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On Saturday 20th February, 2016 a devastating category 5 Tropical Cyclone called Winston struck Fiji causing widespread damage on the northern section of Viti Levu from Lautoka in the West up to Raki Raki on the North Coast as well as many of the smaller islands. Fiji is one of our many Pacific Island Nation neighbours who look to Australia for help in time of needs. Two years on and the work of rebuilding continues proudly supported by Donations in Kind.

**"Over 19,000 people to benefit from new Ba Hospital"** (was the headline in 'Fiji Village' on Saturday October 5 2013)



## A Project of Persistence.

DIK assisted the Rotary Club of Archerfield with hospital equipment for the Ba Mission Hospital in Ba, Fiji.

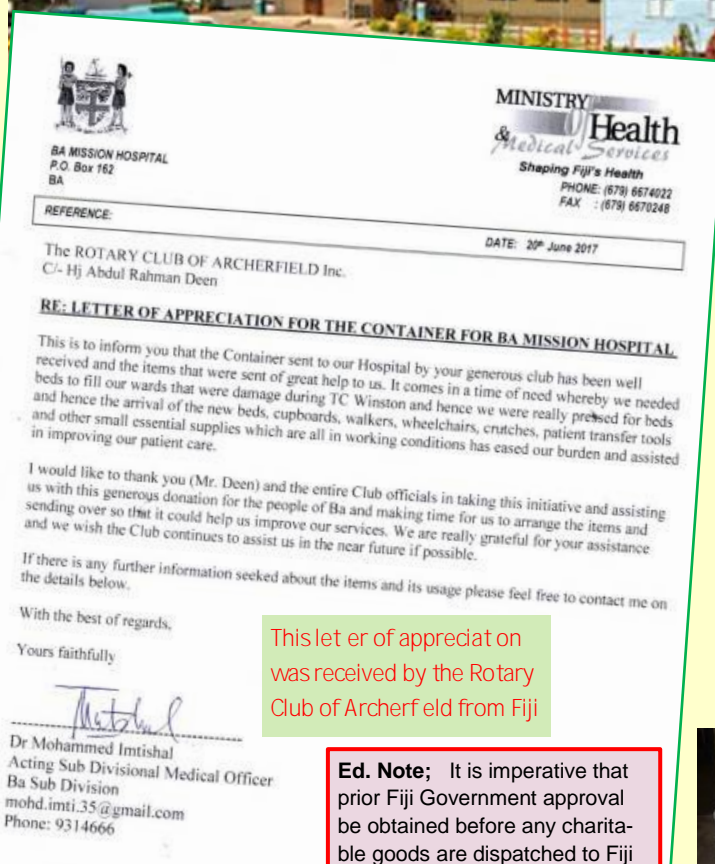
Goods were loaded, and then they went to the Fiji Government for duty free approval which eventually took two years before it was granted. During this delay Tropical Cyclone 'Winston' went through the Fiji Islands in October 2016. DIK applied to the RAWCS Fund for a grant to assist in the freight for this container and we were advised that the cyclone didn't go through Ba. We checked this out and found that it did and advised RAWCS funding panel.

DIK was advised that the Ba Hospital was destroyed by the cyclone. This information was checked and found that only the foundations for the new hospital had been destroyed and the old hospital was still intact.

We went back again but were advised all funds had been allocated.

The good news is that we paired some funds from the Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley to Archerfield Club's funds and off went the much needed container of hospital supplies.

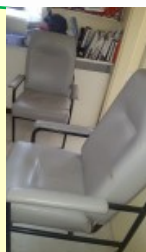
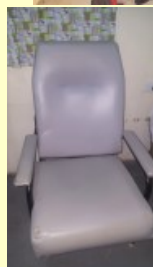
The moral is, our priorities may not be the same and we may not be perfect but we do our best in a voluntary organisation and persistence pays off.



This letter of appreciation was received by the Rotary Club of Archerfield from Fiji

**Ed. Note;** It is imperative that prior Fiji Government approval be obtained before any charitable goods are dispatched to Fiji

Below are some of the goods received from DIK by Ba Hospital, Fiji



(Pictures supplied by Ba Hospital)



**From July 2016 to 2017 DIK shipped; 18 x 20' and 18 x 40' containers, ie the equivalent of 54 x 20' containers or more than an average of 1 x 20' container per week. That's over 1700 cubic meters of recycled humanitarian supplies. The value of the educational and medical equipment we estimate at A\$3.24 million.**

Since then we have shipped 3 more 40' containers and have another 3 x 40' containers loaded with medical equipment awaiting approvals / funding. for **Gerehu General Hospital** near Port Moresby, PNG where they treat some 300,000 patients annually and these supplies are urgently required.

**If you can assist with funding to send these waiting containers to PNG please send your cheque to;**  
Col Laurenson, Rotary - DIK, P.O.Box 746, Runaway Bay, Qld 4216

**DIK are making a difference in PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Timor, India, Liberia, South Africa.**



Container loading day Saturday 5th August was very busy with up to six containers open and goods being loaded and moved between them. Our thanks go to members of the Rotary Clubs of: Fort tude Valley, Brisbane, Brisbane High Rise, Forest lake, Ipswich North, Tweedheads South, South Brisbane and Stoddart's, satellite club of Brisbane Centenary who, along with our regular team and others who 'dropped in' to lend a hand, supported DIK on 5th September. Together, we do make a difference.



The fork truck driver is Bill, husband of a Sumner Park Rotarian, and he jumped aboard to assist the regular drivers when the pressure was on.

"Thanks Bill"



Royce & George welcome Shirley to the Thursday Team



More Hospital linen from our friends in Lismore

**Col's Corner,** One of the many items we collect are spectacles which are no longer needed. These are donated by Rotarians, often from their local optometrist and delivered to the DIK Store at Durack, here they are collated and then delivered to the Lions Club at Redcliffe who grade them and pack them for us. They are then returned to us at DIK and shipped to various Pacific Island Nations.



Spectacles sorted, graded and packed by Lion's Redcliffe for recycling by DIK

So if you have spare spectacles remember they still have a life in them and can make a difference to someone else's vision & life.

Recycle through Donations in Kind, supporting Rotary International and "Make a Difference"

From time to time we are asked, "Who makes up the Club loading roster?" Rosters are arranged by Peter Collins who can be contacted on tele. no.; 07 3374 1024 or 0412 721 075

