

# Donations in Kind



RAWCS-Northern Region-DIK  
Newsletter(No.22) September 2018



Lae, PNG. It makes the effort all the more rewarding when we hear that a child (rear) suffering from Tropical Ulcers has been carried into the Catholic Convert in Lae PNG where she has been treated with stores received from DIK and will soon return to school when the ulcers have healed. Our thanks to Shirley for sending in this report. Ed.

"Hi Col, I hope you're well. Just wanted to tell you that the container that DIK provided of tables, chairs etc has finally got to the Port Vila destination and successfully cleared (with difficulty) and goods distributed. This pic shows the new classrooms we built there with the blue chairs I got from you that have been assembled. Not sure if the tables were as well. Very successful project and outcome, and your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. The classrooms were opened yesterday to the great delight of all concerned. This is why we do what we do Col. Cheers and thanks again from the Wellington Point Rotary Club. All the volunteers at DIK are champions! Gordon"

*Col's Column*, The gates have now long closed at Freeman Road and Donations in Kind remains in recess while we continue to frantically search for suitable premises. (see page 2 for news on this, Editor)

Many thanks to all those who helped us sort and load containers. It is with sincere regret that we are now declining valuable donations of health and educational supplies and equipment so urgently needed by those less fortunate who we would otherwise be redeploying these goods to.

Meanwhile your urgent support is required to repay the funds loaned to DIK to cover the cost of the freight on several of the final containers sent overseas rather than incur the cost of transport and storing our remaining stock.

To help please make your contributions via the link below;

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

Yes, we are still operational, all be it in a limited capacity, so talk to us about your community service needs.

Your monthly DIK Newsletter will continue and through it you will be kept informed. Col



## Final Figures for the last 13.5 months at 152 Freeman Road Durack

We have loaded since July 2107 to July 2018 comprising *the equivalent* of 74 x 20' containers (TEU) with an estimated value of \$5.25 million. Plus a 1x LCL shipment.

Separately to this we loaded 3 x 40, 2 x 20 of our own equipment for storage = 8 x TEU

These were shipped to the following destinations;

### Shipped July 2017 to June 2018

PNG	37x TEU
Samoa	3 x TEU
Fiji	2 x TEU
Cambodia	2 x TEU
Sri Lanka	10 X TEU
Timor	2 X TEU
Nauru	1 x TEU
Solomon Is	3 x TEU

### Shipped July to August 2018

PNG	6 x TEU
Samoa	4 x TEU
Cambodia	2 x TEU
Alice Springs NT	1 x TEU
Solomon Is	1 x TEU

**Total 60 x TEUS + Total 14 x TEUs = 74 TEUs**

*That's over 2,575 cubic meters which never went to land fill*



Please support the Donations in Kind-NR Sustaining Fund to ensure that DIK never again ceases providing vital services to the Rotary Clubs of Rotary International RAWCS Northern Region and our many recipients of the donated goods we recycle. Our sincere thanks to all those who have already contributed following the launch of this scheme to ensure that those who wish to help those in need may do so.

Donations are Tax Deductible at:- <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/108-2017-18>

**Container being unpacked in NAURU & District Governor 9600 Wendy Protheroe was there to lend a hand**



**While we strive to revive DIK there are those who are going to great lengths to DIY their DIK efforts and need your financial support.** The Rotary Club of Toowong has partnered with The Prince Charles Hospital, several of its dedicated staff, and students in their final year of the University of Queensland MD Program in an endeavour to collect and fill a shipping container with donated medical equipment and supplies. Together, a few like-minded individuals with experiences in remote medical facilities, both Australian & overseas, have taken this initiative to ensure these resources are put to good use. The container, generously purchased by TPCH, is currently being stored & loaded on site and will not take long to fill.

While we have the resources to overcome the supply and container objectives, we are still in need of the funds to send the filled container to its destination in Cameroon where it is awaited in tremendous anticipation by those in need. **How can you help?**

1. Donate via the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) website. -Go to; <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=789&ReturnTo=4>
2. In the 'Requests' section, enter 'Q Health Staff Container Donation'
3. Spread the word of this worthy cause to friends, family & colleagues.
4. Copy this post into an email and send it to any contacts you have who would be glad of the chance to offer their support.
5. Start the conversation amidst social circles and workplace - the more awareness, the better!
6. Alternatively, email any questions or pledges of support to: Rotarian & Convener, at: [alstepanko@gmail.com](mailto:alstepanko@gmail.com)

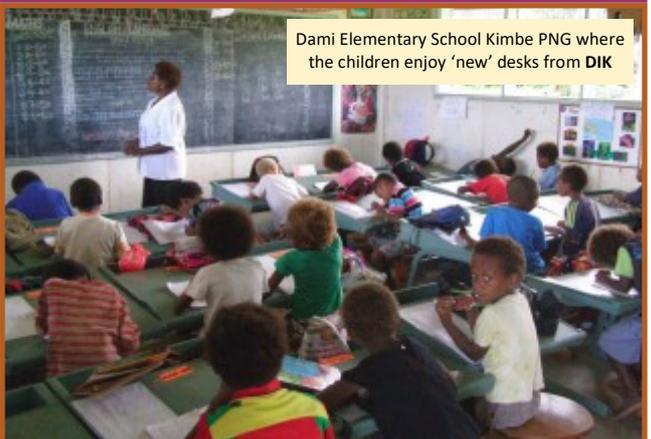


**Good News;** We have received an offer of the above premises in Kingston from the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works as an interim 'home' for **Donations in Kind** and we have responded suggesting the terms & conditions we would prefer. We look forward to their favourable consideration of these terms and conditions.

There are a number of matters to be agreed to once the tenure term and cost to DIK have been confirmed. We will advise via the DIK Newsletter the outcome of these negotiations once they are have been completed.

While this is 'Good News', the 'Really Good News' will be the satisfactory negotiation of the terms & conditions that would ensure a move to Kingston was in the best interests of all concerned. There has been much discussion on the objections and benefits of this property recently and all were considered prior to our reply.

So please, don't hitch up the loads you are holding back from DIK till we confirm this offer has been accepted by both the State Government and RAWCS. Once that is achieved there will be plenty of work for all our enthusiastic supporters including some site alterations to increase the benefits already apparent before we could receive any donations at this site. We will then need to roster not only Rotary Clubs to assist but also schedule deliveries so we are not 'swamped' by them. If we are to downsize from the three acres we had at Durack to half an acre, 2,000m<sup>2</sup> at Kingston, we will be unable to store the incoming goods for long before they are loaded and dispatched and we all know what that costs. So please 'drum up' all you can towards freight costs that must be paid before anything leaves Donations in Kind. **Ted**



Dami Elementary School Kimbe PNG where the children enjoy 'new' desks from DIK