

## Playground Harvest Levy

### **Project Description:**

Playgrounds are removed by councils and school for many different reasons and are consigned to Landfill. The RORP Project run by Rotary offers an alternative that is a win-win-win.

For a small charge a RORP Team from a local Rotary Club will be mobilised to work with your team and the contractor you engage to potentially assist with the removal and transport the playground from the site. The dismantled playground, along with all of its details including plans drawn by RORP, will then be shipped to a developing country where it will be reinstalled by a local Rotary Club for use by needy children.

All legal issues have been addressed with an Indemnity Form, approved by the Municipal Association of Victoria and Play Australia and provided by the Rotary Club of Flemington-Kensington.

### **Benefits to the Donor:**

Cost effective and an effective Public Relations and Environment and Sustainability exercise. We recommend that this cost be factored into the tender in place of the normal disposal allowance.

### **Benefits to Rotary:**

An opportunity for the local community to see their local Rotary Club engaged in recycling and benefiting less fortunate children with a playground at no cost.

### **Benefit to the community receiving the playground:**

As Past District Governor Senake Amerasinghe, the RORP Coordinator for the re-installing of the playgrounds in Sri Lanka, says:

*(The) Joy in the faces of the children cannot be expressed as they have never seen equipment of this nature.*



### **RORP Management:**

The RORP Management is composed of volunteers from all five Rotary Districts in Victoria. It is ultimately the responsibility of the Rotary Club of Flemington-Kensington. The project is not for profit and self-funding.

Whilst there are some minor costs borne by the local Rotary Club undertaking the harvest (tools, fuel, etc), the major costs are:

- Leasing and shipping of the container
- Spares/repairs
- Online hosting of software that contains all playground information and is available to the overseas Rotary Club undertaking the re-installation.

Warehousing at Donations in Kind and the availability of the DIK truck are provided without charge as Rotary Flemington Kensington is a financial supporter of DIK. All costs of customs, transport and re-installation are born by the Rotary Club receiving the goods, or as in the situation in Sri Lanka, through negotiations with Customs.

### **Playground Levy**

To achieve economic viability, harvested playgrounds are packed into a 40 foot shipping container. The cost of shipping this container varies widely on the destination, Sri Lanka is a little under \$4K and to Timor Leste or Nepal it is \$9-\$11K.

The number of playgrounds that fit into a container depends on the size of the playgrounds. We try to get 8-10 playgrounds into a 40ft container. It should be noted that only playgrounds are shipped as that is the agreement with the customs at the receiving end. We would love to send other goods packed between the playgrounds but that is not possible under the agreement.

So, to cover costs, RORP will invoice\* the donor.

Smaller Playgrounds with less than 28 uprights (posts, ladders, firemen's poles, etc)  
\$600 plus GST

Larger Playgrounds with more than 28 uprights (posts, ladders, firemen's poles, etc)  
\$750 plus GST

Very large playgrounds with more than 40 uprights (posts, ladders, firemen's poles, etc) \$900 plus GST.

This playground from Centenary Ave, Kilmore, would be \$600 + GST.

