

RAGAMS Connect

Bringing the world together to improve the quality of life of those affected by MS and to end MS forever

Message from the Chair



May is MS Awareness Month in Australia. We have a RAGAMS Team in the May MS 50K walk, Grant Hocking, Virginia Billson and Renae Gentile are leading the way and have surpassed our original target of \$1500.

MSIF and 49 of their member organisations promote the World MS Day on May 29th where Global MS organisation participate in a webinar and virtual Choir.

RAGAMS (India) are participating in the MS Day Connections Celebrations on May 29 and are organising an event.



RAGAMS collaborates with and shares a vision with The MS International Federation (MSIF) which is a unique global network of multiple sclerosis organisations, people affected by MS, volunteers and staff from around the world. MSIF is made up of 49 MS organisations with links to many others. MSIF vision is a world without MS. Their mission is to inspire, mobilise and bring the world together to improve the quality of life of everybody affected by MS and to end MS forever.

The Multiple Sclerosis International Federation was established in 1967 as an international body linking the activities of National MS societies around the world including USA, Canada, England, Europe, India, etc For more information refer to: <http://www.msif.org> Our mission is to promote MS Awareness within Rotary. We can share our lessons learnt and help clubs to start an MS project in their community. We can assist with applications for a Global or District Grant.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Consider RAGAMS as we
“Serve to Change Lives”.



RAGAMS is championed from Australia, we require Rotarians in USA, England Europe, India etc. to take a lead role, let us know how you are involved or would like to be involved with the MS Community.

Pre-Covid, at Rotary Conventions many Rotarians advised us that they are supporting MS Chapters in their community. We need Rotarians to promote and share their stories within Rotary project showcase.

Many clubs are still meeting by Zoom. We would love to speak to your club, district, or community group about our Action Group. All you have to do is ask.

We are constantly reviewing our strategic plan to keep abreast with research and latest ways to help people with MS improve their daily quality of life.

For succession planning we need new committee members and new volunteers to the publications team.

We could not work without our volunteers, families and friends.

Over three decades there have been many improvements for people with remitting relapsing MS. There is still no definitive cause or cure for MS. People with Progressive MS have improved physio and improved wheelchairs and electronic management techniques. But MS Investigators need to find a cure and cause. This keeps us all motivated and working for our cause.

There are new projects supporting MS Research awaiting funding and projects the MS Community have been working on for a few years needing more funds.

I hope you can consider RAGAMS as we “Serve to Change Lives”.

Best wishes to you all.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Martin Taurins

Chair - Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis



RAGAMS (India) - World MS Day Program

On the occasion of the world MS day, RAGAMS(India) organised a program on the 31st of May, 2022, to bring about awareness about the Multiple Sclerosis disease. This was a joint program with 31 other clubs from RID 3190 in the presence of the District Governor and other district officials. This was conducted by the Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis - RAGAMS (India) and MSSSI Bangalore Chapter.

They held a fashion show with persons with MS followed by a show with the 31 club Presidents. They presented mementoes to MS Doctors , Rehabilitation Specialists, Persons with MS and caregivers, who have greatly supported in bringing awareness for MS in the community. It was an impactful program in spreading the word on MS and connecting those affected, professionals and policy makers to voice the differences they could make and support each other. The program had an attendance to 200+ people along with press and media.





MS Australia

- The Jacob Taurins Memorial top up PhD Scholarship recipient Vivian Li continuing her research work at Florey Institute.
- Bunnings sausage sizzle raised \$1,100 in December, 2021.
- World MS Day-MS Global Dinner postponed to May 2023 due to Covid.
- RAGAMS displayed at D9800 Conference in Albury and had some enthusiastic supporters visit.

MS International

- Houston convention: RAGAMS Real Time Exhibition Booth we require volunteers at the booth from June 4-8, 2022. Currently we are working with the Houston MS Chapter volunteers develop a manning schedule.
- If any D9800 Rotarians attend the convention please visit Booth number 1020.
- RAGAMS will also have a Virtual Exhibition Booth available.
- We are currently working with the Rotary club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas KA; India Dist. 3190 to promote and collaborate with the MS Society in India and MSIF to promote MS Awareness in India. With the help of RAGAMS (India) we are considering how to improve Social media and website www.rotary-ragmsa.org. As India is a large country with more than 1.2 billion population we need to expand our reach to other counties and states. We are considering resource required to get started.
- Considering how to reconnect and progress communication with PP Lina Lugheresia, Rotaract Club of Ngong Hills D9212 Kenya and Co-ordinator of Intarconnect.
- Subject to Covid, consider resumption of fledgling MS Society Vocational exchange training project.
- Identify more Country managers and invite to Zoom Meetings.



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