

Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise

RAM Swim 2010

The 2010 Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) swim was held on the morning of 28 March. The swim usually coincides with Clean Up Australia Day, the first Sunday in March, but was a little late this year.

The weather was ideal with a gentle off shore breeze and the bay was flat calm. The water temperature was still fairly high, the water was clear and there were no jellyfish or other challenging marine life present - the local resident shark, recently seen cruising close to shore, did not attend (luckily).

The Club was fortunate to have many helpers showing up on the morning to ensure the event went smoothly. Also, the District 9820 RAM Chairman, Tom Shanahan, attended to lend the official Rotary hand. Thanks to all the Sunrise Rotarians and Tom for braving the Autumn chill and contributing to the success of the event. Thanks also to the Frankston Yacht Club for lending us the yachting buoys and to Wise Choice Foods who catered for the BBQ.

There were 42 swimmers registered to compete – a record for the Club. All swimmers were experienced and finished the 1 km course in good time. The following prizes were awarded at the post swim BBQ:

1st – Mark Powell T=14 min 49 sec
2nd – Cameron Quinn T=15 min 05 sec
3rd – Colin Shugg T=15 min 12 sec

1st female – Nicole Chester T = 18 min 16 sec
1st Rotarian – Richard Lewis T = 17 min 36 sec

A very creditable performance by all competitors.

Funds raised on the day totalled \$665.00. This amount will be forwarded to the District RAM representative with our best wishes for continued success in this extremely worthwhile Rotary project.

The RAM swim will be held again next year in March. Greater effort will be made to advertise the event and increase the number of competitors.

Again, many thanks to all participants and helpers for making the swim very successful.

Laurie Warfe and Peter Stacey
Club RAM Representatives