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DONATIONS IN KIND NORTHERN REGION FACTS & FIGURES

Facts and Figures as at 01/01/2020

Summary of Consignments

Total Number of Containers: 981

Estimated Value of Donations: \$57.5 million Total Cost of Freight: \$3.0 million

Summary of Common Donations Consigned

Hospital Beds	8,756	Mattresses	5,570	Patient Trolleys	442	Bedside Cabinets	1,422
Wheelchairs	3,897	Hospital Linen (bags)	17,533	Hospital Medical Supplies (cartons)	48,253		
		School Desks	32,741	Books (cartons)	91,177		

Consignments

To date, a total of equivalent to 14 x 20' containers have been sent to various destinations by Donations in Kind Northern Region during this 2019-20 Rotary year destinations included Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

- 1 x 20' to the Rotary Club of Gizo in the Solomon Islands – a project of the Rotary Club of Mooloolaba in District 9600
- 4 x 40' containers of hospital equipment to the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka – a project of Ajit Abeyewardene and the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations in Queensland.
- 1 X 20' container to the Kavieng General Hospital in PNG – a project of the Rotary Club of Brisbane in District 9600
- 1 x 20' container to Dili in Timor Leste – a project of Brendan Ryan, member of the Rotary Club of Toowoomba South, with support from Michael Reiken, owner of Excel Power in Toowoomba (see following Article).
- 1 x 40' container to the Rotary Club of Port Moresby – a project of Donations in Kind Northern Region
- 1 x 20' container for Kiunga in PNG – this is a project of the Rotary club of Cleveland

Future Planned Consignments

The following containers are in the planning stage and will happen over the next couple of months:

- 1 x 20' container for Mogulu in PNG – this container has been packed and is waiting on the finalisation of funding
- 1 x 40' container for Kimbe in PNG – this container is packed with educational equipment and waiting on the finalisation of funding
- 2 x 20' containers for Christmas Island in Kiribatti – this is a project of the Rotary Club of Goonelabah in District 9640 and volunteers from this Club packed these containers on a weekend in December
- 1 x 40' container for Fiji – this is a project of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield and the Satellite Club of Tenterfield—The Granite Belt in District 9640 (see following Article).
- 1 x 20' container for Fiji – this is a project of the Rotary Club of Archerfield in District 9630 and the Dean Brothers. We are waiting on instructions to proceed with the booking of this container.
- 1 x 40' container for Rabaul in PNG – this is a project of the East New Britain Queensland Association
- 1 x 40' container for Dili in Timor Leste – this is a project of Bren Milson of District 9640
- 1 x 40' container for Honiara
- 3 x 40' containers for Liberia

Container for Fiji—Project of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield and the Satellite Club of Tenterfield-The Granite Belt.

The Rotary Club of Tenterfield received a Rotary District Grant to cover costs involved with shipping this container to Fiji. The collection of items and the packing has been a combined effort of the Rotary Club of Tenterfield and driven by the Rotary Satellite Club of Tenterfield - The Granite Belt.

The majority of the items / goods in the container will be going to the Magodro Secondary School which is in a very remote location in the central highlands of Fiji on the main island of Viti Levu. 420 chairs and other items are destined for the Dreketi Central College on the island of Vanua Levu.

One of the unusual things regarding the packing of this container has been the assistance given by the 11 students and 3 teachers from the Magodro School, Fiji who were here in Stanthorpe for a two week Cultural Exchange with St. Joseph's School, Stanthorpe. They not only enjoyed assisting with the packing of the container but more importantly gained an appreciation of the time and effort that goes into the collection of items and subsequent packing. I'm sure when the contents finally arrive at their school they will proudly say - "I witnessed and assisted with the packing of the container!"



The expert book packers from the Satellite Club of Tenterfield - The Granite Belt



Students and teachers from the Magodro School taking a rest from packing - Angelo's vineyard in the background



Principal Alumita and Vice-Principal Isoa were excited and grateful to witness the contents in the container

Container for Timor Leste—Project of Brendan Ryan with support from Michael Reiken, owner of Excel Power.

The object of this project was to provide a reliable source of power to a health facility in a remote area of Timor Leste.

The facility is connected to mains power which is very unreliable. Under this project, two back up systems were supplied and installed giving the facility reliable electric power. The first back up system was solar power with a bank of batteries with the second back up being power provided by generators. With the failure of mains power, the system automatically switched to the solar system and if this system should fail, it then switched to the generators. The electrical materials and technology for the design and construction of these back up systems was provided by Michael Reiken of Excel Power in Toowoomba. Brendan and his wife Glenda are personally repaying Michael for the materials and his services.

Michael Reiken, Brendan and his wife together with a small crew were in Timor Leste to meet the container and supervise the transport of the container and contents and installation of the systems in the remote community. Michael also installed a system for the on-line monitoring of the systems after installation and return to Australia. Nearly every day there has been power outages with the power being off for 18 hours on one day. In this instance, the Solar power plus battery back up was sufficient without having to rely on the generator.

Brendan and Glenda also purchased the container and fitted it with shelving so that it could be used as a storage facility.

Congratulations to Brendan and Glenda for their initiative and commitment with this project—WELL DONE

WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS AVAILABLE THROUGH DIK

RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region has recently received nine pallets of water purification systems. These Water Purifiers were purchased by a business in Melbourne which has now closed. Through Wes Nichols, a member of a Rotary Club in District 9600, these purifiers were offered RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region. The purifiers have a retail value of around \$100K, but the businessman is a philanthropist (friend of Rotary) who was happy to donate them to Rotary. He has also paid the shipping costs from Melbourne to our DIK warehouse.

The approximate contents of these pallets are as follows:

1,126 EMERGENCY DESALINATOR SEA PACK (can also be used for freshwater)
76 HYDRO PACK EMERGENCY WATER FILTER
24 HYDROWELL
17 EXPEDITION HYDRATION SYSTEM
10 HYDROWELL + 1 RESUPPLY KIT
SELF-HYDRATING SEAWATER DESALINATION POUCH
10 DAY WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL DONATIONS IN KIND NORTHERN REGION AT dik.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com OR CONTACT JOHN PASKIN ON 0400 032 131

The donor has been advised that these water purifiers will be offered firstly to victims of the ongoing drought and the recent bushfires through Rotary projects that have been setup by the Districts and RAWCS. Any purifiers that are left over after all requests received from this offer have been fulfilled will be sent to areas of need off shore through Donations in Kind.

Expressions of interest in this offer should be forwarded to Donations in Kind Northern Region at dik.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com

PROPOSED WORKSHOP

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to

discuss strategies for the future direction of RAWCS Northern Region Donations in Kind

Times are changing.

Due to the decline in Membership being experience by most Rotary Clubs and the increased demand for the services being provided by Rotary Clubs, Rotary Clubs can no longer provide the same financial support and volunteer base that was provided up to a few years ago.

There is also increased requirements from external influences such as insurance requirements, Import and Export requirements both here and at the receiving end as well as meeting the requirements of the Australian Charities and not for Profit Commission.

RAWCS Donations in Kind Northern Region has to change to meet these challenges. Donations in Kind is a business and as such, we need to adopt "Best Practice Principles" in setting up a business model for the future viability of Donations in Kind Northern Region.

Rotarians and Friends of Rotary from all Districts within the Northern Region of RAWCS interested in the future of Donations in Kind is invited to attend a WORKSHOP to discuss the above issues

When: Saturday 15th February from 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Where: Donations in Kind Facility at 23-25 Mary Street, Kingston

Issues to be discussed at this Workshop shall include, but not limited to the following:

Management Structure/Succession
Future Permanent Home for Donations in Kind
Workplace, Health and Safety
Funding
Documentation for Control of Goods In and Goods Out
Insurance – Public Liability
Thursday Volunteers for Sorting, Packing and Store Maintenance
Volunteers on Rostered Days for Packing of Containers

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The storage facility at Kingston is overflowing and until such time as we can clear some of the stock, we ask that before accepting any offers of donations, please check with either PDG George Grant or John Paskin

BOOKS ARE EXEMPT AND WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANYTIME

We ask all donors to check the quality and appropriateness of the donation before sending it to Donations in Kind.

The General Rule is that IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO USE THE ITEM YOURSELF, DON'T SEND IT