

## D9810 Fund raising April 2017

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**Rotary**  
District 9810

**Malaria Awareness Day  
Fundraising Dinner**  
Friday 28th April 2017  
6:30pm for 7:00pm

**Keynote Speaker: Dr Julie Healer**  
Julie is a postdoctoral researcher who joined Professor Alan Cowman's group at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute in 1999. She has a strong interest in how the malaria parasite invades red blood cells, with a view to developing a vaccine to prevent malaria invasion and replication.

**Ben Hill**  
Ben is a member of the Rotaractors Against Malaria Committee and is their IT Director. Ben's address will be an update of Rotaract's involvement with RAM and the use of technology to advance awareness.

**Venue: Mulgrave Country Club**  
Wellington Road, Mulgrave  
Cost is \$55.00 per person for a 2-course meal.  
Drinks at bar prices.  
Tables of 10  
Payment details are attached  
R.S.B.K. March 2016  
All proceeds will go towards  
Malaria Research at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute and also to a RAM project - raising funds to support clinical trials of a promising malaria vaccine being developed at the Institute of Glycomics at Griffith University

**In 2015, 95 countries and territories had ongoing malaria transmission. About 3.2 billion people - almost half of the world's population, are at risk. Malaria still infects 200 million, killing over 400,000 per annum. 75% are children under 5**

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### District 9810 Fundraiser Dinner raises \$4000

District 9810's Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) Committee held its Fundraising Dinner on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> April, to recognise Malaria Awareness Day (MAD) which occurs every year on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Eighty five people attended the event at the Mulgrave Country Club.

The main aim of MAD is to share current information about the impact of malaria (not only to Rotarians but with members of their local communities too) and to raise money to help fund the large variety of malaria elimination programs that RAM has initiated.

The event raised \$4,001.00, thanks to ticket sales, a raffle and a silent auction with items generously donated by Rotarians and community members. The proceeds will be shared equally between the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) to buy equipment needed in their malaria research program and the Institute of Glycomics at the Griffith University to help further the development of a very promising vaccine.

The keynote speaker was Dr Julie Healer from the WEHI who gave a very interesting talk about what malaria is, what it will take to eliminate this awful disease and where research is up to at the Institute.

Our second speaker was Ben Hill who is a member of the Rotaract Australia Against Malaria (RAAM) Committee. He manages their website and online fundraising in his capacity as IT Director for Rotaract Australia. Ben, a very impressive and highly motivated young man, briefly outlined the role Rotaractors are taking in the fight against malaria and how technology is being used to increase awareness.

I would like to sincerely thank the District 9810 Rotarians and their partners, Bill Oakley (RAM Chair from District 9800) the Deputy Chair from District 9790 Dr Bruce Anderson and his wife Karen and Rotarians from the Rotary Club of North Balwyn (District 9800).

Also a big thank you to the District 9810 RAM Committee (Jackie, Clare and Peter) and Virginia (RAM Coordinator for Southern Region) for all the work and effort they put into making this night a success.

For more information about RAM and to pledge a donation, visit <http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au/>

To see how Rotaractors are using personal networks and social media to raise awareness and funds to eliminate malaria, visit [malaria.rotaract.org.au](http://malaria.rotaract.org.au)

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