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The Home of Residential Recycling

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RIMERN NEWS

Welcome to our first RIMERN newsletter, it's taken us 18 months but it's been a very busy time since June 2021 when we opened our doors and we're so grateful for your support, whether by donating great furniture, appliances or homewares for us to rehome to our clients needing support, by volunteering with us at the warehouse or remotely or for your vital cash donations.

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network is grateful for the mentorship of our partners at Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN - Mitcham) and Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN - Ravenhall) in helping us get started, and to the fifteen Melbourne Rotary Clubs who have joined this exciting and impactful community service project.

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Every member Club provides cash for rent & overheads, volunteers to do the vital work, share ideas and skills to help us continually improve and most of all, supply loads of fun & friendship that makes getting together to help out so enjoyable.

Thanks to our new Editor, Balwyn Rotarian Cath Stahel for getting our News to you!

Happy New Year & please continue supporting RIMERN through 2023!

Best wishes,
SUSIE COLE
(RIMERN Chair / Rotary Prahran).

WAREHOUSE NEWS... It's the Month for MORE!

We couldn't have afforded to take on a big warehouse like 32-34 Lincoln Street, East Brunswick without the wonderful sub-tenancy of Canard Solutions who have also delivered all our client orders, donated lots of furniture & homewares and were there when we weren't. Thanks David, Sue, Josh & the team, you've helped so much!

This month (January 2023) Canard Solutions are moving out and we're expanding! More space for more donated goods, more choice for our clients and more order capacity as more agencies join up and the need for material support grows.

Thanks to Warehouse Manager Ros McMaster and husband Ian (one of our Test & Tag team) the additional space is being planned to perfection and next time you visit the warehouse you'll see some exciting improvements!



We even saw Ros & Ian at Bunnings Hawthorn before Christmas, with Mrs. Claus no less, fundraising for RIMERN & selling the gorgeous wooden toys made by Ian!



Our VOLUNTEERS in Action

Over the last few months we've welcomed more warehouse volunteers from Darebin Hard Rubbish Heroes (Sarah, Ronnie & Gill) plus founders Jo & Jackie, as well as S.A. export Sandi (who entertained us all at our Christmas party!) and all the great Rotarians who come on regular Club working bee days.



Volunteering with the DG!



Our dynamic District Governor **Amanda Wendt** led the volunteers on Saturday 3rd December, adding another meaningful and convenient project to the hands on volunteering that Rotarians and supporters can get involved in. ! We hope to see you all back again regularly!

Also in the warehouse were the team from SEEK on their Corporate Volunteering Day, thanks Jo Ma for organising them, we hope they'll all be back and the young & industrious Rotaract E-Club of Melbourne team (pictured below with Sandi, Ronnie & Gill) who made a real difference too!



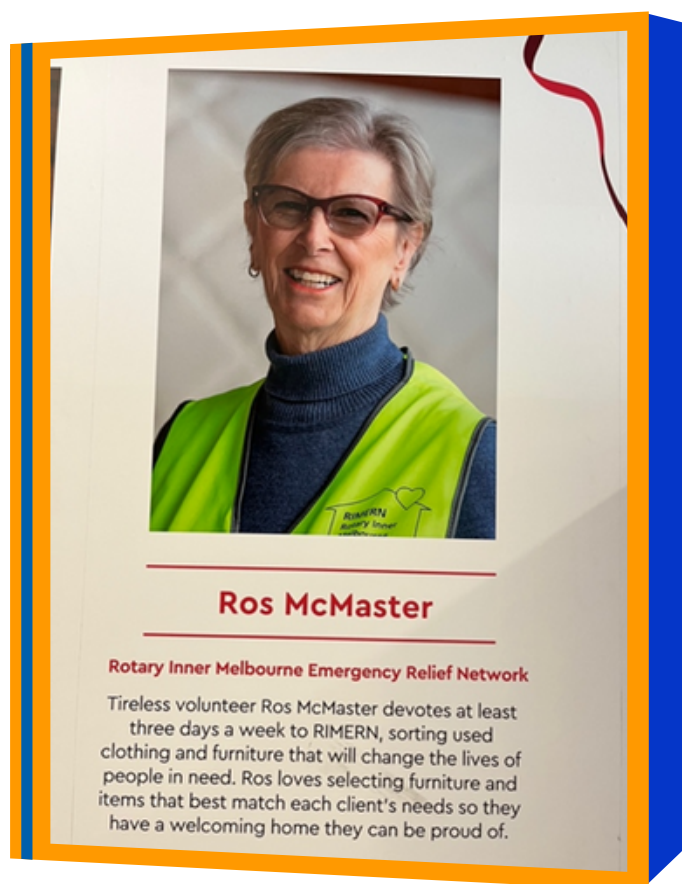
The collections crew—captained by Albert Park Rotarian & Treasurer David Gorman—of stalwarts Phil & David (Rotary Camberwell), Keith (Rotary Carlton), Frank (Rotary Chadstone East Malvern), Nadia (Rotary Preston) & Chelsea (not a Rotarian yet... maybe one day?) have been hard at work and our warehouse is always pretty full,

plus since September we've owned our own VAN, making donation collection so much more flexible!



Our heartfelt thanks to our member Club, the wonderful Rotary Balwyn, for their Centenary of Rotary in Australia Grant of \$25,000 and Westfield Airport West for the Local Heroes Award of \$20,000 to our super volunteer Ros McMaster plus the wine fundraising sales you helped with....We could afford a second hand Budget truck! Next the sign writing, stand by!

(PS If you're visiting the Westfield Airport West shopping centre you'll spot Ros in her RIMERN vest on the wall near Woolworths!)



HOMEMAKER NEWS.... How are we doing with orders?

We currently have 22 active member welfare agencies ordering for their clients who have been experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, refugee displacement, release from jail, loss of essentials due to flood or other crises.... and our output is pretty impressive!

In our first 6 months of operations we supplied 53 full house lots of furniture, appliances and homewares,

in the second 6 months— 74 house lots and the second 6 months of 2022 the number had jumped to 99!

We use the same highly discounted rate as WERN to estimate the value of the larger second hand goods supplied, and so far in our first 18 months of operations we've supplied over \$320,000 worth of goods and kept around 12,000 items out of landfill!



We're fundraising to offer \$50 vouchers for homewares to the clients who send us pictures of their newly set up homes and let us share them (anonymously of course) with you. These vouchers can buy small electrical appliances, décor touches or essentials to enhance homemaking for people who've been doing it so tough. Cheers! If you're thinking about restocking your cellar please order the new release of fundraising wine supporting RIMERN.

Choose one or mix it up:

- South Australian 2021 Sauvignon Blanc
- Clare Valley 2020 Riesling
- Victorian 2021 Reserve Sangiovese Rosé
- Yarra Valley 2018 Chardonnay
- Yarra Valley 2019 Pinot Noir
- Heathcote 2020 Shiraz

Click [HERE](#) to order.

You can order a minimum of 6 bottles. Orders are delivered to your home within days & orders of a dozen or more have bonus inclusions!

We don't get as much client feedback as we'd like, but one of our clients shared these pics and a worker told us he loved everything! Great work team!



Hi Team,

Just wanted to say a massive thankyou from myself and Peter who received his items this afternoon. He reported to me that he "loves everything". He's very appreciative for the support.

Kind Regards,

Lauren K-Crawford (She/her)

WHAT'S COMING UP?

We reopen the warehouse for volunteering and support orders on 17th January and then it will be all hands on deck as before, working with Case Managers from Launch Housing, Wombat Housing Support, Melbourne City Mission, VACCA, Jesuit Social Services, Good Shepherd, CoHealth, MiCare, Neami National and others.



We have a NEW Order Form from January 2023 (Version 2.0) which will be sent to all Accredited Case Managers next week, please ONLY use this version!

New Welfare Agency members are always welcome to apply and our online Case Manager Inductions, an essential training before anyone can order for their clients, has resumed via zoom, please contact support@rimern.org.au for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need more volunteers, if you can help on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, please tap [HERE](#) to visit our website to register your interest.

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Goods collections are back...

To donate goods please check our [WEBSITE](#) or the 'About' section of our [FACEBOOK](#) page to see what we do & don't take (& why!) then send pictures of the larger items, along with the collection address & your contact details to:

donatedgoods@rimern.org.au and one of the team will be in touch!

Hampers continue...

Before Christmas the team packed 60 food hampers to add to our clients' orders and give their pantry a helping hand for the holidays!

Thanks to everyone who donated baskets, non perishable groceries and extras, each hamper was RRP \$45-50 and the clients loved them!

We have more to distribute so the first 30 orders for 2023 will also score a pantry starter, another way the RIMERN team are helping to make an empty four walls into a home!



GoFundMe

RIMERN is expanding into the WHOLE warehouse soon, so we're aiming to buy our sub tenant, Canard Solutions', walkie stacker and pallet racking at 'mates rates' but we need help!

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Could you please chip in a little to our [GoFundMe](#) campaign and please share among your networks so we can afford this equipment and have a place to store even more fantastic donations of furniture, appliances and homewares for our clients in need? Thank you in advance, your support keeps RIMERN going!



Thanks

To Our Donors & Supporters

- Bunnings Brunswick
- Bunnings Hawthorn
- Good 360
- Canard Solutions
- Park Avenue Accommodation Group
- Moran Property Styling
- Quest Flemington Central
- Koala Mattresses
- Blue Cross Aged Care
- Tourism Holdings
- Melbourne Orthopaedic Group
- Pack Up Your Troubles
- Create Expectations
- Smoke And Mirrors
- Getc
- Givit
- Rotarian Michael Morrison
- Rotary Pascoe Vale For Pallet Racking
- Darebin Hard Rubbish
- Heroes For Our Industrial Washer/Dryer
- Ibrahim Hussein & Brite Disability Support

What we do



PROVIDING HOMEWARES TO HOMEMAKERS WHO NEED A HAND

RIMERN is a multi-club Rotary project operating in Inner Melbourne, providing furniture, appliances & homewares to welfare agency clients who have experienced homelessness, domestic violence, incarceration, refugee displacement and other crises.

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RIMERN respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work – the Boon Wurrung and Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) Peoples of the Kulin Nation; and we pay respect to their Spirits, Ancestors, Elders and their Community Members past and present.