

# RORP Board Report

8 April 2024

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## Introduction

This report focusses on the activities of RORP.9810 incorporating D9800 and D9790, also known as RORP.Central.

There are two other RORPs in Victoria (RORP.9780 & RORP.9820). South Australia (RORP.SA) will cease harvest activities 30 June this year, due to lack of manpower. This report also tracks overall statistics of these RORPs - their stats are generally only updated when containers are shipped.

## Working Bees:

### Loading:

We loaded 2 loads to PNG on 9 and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

- The first was a 20' box bound to the Ok Tedi area, organised by DIK. Our crew of 15 loaded 4 playgrounds in around 2.5 hours. Two pallets of medical supplies were already in the box.
- The second was a 40' box bound for the Rabaul area, organised by Planetshakers church. A similar sized crew loaded the 12 playgrounds in around 4.5 hours.

## Yard cleanup:

Whilst a few showers are predicted, we plan on having a yard cleanup on Wednesday 10 April to make life easier and room for the 12 units coming in before end of May.

## We harvested since early February 2024:

| Name                          | Town              | Rotary Club            | Harvest Date |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Moore Park                    | Eildon            | Alexandra, Nunawading  | 19/02/2024   |
| Slater Reserve - Round Posts  | Blackburn North   | Nunawading             | 21/02/2024   |
| Slater Reserve - Square Posts | Blackburn North   | Nunawading             | 21/02/2024   |
| Elgar Park                    | Mont Albert North | Nunawading             | 18/03/2024   |
| LA Moon Reserve               | Essendon West     | Nunawading             | 20/03/2024   |
| Kate Campbell Reserve         | Kew               | Glenferrie, Nunawading | 4/04/2024    |

## The playgrounds below are scheduled for next 2 months.

| Name                                | Town          | Rotary Club         | Est'd Date |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| Larool Avenue Reserve               | Helena        | Nunawading??        | 23/04/2024 |
| Glendale Reserve Playground - large | Eltham North  | Ivanhoe             | 1/05/2024  |
| Glendale Reserve Playground - small | Eltham North  | Ivanhoe             | 1/05/2024  |
| The Parade Reserve                  | Northcote     | Nunawading, Preston | 1/05/2024  |
| Sydare Reserve                      | Malvern East  | Glenferrie          | 1/05/2024  |
| Malcolm Blair Reserve Playground    | Greensborough | Ivanhoe, Nunawading | 6/05/2024  |

| Name                             | Town             | Rotary Club         | Est'd Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Bolton Street                    | Eltham           | Ivanhoe, Nunawading | 9/05/2024  |
| Yulong Reserve                   | Bundoora         | Nunawading, Preston | 10/05/2024 |
| Mountain View Avenue Reserve     | Avondale Heights | Nunawading,??       | 13/05/2024 |
| Weidlich Road Reserve Playground | Eltham North     | Ivanhoe, Nunawading | 16/05/2024 |
| Hewison Reserve - 1              | St Kilda         | Nunawading,??       | 20/05/2024 |
| Hewison Reserve - 2              | St Kilda         | Nunawading,??       | 20/05/2024 |
| Trist Reserve                    | Watsonia North   | Nunawading          | ?          |

**Playgrounds currently in stock** and their proposed destinations are listed below.

| Name                                 | From Town         | Rotary Club(s)            | Destination | Box |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Partingtons Flat Reserve North       | Greensborough     | Ivanhoe<br>Lilydale &     | TBA<br>TBA  |     |
| Manchester Primary School            | Mooroolbark       | Nunawading                |             |     |
| Newport Lakes Primary School         | Newport           | Nunawading                | TBA         |     |
| St Peter Julian Emyard School - Blue | Mooroolbark       | Nunawading                | TBA         |     |
| Elgar Park                           | Mont Albert North | Nunawading<br>Alexandra,  | TBA<br>TBA  |     |
| Moore Park                           | Eildon            | Nunawading                |             |     |
| Slater Reserve - Round Posts         | Blackburn North   | Nunawading                | TBA         |     |
| LA Moon Reserve                      | Essendon West     | Nunawading<br>Glenferrie, | TBA         |     |
| Kate Campbell Reserve - Swings       | Kew               | Nunawading                |             |     |

We should be able to load for Sri Lanka in June or July.

Peter Cribb travelled to Sri Lanka in March and opened two re-installed playgrounds. See Appendix for photos etc.

I am also travelling to Sri Lanka in October. Hopefully, I will be able to open a re-installed playground too.

## Appendix: Re-Installations

Peter Cribb sent in the following report on his recent visit to Sri Lanka. I have edited it slightly.

*PDG Senake Amerasinghe arranged for me to officially open two playgrounds sent by Wayne Jenkin's crew at RC Mount Martha. All playgrounds sent to SL are brought in by RC Colombo.*

*The first school, Rohini PS, is a very small school of less than 50 students in an extremely remote area 70 km from Anuradhapura in the mid north of Sri Lanka. Until a few days before we arrived, access was only possible by 4-wheel drive vehicles. The playground was installed by the RC Anuradhapura.*

*I have become emotional before when viewing a video of the opening of a playground in SL, but being there my reaction was much greater. The area around the school is largely scrub that hides the very basic housing from where these children come. It is very poor and the playground is such a significant gift to the whole community.*

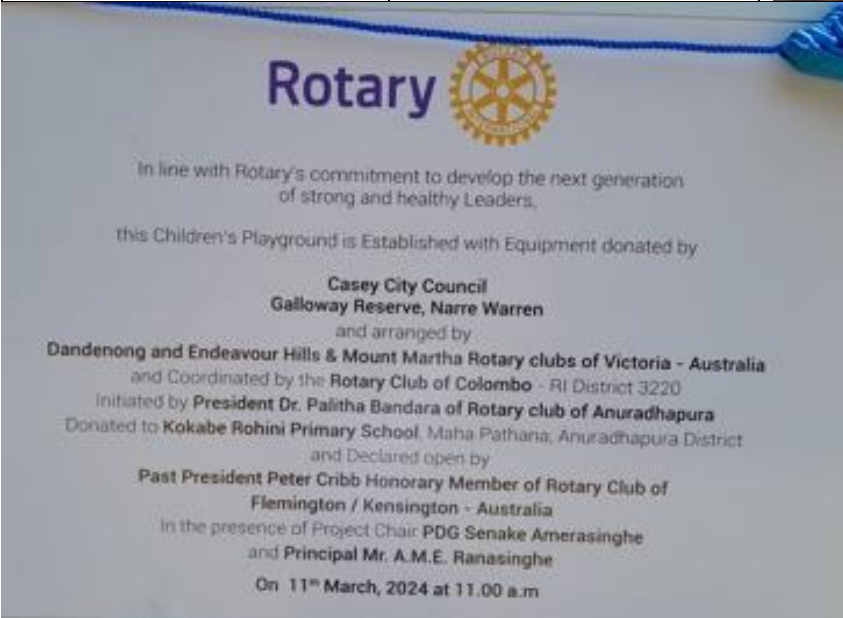
*The ceremony was attended by some parents as well as members of the RC Anuradhapura and followed by dancing by the children and then a basic afternoon tea. This playground was part of a very large playground harvested in Knox.*

*After leaving the school, we had lunch with the Rotary Club. They are a vibrant club of over thirty members with most in the age range of 40-60.*



*The second playground opened came from Drouin and was at Rajabima Vidyalaya School at Nikaweratiya which is in centre west SL. This is a P-12 school of 900 students with 400 in the Primary School. The siting of the playground was in a lovely, shaded area of the school yard. After the official opening there was a tsunami of children swarming onto the equipment and the shrieks of excitement were deafening! It was an extraordinary moment! I cried with joy. The significance of RORP to these communities cannot be fully appreciated from Australia.*

*The school had a sound-shell where the speeches and entertainment took place before adjourning to the school itself for morning tea with staff and members of the RC of Nikaweratiya. Again, it is an energetic club of about 35 members who have committed to install a second playground. This was followed by lunch with the Rotary Club.*



## Appendix: Destinations

The table below shows details of what RORP Victoria and South Australia have or intend to despatch, and where since the start of RORP around September 2018:

| Destinations | Main RORP               | Sent       | Ready to Go | Total      |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Bougainville | 9820                    | 9          |             | 9          |
| East Timor   | Original Central & 9810 | 6          |             | 6          |
| Fiji         | 9810                    | 25         |             | 25         |
| India        | 9810                    | 19         |             | 19         |
| Mongolia     | South Australia         | 6          |             | 6          |
| Nepal        | Original Central        | 10         |             | 10         |
| Philippines  | 9780                    | 5          | 11          | 16         |
| PNG          | 9780                    | 28         |             | 28         |
| South Africa | 9820                    | 13         |             | 13         |
| Sri Lanka    | Original Central & 9820 | 76         |             | 76         |
| Tanzania     | Original Central?       | 1          |             | 1          |
| TBA          | Victoria                |            | 14          | 14         |
| TBA          | South Australia         |            | 18          | 18         |
| <b>Total</b> |                         | <b>198</b> | <b>43</b>   | <b>231</b> |

## RORP.9810 Playgrounds

Since RC Nunawading (D9810) took over running RORP.Central (being 9800, 9810 & 9790) in April 2021, we have harvested and shipped or help ship the following. We also harvested a further five playgrounds which were later deemed unsuitable for re-use, either thru damage or parts stolen.

| Destinations | Despatched |           |           |           | Ready to Go | Total     |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|              | 2021       | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      |             |           |
| East Timor   | 2          | 1         |           |           |             | 3         |
| Fiji         |            | 25        |           |           |             | 25        |
| India        |            | 16        | 3         |           |             | 19        |
| Nepal        | 1          |           |           |           |             | 1         |
| PNG          |            |           |           | 16        |             | 16        |
| Sri Lanka    | 1          |           | 13        |           |             | 14        |
| TBA          |            |           |           |           | 9           | 9         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>42</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>9</b>    | <b>87</b> |

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