Col’s New Year Message

It is the start of a new year and we must give thanks to the vision of Rotarians 30 years ago to start such an innovative programme combining recycling with humanitarian aid. DIK has grown to be an important factor in the improvement of health & education of people particularly in South Pacific countries. We are currently at 901 shipments since they started recording. Even though we were without a depot for 4 months, since July 2018 to date we have sent the equivalent of 16 x 20' containers and we have planned 4 x 20’ for our 2 February load up.

Did you know that one of the 5 Avenues of Service for Rotary Clubs is International Service? This covers the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service, to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Donations In Kind has many projects supporting these goals and invites and encourages participation in this vitally important work. We have the needs of several countries in our focus now and would appreciate funding to ship containers. Can you help us with a donation?

Your support to cover these expenses is urgently needed please make your contributions to the link below;


We thank you all for your support now and in the future.
EDITORIAL—Early last year the future of Donations in Kind Northern Region was bleak. Our premises were required by our benevolent landlord of eight years, the Wesley Mission, and we had no alternative to move to.

It was also revealed that those who would wish to guide our destiny had made no provision for the future sustainability of the valuable service we provide to both Rotary Clubs in Australia as well as the wider international community to whom we ship vast quantities of surplus medical and educational material. It was left to those volunteers who work tirelessly each week at DIK to make their own arrangements.

This we have done. Faced not only with closure but also an unsustainable future we approached the State Government, as their various Departments are the source of much of our incoming donations. After much discussion we were offered first storage then the premises at Kingston which we now occupy and it was made quite clear at the time that we would have to provide our own premises once the three year lease term expires.

We are grateful to the State Government for recognizing our services to the local and wider communities and acknowledging that we prevent large quantities of surplus government goods going into landfill sites by redirecting it to those who will benefit from the remaining service life of these products. The human benefit is immeasurable but considerable. Having been recognized for our work with two National Industry Awards for our humanitarian and logistical achievements we have the confidence to face our challenges.

While DIK’s services to Rotary and the wider community have been restored we are also planning for our sustainable future and have established the Donations in Kind-NR Sustaining Fund which launched on 1st June 2018 and was well received as a Tax Deductable fund by those seeking to support the future of DIK. In excess of $25,000 was deposited in the first six weeks of operation. The Fund was not actively promoted while we were in recess but will now be our focus to fund the sustainability of DIK. Rotarians are encouraged to draw it to the attention of the wider financial market as a worthy philanthropic tax deductable investment.

A Steering Committee of enthusiastic and professionally qualified Rotarians has also been established to oversee the development of suitable premises for the sustainable future of Donations in Kind-NR.

While the Donations in Kind-NR Sustaining Fund has been established to protect the future of DIK it does not provide funds for the operation of DIK. Club support for the freight costs must continue and with your continued support through https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=789&ReturnTo=4 we will maintain our production level of five or six container loads despatched each month.


As the sun rises on a New Year we can all look forward now to the establishment of a permanent and sustainable Donations in Kind. Editor