



# RAWCS ROVER



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**LINKING EASTERN REGION CLUBS IN  
9650, 9670, 9680, 9690, 9700, 9710, 9750**

## HOW DOES E.R. MEASURE UP ?

**You hear the stories, nod acknowledgement to the snippets of information, trust in the thought that all is progressing satisfactorily and move on to the next project. That's what usually happens across clubs throughout Regions. How do we evaluate the outcomes that have taken so much effort and planning? What does the system ask of its members and whose responsibility is it to make judgements?**

### EASTERN REGION EXECUTIVE COMM

<b>Chairman</b> Harry Durey	9650
<b>Secretary</b> Ted Lewis	9670
<b>Treasurer</b> Jack Elliott	9690
<b>DIK: Co-Ord.</b> Miriam Jacka	9680
<b>Project Regist.</b> Len Bolden	9710
<b>Vol.Proj.Co-Ord.</b> Bill Little	9690
<b>Proj.Reg.Co-ord</b> <b>Len Bolden</b>	9710
<b>RAM Co-ord.</b> Irene Jones	9700
<b>Webmaster</b> Brian Goldstraw	9710
<b>Newsletter</b> Barry McConville	9690

### HARRY'S HERALDING

1. The recent meeting of the National Body addressed three major aspects of administrative development.

- Implementation of the National Business Plan.
- Registration as a Charitable Organisation.
- A Strategic Plan.

Items were at a discussion level only with planning and implementation set for the future.

2. RAWCS has set its Head Office address at RDU.

3. The ER Chairman has been allocated the role of National Training.

To hand is the most recent Project Audit Report submitted by John Glass covering data associated with projects undertaken by clubs across Eastern Region.

An exciting total of 134 projects were initiated though only 80 have been confirmed as being active.

John notes that he has received reports of activities of 52 projects but the remaining 82 require some commentary.

All of our seven ER Districts report having initiated new projects totaling 20 in all with D. 9680 heading the list having recently undertaken 8 new ventures. He further indicates that of the 42 projects listed for that District he is unaware of the current status of 29.

The Audit figures presented by John give rise to a number of interesting questions which will surface at the upcoming ER General Meeting at Mittagong.

- Who should be responsible for determining if a project is still active ?
- What should happen to ongoing and final reports?

3. What action should be undertaken if no reports are received?

4. Whose responsibility is it to carry out future auditing of project progress?

With large amounts of funding passing through the system in support of these highly valued projects, there is a pressing need to have a current informative reportage of project status. There are some excellent examples of final reports available should there be any need to seek assistance on acceptable standards.

### SIGNING UP

Project Registration Coordinator, Len Bolden awaits your new Application. He is still concerned that the District RAWCS Chairperson is not always aware of the new project and requests that all PAF's be forwarded to him having been seen and signed by the District Chair. Yes, it's another bureaucratic demand but it keeps everyone in the loop and assists in the District reporting required at RAWCS Meetings.

### SOME RECOGNITION

The recent edition of ONECOTA, a seniors' magazine, covered a story on the Kokoda Track. Mention was made of Rotary activities with school furniture and hospital beds.

### Management Decisions

**1. David Waterhouse has been asked to prepare a document outlining the duties of all ER Officers.**

**2. The Kokoda Foundation has been asked to provide information on the work required for Aid Posts along the Track**

**3. An answer has been received from the Rotary Insurers that hire vehicles insurance is not a component of the policy and that cars etc. in Aust. or O/S are not covered. Injuries sustained in accidents however are within the policy range.**

**4. The Sec. has been asked to prepare suggestions regarding Project reporting in order to facilitate the flow of project development.**

**5. An application is to be submitted to the "Go Fundraising" website seeking support for donations to the Overseas Aid Fund.**

**6. The goodwill school furniture program has been halted due to the curtailment of government funding. Furniture is still available should opportunities further arise.**

**7. Next General Meeting of RAWCS at Wollongong 18/19 August**

## DELIVERING THE EDUCATIONAL GOODS

The updating of educational projects in PNG demonstrate the willingness of clubs to share expertise and to provide resources that are usually taken for granted in our local schools. The two projects noted below continue the support already recorded in previous editions of the Rover. Again we highlight the assistance being granted to PNG.

### Teachers Assist Kokoda

In April, two small teams working independently went to PNG to provide Elementary teacher workshops and offer Adult English tuition to village tutors.

Both volunteers and attendees travelled long distances to participate with the volunteers walking considerable distances visiting schools along the Kokoda Track.

Teachers and Principals participated in workshops with invitations being extended for future gatherings.

Potential sister schools programs were discussed.

English workshops were offered to plantation workers, villagers and future language tutors.

The program continues with exciting follow up workshops and student exchanges.

**Trish Davies D 9670**

### Nondugl Jiwaka Project

The work continues with great plans for coming months.

1. Train a school librarian
2. Install computers & printers
3. Refurbish 4 teacher houses.
4. Repair school water tanks
5. Provide 4 sewing machines.
- 6 Continue upgrading medical supplies.

Four students have been invited to visit Australia sponsored by 4 Rotary Clubs

A Norwegian Exchange student's home club has donated funds to refurbish one of the teacher houses.

### Mando Project

Ride 4 Kids raised \$20,000 for additional buildings for Mando High School. Over 500 students from local schools attended the International Regatta Centre either walking or riding bikes around the lake.

**Adrian Roach D 9670**

### AROUND THE TRAPS

**D.96501:** Using a DSC two varying volume medical pumps have been sent to Lenakel Hospital. Guttering and downpipes as well as water tanks have also been planned.

A 10000lt. tank is being sought for the community of Lenakel on Tenna Is.

**D.9690:** A fibreglass boat has been manufactured for the Arep High School in Vanuatu though Windsor Club. Liverpool West is planning its second cataract and dental procedures for rural villages in Vietnam.

**D. 9750:** Kiama has funded a water filtration system in Wat Bote primary school. Corrimal has donated \$500 to the goat Micro Credit project in Nepal. Matching Grants for six water filters, sports equipment, and dictionaries have been approved. A container of books has been forwarded to schools around the Popondetta area. Grants have been submitted for further equipment in Thailand.

**D.9700:** Computer Literacy and English as Second Language courses have been initiated in N.E. Sri Lanka

## DONATIONS IN KIND REPORT

Christmas and New Year were extremely busy periods for DIK. Fortunately the message about ringing beforehand has been successful and the receipt of goods has been more orderly. It also allows a decision to be made as to whether the intended goods can be of value to the program.

Interestingly enough, other organisations such as church groups and voluntary supply groups are becoming aware of our existence and are calling upon us for assistance with supplies. The NSW Police Dept. has forwarded on to us bikes that were used in training programs for young people. These could be the first of other such offers as replacement bikes are introduced.

It has become possible that well maintained wheelchairs from the depot could be made available on loan to Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary should there be a need. 97 volunteers have spent time at the depot lately bringing up a total of 388 working hours over the last period. Since November we have shipped 12 container overseas and will send out another 5/6 containers in the coming months. A truck is available for local pick up should it work in with current schedules.

### RANFURLY LIBRARY

Quality and book choice should be concerns when sending books into Ranfurly. Disposal of inappropriate material is expensive and a waste of resources.

This is a full multi district project of RAWCS and depends for its success on available funding.

Currently most of the funding is derived from D.9750 activities. Any financial support from our sister districts would be highly valued. Donations can be directed to the ER RAWCS treasurer, Jack Elliott.