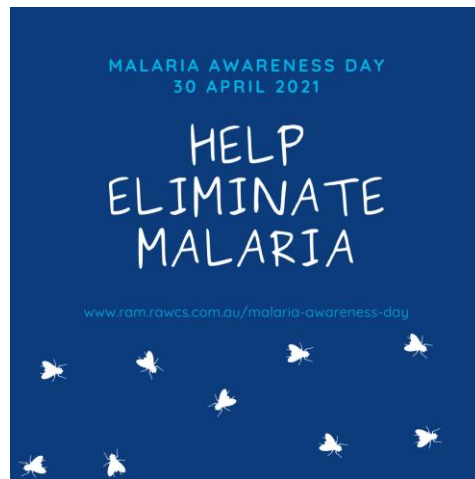


Malaria Awareness Day 2021



World Malaria Day, which takes place on 25 April each year, is an internationally recognized day, highlighting the global efforts to control malaria and celebrating the gains that have been made. Since 2000, the world has made historic progress against malaria, saving millions of lives. However, half the world still lives at risk from this preventable, treatable disease. In Australia, Malaria Awareness Day is observed on 30 April each year, in conjunction with World Malaria Day on 25 April.

Covid-19 has shown us we must urge greater investment in building and supporting resilient health systems to protect and advance progress against existing infectious diseases like malaria and be prepared to effectively address new outbreaks like COVID-19.

Over the last 2 decades, there has been a period of unprecedented success in malaria control that saw 1.5 billion cases and 7.6 million deaths averted. But each year, more than 400 000 people die of malaria – a preventable and treatable disease. An estimated two thirds of deaths are among children under the age of five. **And in 2019, 409 000 people died of malaria.**

So, in 2021, we are hosting a fun, safe and virtual event that challenges you to walk, swim, or ride 4km on Malaria Awareness Day to represent the over 400,000 lives lost to malaria each year. You can sign up and donate on our website at <https://ram.rawcs.com.au/malaria-awareness-day> —ask your friends to get involved too, or donate to support you.



We are asking you to take a photo of yourself doing the challenge (or a selfie) so that we can share on our social media.

We want to raise \$100,000 for projects in the upcoming year, so we are challenging each District to raise \$5,250. Help us reach our goal!