

## **DIK D9790 Report to May 2018-19**

This report covers major activities of District 9790 DIK.

### **July 2018**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, I had the pleasure of meeting PDG Geoff McIlvena (R.C. Preston) and Joan Roose (R.C. Preston) and showed them around the Footscray Store. They brought with them a "Wish List" for Rejoice Public School in Orissa Province, India. We are able to fulfil most of the items on the list. PDG Geoff was able to promise a donation of \$1500 for racking and \$3500 per annum to become a DIK Inc. Sponsor with a two year ongoing commitment to contribute each year.

I had the pleasure of accepting donation cheques from R.C. Strathmore for \$500, thanks to PP Emma Davis, and from R.C. Yarrowonga Mulwala for \$1000, thanks to David Barrat (International Chair).

### **August 2018**

I am pleased to report that members of R.C. Preston have joined the volunteers working at the Footscray Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I gave a DIK Presentation to R.C. Essendon North on 15<sup>th</sup> August, at the Hyatt Hotel, Essendon Fields.

Richard McGeehan (R.C. Euroa) contacted me with an offer of 30 hospital beds from local hospital. This will be followed up by Laurie Fisher.

### **September 2018**

Contacted by "Teena" (9379 8575) from Strathmore North P.S. with offer of school books. This will be followed up after school holidays. Principal is Nicole Di Marco. 11 cartons of library books were picked up. Also 11 school desks and 40 school chairs were picked up on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Ian Musgrove (R.C. Preston) dropped off two bags of glasses.

### **October 2018**

Glenda Woods (R.C. Yea) contacted me about resurrecting the Xmas Shoe Boxes Project by junior secondary students in Yea. This is being followed up for feasibility.

### **November 2018**

Thanks to Neil Craven (R.C. Strathmore for donating two walkers, one set of crutches and two walking sticks.

Lee Garwood Deputy CEO of Brunswick Private Hospital contacted me with an offer of medical equipment, hospital beds and chairs. Laurie Fisher followed this up and is organising pickup.

Thanks to PP Kim McNairn (R.C. Whittlesea) for donation of \$200.

### **December 2018**

A major new Donations in Kind (DIK) project is currently underway with the relocation of the Royal Adelaide Hospital to new, modernised premises. The redevelopment will result in a tremendous amount of equipment and furniture being discarded by the hospital, which has agreed to let DIK take a managing role in redistributing the goods. It is estimated the volume to be donated will fill 25 40-foot containers and will include an expected 700 electric hospital beds, overway units and cupboards.

Rotary clubs are also asked to submit "wish lists" of appropriate communities overseas they have a relationship with in regards to hospital related items.

Just goes to show the incredible networking of Rotary and DIK.

I have forwarded this request to our District DG, DGE and DGN as well as District International Chair and other interested parties.

### **January 2019**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Lee Garwood (CEO) and Julie Dowd from Brunswick Private Hospital were present to hand over some \$50,000 worth of medical equipment to the DIK Store. There was some publicity of the

event in the local papers. The R.C. Strathmore will approach Brunswick Private to form a partnership as the Sponsor Club for all further donations.

I attended the quarterly meeting of DIK Inc. on 30Jan19..

I picked up 8 cartons of childrens books from Our Lady Primary School, East Brunswick. Thanks to Pat Tesoriero.

The Rotary Club of Preston made a donation of \$1500 towards the racking of the Store.

### **February 2019**

No significant activity.

I continue to work as a volunteer at the Footscray Store, sorting and packing clothing for a developing country. All the clothing is new and is given to us by distributors, at no cost, because it is excess to their requirements.

### **March 2019**

The R.C. Strathmore organised a visit to the DIK Footscray Store. Some 14 members attended. These included 8 Rotary members from Broadmeadows and Strathmore and 6 Rotaractors from Gateway Club. All went away much better informed about DIK. Also special thanks to Store Manager, Laurie Fisher.

I am promoting a campaign to adopt a hospital bed for just \$200. Each bed will get a number and this can be traced from Melbourne to its final destination a developing country village hospital.

Thanks to DGE Bruce Anderson for offering his services to help pick up 30 fruit boxes of children books from St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Mill Park. These books were delivered to the Footscray Store on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Special thanks to Dianne Maniszewski, principle librarian.

Many thanks to members, David Hardiment, Wayne Limbrick & Mal Watt from R.C. Shepparton Central who came to the Footscray Store on 13<sup>th</sup> March and picked up a number of school chairs, desks and sundry medical goods for their project in Zimbabwe.

### **April 2019**

I attended the D9790 District Assembly in Benalla. The attendance by 25 heads was disappointing. There were representatives from 19 Clubs out of a potential 64 Clubs.

I distributed flyers for "Sponsor a Bed". Well received and potential is there. Also a firm enquiry about a Cluster Group visiting the DIK Store in near future. This will be followed up in New Rotary Year.

Also I distributed some info pages on RAWCS and DIK. Incoming District Chair, Kerry Kirk (Sunbury) is a very dynamic person.

District Conference for 2020 is at Albury Convention Centre 20-22 March.

### **May 2019**

I continue to work at the Footscray DIK Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays over winter.

I attended the quarterly meeting of DIK Inc. on 19May19. Unfortunately only 9 Rotarians were present. There was some discussion on dissemination of material to Districts and Clubs on RAWCS. There has been further rearrangement of roles in RAWCS at national level. The AGM for RAWCS has been set for 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Tullamarine. This will take the form of a Training and Information Day. Publicity is being prepared to be sent to Districts and Clubs.

On Tuesday 28th May 2019, I had the privilege of attending the Special Celebration for the installation of a facsimile of the original Royce Abbey Portrait in the Donations In Kind Store meeting room in West Footscray. The unveiling was performed by David Abbey (R.C. Essendon and past member R.C. Shepparton

Central).

### **June 2019**

No significant activity this month. I continue to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the winter months at the Footscray store.

I want to remind all Rotarians that in the financial year 2017-18 DIK Southern Region was a \$7.5 million enterprise. DIK is a hidden gem of Rotary. I want to inform all clubs of the availability of speakers on DIK.

**I would also remind everyone that DIK does not have funds – Clubs have funds.**

I would like to continue to raise the profile of DIK as a worthwhile project of Rotary.

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