A little MADness on the day will aid RAM.

NEW PROJECTS UP FOR GRABS

Project Registration Coordinator Len Bolden has announced the follow ten new projects available for clubs to consider. Contact Len or the club concerned.

Reforestation in Indonesia (Sydney Darling Harbour)

Luro Assistant in Timor Leste (Leeton)

Rebuild an Orphanage in South Africa (Kiama)

Surgical Team to Bangladesh (Newcastle Sunrise)

Save the Babies in Trobriand Is (Salamander Bay)

Home Restoration Project in Nepal (Sussex Inlet)

Kits for Kids in Samoa (West Wollongong)

Orthopaedic Project Rabaul PNG (Tamworth First Light)

Health Mission to Philippines (Narellan)

Aid Post at Vesilogo PNG (Taree)

HOPEFUL LIGHT ON THE HORIZON

Research into the production of a vaccine to control malaria has been continuing at the Queensland Institute of Medical research and Australian Rotary Health is funding the program. Professor Michael Good has found that an effective immune response to malarial parasites can occur with a very small parasite antigen dose. He plans to undertake a vaccination trial in PNG in the near future. Whilst there has been a number of malarial vaccines trialled before without success, it is hope that this latest venture will reap exciting results in the continuing battle against this deadly disease.