

Calling all clubs!

Donations in Kind is an amazing resource for clubs to support international and local projects. If your haven't visited, now is a great time. Every time I take overseas Rotarians to visit, they are just like kids in a lolly shop! Their eyes sparkle with ideas and opportunities. You can make dreams come true and supply your international educational/medical projects and containers easily with the fabulous stock available.

All goods are available free of charge to DiK Inc member clubs and at a charge to non member clubs. Your club could become a member today by contacting Bob Glindeman and paying just \$3500 pa. So join the 22 other clubs across Victoria who have jumped at the opportunity and **Imagine the possibilities!**

Welcome to our newest members: The Rotary Club of Castlemaine and the Rotary Club of Cranbourne represented by Jane Anderson and Paul Rice.

Donations in Kind/ DiK—What's it all about?

The Open Day held on 18th March was a great success with a large number of Rotarians and non Rotarians visiting to see the store. Several clubs brought along groups of Rotarians, many of whom had not visited the store previously. The store looked clean and tidy thanks to the team that did the clean up the previous weekend. We almost filled a 32m skip with goods no longer of use. One of these clean ups a couple of times each year is most worthwhile. It has also set the store up for what we know will be a number of visitor groups during the World Conference in May. All we have to do is keep it looking good until then!



Donations in Kind on film

Everyone knows that DiK at West Footscray is a treasure-trove of goods for schools and hospitals. Over 650 containers sent to many countries over the past 20+ years are testament to that. It also supplies all manner of mobility aids through many Occupational Therapy providers for their clients. Our reputation has now spread to the film industry and increasingly we are visited by props masters looking for items to dress their sets for movies, TV shows and advertisements.



Recently goods were taken for the TV series "Seven Bedrooms", a new show based on the book "Scrublands, a Furphy beer commercial and a new TV series, "The Flying Doctors".

These very poor photos show some of the 4 pallets of shrink wrapped material collected to be taken to Broken Hill in preparation for the filming.

The production companies are delighted to wander through the store selecting bits and pieces that will end up on film and are happy to pay us a hire fee for the goods they take. The bonus is they return what they select after the filming!

An interesting sidelight to the usual activity at the store!



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Rotary Australia World Community Service is proud and delighted to announce that Jessica Mauboy has agreed to be the Ambassador for RAWCS as of March 2023.

Jessica Mauboy dubbed the 'Aussie Queen of pop' is an incredible role model for young people all around Australia, particularly young Indigenous women. She has a strong voice nationally and internationally and has always been an advocate for women's rights. Over the years, she has worked closely with remote Indigenous communities mentoring, educating and inspiring young kids.



"As the Ambassador for RAWCS I am honoured to support the humanitarian aid that Australian Rotarians are delivering in Australia and Overseas for those that are in need, especially in the areas of indigenous issues and finishing the fight against Malaria".
Jessica Mauboy.

Timor Leste

Brother Adriano from the Salesian Brothers in Timor Leste visited Donations in Kind earlier this year. He was here to, among other things, arrange another shipment of school desks and chairs for some of the 64 schools his order operates at many remote villages across Timor Leste. Those schools are attended by 24,000 children from prep right up to technical college. We were able to show him some of the wonderful new children's underwear, track pants and shorts we had received from Bonds.

His eyes lit up when he saw the goods and told us about the challenges his many families face as they are so poor they can't afford undies. They wear shorts "commando style". Rotarians from Brighton North, Fitzroy and Malvern have removed the packaging from 11 pallets of beautiful clothing for this purpose.

So in addition to the desks and chairs, the container will have a big supply of new clothes to help many of these families.



Ukraine

DIK has again been the focal point for more aid to Ukraine. These photos show the last loading of 17 pallets of warm clothing, shoes, medical supplies and "For a Meal" packs ready for transport to Amberley Air Force base in Queensland before being flown to Europe. The pallets have been assembled at the DIK store over the past month.



Andy loading pallets of For-a-Meal with the forklift.



For-a-Meal

International education projects:

Projects to Tanzania, Kiribati, Tonga, East Timor and Samoa have the education aisle really busy at present filling wish lists. Thankfully, there have been donations that are generous, spectacular, and so the aisle is able to fit for purpose.

MacRobertson Girls' High School students donated their unneeded end of year stationery: this is one treasure trove of enviro bags full of lined A4 books, colouring pencils and various stationery items.



Rotary Lilydale has been the conduit for schools in the area to collect stationery and library books. Thank you Therese for co-ordinating this effort and Des for making the long haul deliveries.

Des delivering "big books" and Sr Hermione of the Resurrection Sisters joyously ready to pack them for schools in Tanzania



Ian at Rotary Brighton North visits local schools and shops with a targeted wish lists of lower primary books. He regularly delivers to the education aisle boxes of beautiful books as well as stationery



Jo has a catch cry "helping children colour their world". She collects pencils, and other stationery, sorts and delivers it, all with great generosity of spirit, not knowing where it will go to, but knowing that we will be the conduit.

Pam is very pleased to receive these donations for Cambodia.

Rotary Preston's PDG Geoff makes it his business to deliver car loads of lower primary books.

Lower primary are the first infant reading books most requested in the educational aisle. At this moment we are being asked to provide school materials and books for children learning English in Tonga, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tanzania, Kiribati and East Timor. 10 years ago, not long after I started volunteering in the aisle we were donated about 10 of these "giant" beautiful big books which Des and Rotary Lilydale have recently supplied. They were immediately snapped up by an educational project. Never have we been donated any since. Often I have been asked for them. Recently, Isabel from RC Richmond requested a couple for Nepal and it was sad to reflect that for 10 years we had not had any in stock.

The Rotary Clubs of Wyndham, Narre Warren and Footscray have purchased stationery from Club funds and this wholesale input into provisioning sustains resources for some long time.

Would you and your community join in these strategies to provide stationery and primary fiction and books to children who live in disadvantaged parts of our world, either in Australia or further afield? If we are provided the goods they are sorted and donated without discrimination.

<https://rotarydik.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/DIK-Rotary-Club-Stationery-Appeal.pdf>

PDG Bronwyn Stephens — Pam Baker, Rosemary Rogan and Barry Douglas {the education team extraordinaire}
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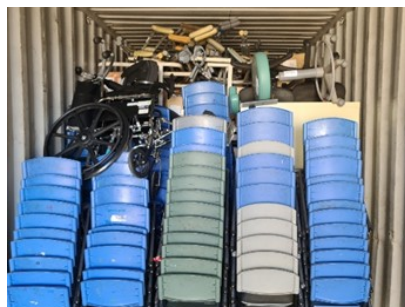
Rotary Club of Ballarat West Tonga RAWCS Project 144/2005-06

Dr David Goldsmith from the Rotary Club of Ballarat West has long been a supporter of Tonga and implementing dental health and medical programs.

He has a strong team of dedicated volunteers who assist with locating, collecting, packing and transporting goods to Donations in Kind. Then, together with the fantastic team there, the container is packed full of much needed goods.

Some of the items in this shipment include dental equipment for the Tonga High School project, orthodontics from Dr. Deborah Sykes, Crated Compressors, Suction, ultrasonics, equipment for a new THS dental clinic plus 4 dental chairs.

Also supplied. a motorised wheelchair for a handicapped teacher at Apifo'ou school, crutches, hospital beds, hospital furniture for school sick bays and hospital..



Then, 6 pallets of new lower junior school books for 100 Tongan schools and teaching aids.
Ambulance Victoria donated 6 pallets of medical supplies.

The container was finally packed at DiK on 18 April. It is anticipated to arrive in Tonga on 27th May.



It takes a team!

Just some of the many people involved in collecting, transporting and packing goods to provide such riches to the people of Tonga.

RAWCS

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2nd Annual World Environment Day Lunch **The Environment and the Circular Economy**

Celebrate & Experience a Sustainable Lunch

Wednesday 17 May 2023, 12:00 – 14:00

Sofitel on Collins, 25 Collins Street Melbourne



Our Speaker Panel so far.....



Adam D'Sylva

Co-owner and head chef founder of Coda and Tonka; Culinary Director Lollo @ W Melbourne, and Director Boca Gelato. Designer of the event's low carbon footprint luncheon menu from sustainable sources.



Professor Usha Iyer-Raniga

Usha is a widely acclaimed expert on Sustainability, and the Circular Economy, Professor at the School of Property, Construction & Project Management at RMIT University and co-leader of the Sustainable Buildings & Construction Programme for the UN's One Planet Network.



Sally Capp

Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne. A champion of multiple sustainability initiatives to ensure Melbourne remains one of Australia's most sustainable cities.



Bob Glindemann, OAM

Volunteer leader at Donations in Kind which recycles equipment and supplies to send to 33 countries around the world. Past President of Rotary Melbourne.



Jill Riseley (Moderator)

Deloitte Partner in Sustainability, Climate and the Circular Economy. With a Masters degree in Sustainability Leadership at the University of Cambridge and over 20 years experience with some of Australia's largest brands, Jill's work is widely recognised.



Rueben Berg

A proud Gunditjmara man from Melbourne, and a Member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria, who uses his skills, enthusiasm and passion in sharing his Aboriginal culture and heritage.



[BOOK HERE](#)

RICON23 Environment and Sustainability Action Group events:

This ESRAG Environmental Actions Summit on Thursday, 25 May will be held in the historic Melbourne Town Hall, and will feature leading environmental keynote speakers and showcase a number of outstanding Rotary environmental projects. After this inspiring introduction, delegates will work in breakout groups to develop practical ideas for Rotary club and district environmental projects. These ideas for projects will then be collated and produced into environmental action guides and made available to Rotary clubs and districts worldwide. [BOOK HERE](#)

Environmental tours have been organised for Wednesday, Thursday morning and Friday.

- **The Green Line** - The City of Melbourne vision is to create a Green Line along the northern side of the Yarra River through the CBD. The Rotary Club of Melbourne and Rotarians for Bees are involved. Whilst this project is early in the planning stages, the visit will provide an overview of the proposal and its environmental aspirations: to improve river health, create a connected ecological river corridor, environmental education, increase tree canopy and mitigate impacts of flooding and sea level rise. This walking tour of the Docklands area is planned for Wednesday afternoon and again on Thursday morning from MCEC. On the tour we will visit wetland trials recently constructed. Cost USD10.
- **Visit Donations in Kind:** Rotary West Footscray - This Rotary volunteer recycling facility, collects and redistributes goods, principally donated by companies, hospitals and schools. The goods are destined for developing countries and to disadvantaged individuals in the local community and are distributed through Rotary clubs and the wider NGO network. Visit the warehouse and see the vast range of goods prevented from going to landfill, but finding a very needy home and discuss how this project is managed. The tour will take place on Thursday 25th May. Morning tea / coffee provided. Return in time for the ESRAG Action Summit. USD25 to cover bus hire.
- **Go to an Australian Bush setting and off-the grid living:** The visit will include morning tea at a sustainable, off grid home and if we are lucky see mobs of kangaroos at Daylesford / Hepburn Springs area. Lunch with discussions about Hepburn Energy, the first community owned windfarm, and also a visit to charming towns. This tour is planned for Friday 26th. Limited numbers. Cost set at USD 50 mainly to cover the bus. Lunch and other purchases at own cost.
- **Visit a bat colony in Melbourne:** There is a large Grey Headed Flying Fox colony living on the banks of the Yarra. These native megabats have their camp in Yarra Bend Park with colony numbers rising to around 35,000 in summer. Leaving mid-afternoon on Friday, 26 May, travel by bus to nearby Fairfield and use the walking path on the bank of the Yarra to the colony. Aim to arrive just prior to sunset when thousands of bats stream into the sky. Return by bus to the city. Cost to cover bus hire USD10.
- **Visit the Botanic Gardens:** The Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria is a leading plant science organisation specialising in biodiversity and conservation research, taxonomy, and identification services for plants and fungi. Join a small group on Friday morning, 26 May, to walk around the gardens and learn about their research activities. Cost USD10. [REGISTER FOR THESE TOURS HERE](#)

Environment Action Summit
Harnessing the Power of Rotary
Pre-RICON

25 May 2023, Thursday
12.00 - 17.00
Melbourne Central
US \$60 Rotarians
\$30 Rotaractors
Lunch included
10% discount for ESRAG members

Leading environmental speakers, actions planning workshops
Come and develop Rotary Club and District Environment Action Guides