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LATEST NEWS

Donations in Kind Northern Region was represented by DG Jitendra Prasad of District 9630, P Abdul Azam of the Rotary Club of Brisbane International and John Paskin at a meeting with Anthony Wilson, the Manager Logistics & Business Support Infrastructure and Clinical Support of the Mater Hospital. The Mater Hospital in about to start to replace approximately 290 beds over the next couple of months and Rotary was invited to present their need and plans for receiving some of these hospital beds. Anthony was impressed with the work of Rotary Australia World Community Service and Donations in Kind and Donations in Kind expects to be offered a large percentage of these beds. It is our understanding that mattresses will be available for all beds. The first batch of 32 Hospital beds will be available for collection this coming week.

To be able to continue receiving donations such as this offer and forwarding them onto areas of need, we are in urgent need of funds (see our plea for funds on the next page of this Newsletter)



There continues to be a great deal of activity on site, particularly on the roster days when volunteers from Rotary Clubs were in attendance to assist with the packing of containers.

Containers that have recently been consigned and have been delivered to the final destination include the 20' container for Manus Island and the 40' container for Dili in Timor Leste. The container for Manus Island was a project of Wantaim PNG, a community group on Manus, supported by Lynne Shori, a Rotarian of the Rotary Club Manly in Sydney. The 40' container for Dili is a project of Bren Milson and his crew from Rotary District 9640. Bren will be leading a team of volunteers to Dili later this month to unpack the container and to deliver and install the donated equipment and materials sent in this container.

Volunteers in attendance on the last roster day early in May made good progress on the packing of the following containers:

- 1. A 20' container packed with educational equipment bound for the Mary Queen of Peace School in the Diocese of Lae. This is a project of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and the container will be consigned this month.*
- 2. Another 20' container of educational equipment has been packed for the Rotary Club of Lae-Huon Gulf. The Club is paying the sea-freight on this container and it will also be consigned this month.*
- 3. A 40' container of donations is being packed for Rabaul by the East New Britain Queensland Community. This container will also be consigned this month. A group of 40 members of this Community Group is planning to travel to Rabaul in July to unpack this container and distribute all of the donations.*



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Management and Governance

In accordance with the policies of Rotary Australia World Community Service and for the future viability of Donations in Kind Northern Region, it is imperative that we establish a committee structure for the management of Donations in Kind. There are certain tasks and responsibilities that have to be addressed to ensure the success of Donations in Kind and we are seeking volunteers who are prepared to serve on the committee and accept responsibility for some of these tasks. Anyone interested in assisting should contact either PDG George Grant or PP John Paskin.

Still seeking volunteers prepared to serve on this committee.

Thursday Volunteers

There is a need for fresh and younger volunteers to attend Donations in Kind on Thursday mornings to assist with general warehouse duties and the sorting and packing of donations ready for dispatch to the areas of need in the developing countries. No need to contact anyone, just turn up at 23 Mary Street, Kingston between 8.00am and 12 noon and you will be made very welcome. **The welcome mat is still out for more Thursday morning volunteers.**

Funding

As always, Donations in Kind Northern Region is in desperate need of funds to cover the operational cost of running the store and the cost associated with the shipping of the containers of donations to the areas of need.

Please give favourable consideration to Donations in Kind when dispersing the Club's funds at the end of this Rotary year. Donations can be made online through the following link:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=789&ReturnTo=4>

RAWCS NEWSFLASH!!

The collaboration between Mack Trucks Australia, Jimmy Barnes—Official and Rotary Australia World Community Service has resulted in the creation of a “one of a kind” Mack Truck. This Mack Super-Liner called the “Working Class Mack” is presently on display and will be auctioned off to the highest bidder with the proceeds going to Rotary Australia World Community Service to be distributed to families in the drought stricken areas of New South Wales and Queensland. The truck is being auctioned by Pickles Auctions Australia and bids will be accepted ONLINE.



LATE LATE NEWS!!

The following email was received from Bill McFadzen, President of the Rotary Club of Redland Sunrise:

“I went to the now closed down aged care facility yesterday and saw the beds. Waiting for the photos to be sent to me (my phone camera is not working). There are forty or so hospital style electric powered beds some with vinyl covered mattresses. There are lots of table benches with wheels for eating at the bed and also lots of cupboards.

There are some complete stainless steel benches from the Kitchen also lots of dining room tables and chairs.

All of this equipment is surplus as the owner intends to demolish the building to enable him to erect a much larger complex. We have some time to consider if we want these items or some of them, he is not in any rush at the moment.”

This offer will be considered and if we are able to secure a home for the beds and other suitable equipment, we will accept the offer and investigate the possibility of loading a container on site rather than double handling the donations.

AGAIN, ACCEPTING THIS OFFER WILL DEPEND ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

THANKS BUT NO THANKS!!

At the moment, Donations in Kind has a large number of “Air Chairs” and “Dialysis Chairs” in the store. These chairs are not in huge demand by the developing nations that we deal with and due to the size of these chairs, it is arguable as to whether the cost of sending them outweighs the value of the item.

Unless there is a specific destination in mind, please give consideration as to whether there is a need for these chairs when receiving an offer



MEMORIES!!

As a lead up to the celebration of our 1,000th container to be consigned through RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region which be happening sometime in the near future, we will be including a series of photographs in this edition and the next couple of editions which highlights the history and achievements of Donations in Kind in Northern Region over the years.

The first series of photographs covers the period when Donations in Kind was operating out of the old Tennyson Power Station



*Volunteers at work sorting and packing
PDG Ian Wilson was a major driving
force behind the formation of Donations
in Kind Northern Region*



*At this time we were all learning the art
of packing a container*



*Volunteers were given very short
notice of the need for help when
receiving donations*



*Donations in Kind started the Computer
4 Kids program with the donation of
computers from Westpac
Rotary Club of Nundah continued with
this program*



*Before the introduction of the roster,
Volunteers were sourced from Clubs
that showed an interest in the
program*



*Celebration of the 100th container
sent by Donations in Kind Northern
Region in February 1998*



*Barbecue lunch provided by the
Rotary Club of South Brisbane on the
day of celebrating the 100th
container*