

ROTARY AUSTRALIA
WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD

Rotary Donations In Kind

Rear Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray VIC 3012

Donations In Kind Activity Report February 2020

Containers Shipped

20' container units

District	Club Container	Units	Store	Units
9790	Ghana	2		
9800	Sri Lanka	4	Solomon Islands	2
	Chile	2	Somaliland	2
	Malawi	2	Sri Lanka	4
	Cambodia	.5	Timor Leste	10
	Somalia	2		
9810	Cambodia	.5		
	Zimbabwe	1		
9820				
Total YTD		14		18

At the same time last year, we had shipped 17 Club container units and 23 from the Store. We suspect that the focus on the drought and bushfires is affecting the support for International Projects. The RAWCS National promotion increasing focusses on encouraging support for Australian causes and we suspect this is having an effect. We would like to know what is happening in the other DIK Stores. Do the other RAWCS Regions receive reports like this, if so, can we receive copies?

Adopt a Bed Review The overall results have been significant, but the response has been patchy. If this was well promoted and every Club in the four Districts were aware of this simple way to equip hospitals, we are sure we would get more support. What are the Districts doing to promote project opportunities for their Clubs?

D9790	Donation	D9800	Donation	D9810	Donation	D9820	Donation
Preston	1000	Altona City	1000	Forrest Hills	500		
		Caulfield	1000	Glen Waverley	1000		
		Flemington					
		Kensington	400	Lilydale	5000		
		Keilor	2000				
		Port Melb	400				
		Williamstown	1000				
		Wyndham	1000				
TOTAL	1000	TOTAL	6800	TOTAL	6500	TOTAL	0

Support from the Victorian Education Department We progress slowly and little has happened partly due to the Christmas break. The key appears a discussion with the Principals Association which with luck it will lead to a Position Paper for this area.

The good news is that if you take time to explain how Donations In Kind works and that it can only collect what it has funds to ship, there is an excellent chance of getting a donation. Details attached. We need to explain what is happening to all of the Clubs and the first stage is to train the District Trainers. Please ask the Districts when would be a good time for a training workshop. Our thought is to hold it on a Saturday morning at the Store.

Shipping School Furniture to Timor Leste The State Government still wants to support this area, but the budget is very tight. The drought and bushfires are having a significant effect and we may have to be patient. We had a positive meeting at Parliament House yesterday. There is a strong desire to help, but potentially the project could get support from four departments which will take coordination and understandably the Governments current focus is on Bushfire and Drought assistance.

Southern Region RAWCS Communication We still tend to work in isolation and the information that the RAWCS website provides is limited. On the surface RAWCS Project 22-2014/15 is D9800 RC Port Melbourne Project. In reality Clubs from four Southern Region Districts support this project and the results are excellent. We are achieving a great deal including building three primary schools in a 12-month period. Giving Clubs quality projects that are easy to adopt will significantly increase Club involvement.

Details on a school garden project are attached. We need to regularly provide Clubs with project opportunities like this. Would the Districts like potential projects like this? How will they get the information to their Clubs?

District Support We hope something positive will result from the National District International Directors meeting next week. The D9800 Country Ambassador Program is progressing slowly but the coordination needs to be on a larger scale. The RI commitment to Environmental Sustainability could be of significant benefit if Clubs take the opportunity to promote this element of their projects. It encourages support from a new audience and all that is required is to change the emphasis on their promotion, The D9800 Environmental Sustainability Committee and is working with the D9810 ESRAG group on an awareness program.

DIK Open Day Another Open Day is approaching 29th of February. It provides the opportunity for all International Projects to promote and displayed and we hope your Clubs will take this opportunity. The fundraising focus is to cover the cost of shipping a 40' container of medical and dental equipment to the Solomon Islands. We hope the when they get a better understanding of how much equipment fits in a 40' container and how little it cost to ship each item it will encourage more activity.

We keep seeing ads on TV asking a monthly contribution to sponsor a good cause. Can we offer the same opportunity to our Clubs? If each Club in Southern Region donated \$30/month / \$360 annually we could ship a Southern Region Container every month. Each month the Club would receive details on their project. Every Club has the capacity for a \$30 investment in a great promotional opportunity.

Would the Districts like promotional material for this?

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