

ROTARY AUSTRALIA
WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD

Rotary Donations In Kind

Rear Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray VIC 3012

Donations In Kind - RAWCS Southern Region Activity Report November 2020

Containers Shipped 2019-20

20' container units

District	Club Container	Units	Store	Units
9790	Ghana	2		
9800	Sri Lanka	6	Solomon Islands	4
	Chile	2	Somaliland	6
	Malawi	2	Sri Lanka	4
	Cambodia	.5	Timor Leste	16
	Somalia	2	Nepal	1
	Timor Leste	4	Ethiopia	4
			Tanzania	2
			Somalia	2
9810	Cambodia	.5		
	Zimbabwe	1		
	Samoa	1		
9820				
Total YTD		21		41

Previous year (2018-2019) 25 and 51 (2017-18 total 50). Considering the effect of the Drought, Bushfires, Covid19 and the reduction in Club income this is an excellent result.

Current Year

Year to date 3@40' to Timor Leste, 2@40' to Sri Lanka and 4@40' planned to be shipped before Christmas.

There has been a significant change in destinations in the last few years. Local African supporter groups have discovered our Store and the opportunities we provide to help their countries. Often in partnership with Rotary Clubs, they fund the shipments. Many Rotary Clubs are becoming focused on local projects. Most notably there has been a major reduction in support for countries in our Zone.

Fundraising opportunities for our Clubs have been significantly affected by Covid19 and we will be feeling the effects of this for some time yet.

There are several positive things happening but the pace and the outcome are unknown. The benefits that medical equipment and supplies can provide in developing countries is being recognised.

There are two other significant changes. **The seventh Area of Focus “Supporting the Environment”** will become active next year with grants available for activities in this area. DIK is a recycling operation and we will be increasing the promotion of this aspect of our operation. It will not affect how we operate, only how we tell our story and we need your help to get the message out.

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group is becoming active in our Zone www.esraganzpi.org It's a new group with a lot of enthusiasm and lots of raw edges. We need to see this as a promotional opportunity, not a group trying to steal our glory. Any increase in awareness and support for the DIK activity has to be a positive.

The aim at the moment is to encourage Clubs to register their projects, that have an Environmental Sustainability element. They will mostly be Community and International Projects, being promoted in a different way, to a different audience. We need to encourage Clubs to think about all of the ways they can promote their projects to different groups. Additional external support is available for quality projects promoted in different ways.

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