

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 May 2022

Containers Shipped 2021 -22

20' container units

District	Club Container	Units	Store	Units
			Timor Leste	16
			Congo	1
RAWCS	Tonga	4	Uganda	2
9780	Zimbabwe	1		
Total YTD		5		19

As reported at the last meeting shipping worldwide continues to be a challenge, but so far, countries in our region are faring fairly well. Costs have risen, but the shipping schedules are manageable. In general shipping to Africa and the Middle East is no longer practical at the current rates. We need to encourage Clubs to focus on our region, where the need is just as great.

New Container Project Options We need to go beyond the traditional model of Clubs identifying, managing and funding their own container project. The reduction in fundraising caused by Covid19 has put this beyond the means of many Clubs. Some have also stopped thinking about Container Projects. The Multi-Club Container idea is simple. A lot of Clubs donate a small amount for shipping.

The D9800 Container Project is underway. This is an interesting exercise that is providing information on the state of our Clubs. Few clubs if any have projects ready to go. I badly underestimated the time it takes between considering an idea and the funds hitting the bank account. With some Clubs meeting fortnightly and fewer committee meetings it's taking months for this process. I am confident that we will get enough for at least one container.

The other great news is support from the RAWCS Disaster Fund for four containers for Tonga. We think this is may be a first for this type of support. Every disaster is different, but there is a good chance that that this form of aid will be very cost effective for many. Two will be shipped from this store and the others from Queensland. Our first one has gone and the other this week. Having this support allowed us to respond immediately and secure the shipping at a lower rate being provided for Disaster Relief Aid.

Marketing It's pleasing to see RAWCS, DIK and the District Environmental Committees working together at District Conferences. It worked well at the D9800 and D9810 events.

Preparation for the New Rotary Year is a grey area. Covid19 is still a challenge and some Districts may not be running traditional Assembly Meetings, where there was a significant amount of time to meet with people who were not familiar with DIK and acquaint them with support that we can provide.

If this proves to be the case, I would like your thoughts on offering to running three DIK Zoom Meetings that members from the four Districts could attend. Covering the four Districts increases the chances of clubs working together, especially if we can get them to indicate the countries they would like to support.

- June For next year's International leaders, particularly the new ones. Background on DIK, how we can help Clubs with their projects, the procedure and how to find information.
- July / August For the Club who have a project in mind and who would like some guidance and support. It would be a workshop on how we can help them.
- August / September For clubs looking for a project. We would promote the projects above that are looking for partners and things like multi-club containers.

I can provide the content, but I need help to make the presentation more professional and to organize and run the Zoom Meetings.

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