



Donations in Kind

A New Dawn for **DONATIONS**

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“Somewhere to call ‘Home’ for DIK” *Col's Breaking News.*

We are delighted to inform you that **Donations In Kind** now has a new home. After many months of searching, the **State Housing & Public Works Dept** have offered us a facility located at Kingston. The property consists of a two-storey house and a 500m² shed on 4000m² of land near the Kingston railway station.

The lease was finally signed off last week by RAWCS and emailed to the SH&PWD When original docs received this week we can get the keys.

We have been fortunate that the State has also provided free storage of our equipment during this interim period.



“Thank you to all who encouraged and supported our quest for replacement premises.”

So, before you load up the ute and head for DIK with all those ‘goodies’ you have been accumulating while we have been in recess please wait until we have attended to some site alterations and recovered our equipment from where it is stored at Zillmere.

New premises mean new ideas and methods to maximise the benefits of our recovery.

First and foremost, all goods delivered to Donations in Kind must be in reasonable condition and repair, suitable for immediate redeployment to those we assist without requiring servicing or repair.

Regrettably, in the past we have received large quantities of unsuitable donations many either worn out or beyond repair and have incurred the added cost of having to handle and dispose of them.

Our home for the next three years will be 23 Mary Street Kingston Qld 4114

The composite picture below shows on the left, the two storey house beyond a kitchen/BBQ unit with awning. On the right is the Western end of the 500m² storage shed. These buildings are on 2,000m² and surrounded by hard stand. There is an additional 2,000m² of vacant land included in our lease West of these buildings. Volunteers car parking will be on this vacant lot provided it does not interfere with container storage and handling. **Col**





Donations in Kind, 23 Mary Street Kingston Logan City, is readily accessed via Kingston/Waterford Road from either the M1 Pacific Highway from the North or Logan Motorway for those coming from the South. **From Kingston Road** turn either left or right into **Clare Street** then take the first right into **Anthony Street** which terminates in front of **23 Mary Street**, "easy ha'!" Those approaching from the West may find Compton Road from Algester an ideal route from Beaudesert Rd to Kingston Road. *Editor*



An Appeal from DIK for your financial assistance

Apart from the cost of local transport to transfer our equipment from Zillmere storage to Kingston, we have many donated items to collect and urgently require your donations.

We already have orders from overseas to fulfil when we open again but do require money to cover the seafreight. ie.

- 1x 20 for Tonga hospital equipment for a cyclone devastated region,
- 1x20 for PNG educational items,
- 1x20 Timor educational items.

Plus on the local scene, funds required for a 1x20 to Alice Springs, blankets & miscellaneous items as part of the End Trachoma program. We appreciate your support.

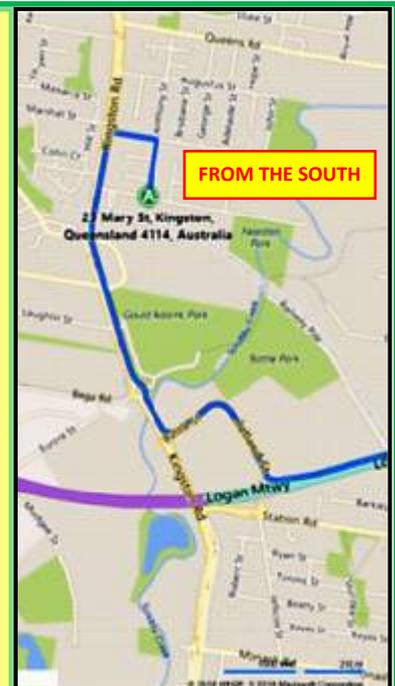
We remind all Rotarians that Donations in Kind is your service facilitator and is the reason for our existence. So that all the Rotary Clubs in Queensland and Northern Rivers of New South Wales can provide humanitarian aid to those in need locally, regionally and in the wider international communities

Your financial support is vital for this work to continue.

Please use the link below to Direct Deposit

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

Mail cheques to:- Rotary DIK, P.O. Box 746, Runaway Bay 4216 QLD



Can you help?

Situations Vacant

We will be needing extra volunteers to assist with the installation of pallet racking, work benches etc. A licenced builder is required to oversee this work and to ensure installation is compliant with Qld. Work Place Health & Safety standards.

Can you help, as an individual, or as a Club? If so please email:- dik.northern@rawcs.org.au.

The advertisement features a recycling logo with the letters 'D', 'K', and 'I' inside. To the right are three photographs: the first shows four forklifts with a red box labeled '4 x Forklifts & Loose Equipment'; the second shows three large red containers with a red box labeled '3 x 40' Containers'; the third shows two smaller blue containers with a red box labeled '2 x 20' Containers'. At the bottom, a black box contains the text: 'All our equipment at Zillmere has to be transported to Kingston and unloaded'.



Things that we do recycle at DIK

Schools: Desks, Chairs, small and large, Metal storage shelves, Office chairs, Sporting equipment, School uniforms

Hospitals: Beds, Trolleys, Medical equipment, Crutches, Medical supplies, Nurses uniforms, Hospital linen, Hospital towels, Gloves, Theatre gowns, Semi consumable

Nursing Homes: Wheelie walkers, Wheel chairs, Beds,

Dental Equipment

Books: Kids books, Primary, Secondary, Adults, General Library, Australiana, War books, Encyclopaedias, Medical books, University books, National and Australian Geographic magazines

Games and toys: Kits for kids (4 reams of paper, colouring pencils etc.), Kids toys (no soft toys), Games, Puzzles, Novelties

Teacher resources: Unused exercise books, Note books, Files and folders, Pens and pencils, Crayons, highlighters, chalk, Rubbers, sharpeners, staplers, hole punch, rulers, Glue sticks, Paper clips, Rubber bands, Musical instruments

Baby bundles, Birthing delivery kits, Spectacles Cardboard (recycled), Paper: (recycled) Newspaper Magazines Pamphlets

Sandwiches, Cakes and Cookies (for morning tea for the volunteers)

Money (from clubs to send containers overseas)

Things we don't recycle at DIK

Clothes, Shoes, Handbags, Wooden articles (as these have to be fumigated), Out of date medication, Bric a brac (hand and garden tools exempt), Medications & Drugs, Office chairs which have cloth (mouldy in Tropics). (Below, Stuart checks the rubbish skip)



Over the past thirty years **Donations in Kind** has grown from a few Rotarians sorting surplus medical stores in the basement of the old Tennyson Power Station to the powerhouse of the recycling business it is today.

Processing many tons of surplus health and educational stores each month.

The equivalent of five or six x 20' containers are dispatched, loaded with any manner of useful but surplus Hospital and School equipment.

During our stay at 152 Freeman Road Durack **Donations in Kind** more than tripled it's quantity of redundant stores that were sorted and dispatched each month.

This two fold activity not only prevented good quality goods going to landfill but also provided much needed medical and educational supplies to local and over seas Rotary Clubs and other NGOs who ensured the goods were distributed to those in the greatest need.

This level of activity culminated in **Donations in Kind** winning the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia (CILTA) 2017 Award for Excellence and Innovation in Humanitarian and/or Defence Logistics.

DIK was pleased to accept the award on behalf of the Rotary Clubs, members and the communities we serve.

(Trophy on right)



This growth has been achieved through the services of our team of regular volunteers who attend our store each week to receive, sort and pack incoming donated goods. Together with the rostered Rotary Clubs whose members give their time once a month to load containers.

While we have worked together well in the past change can throw up fresh challenges. These include moving from 1,100 square metres of warehouse space into 500 square metres, less than half of our previous storage capacity and only about 2,500 square metres of vacant land and hardstand.

While we are obliged to down size we do not wish to reduce the services we provide. So new systems and greater efficiencies will be required. This can start with you, our supporters, who source the goods we receive.

Please ensure when accepting goods for Donations in Kind that they are suitable for those who will eventually receive them.

If it's junk now it will always be junk and no use to DIK.

Please check the list on the left side of this page and ensure that the goods you collect on behalf of Donations in Kind are suitable and can be redeployed with limited attention required to its condition.

If we can all get this right it will make the work of the regular volunteers easier and we will achieve greater results without increased effort. We no longer have the space or wish to accept goods we can not redeploy. **Editor.**