



Donations in Kind

A New Dawn for **DONATIONS**

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DIK is now located at
23 Mary Street Kingston



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;

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

We thank you all for your support now and in the future



Past President of Rotary Club of Port Moresby **Adam Hughes** supervised the recent distribution of the contents of containers from DIK. Much needed supplies were delivered to the **Gerehu Hospital and Primary School**. The **North Waigani Fire Station** also received safety equipment donated to DIK by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. Adam is seeking further supplies on behalf of the Rotary Club of Port Moresby and they will be sorted and dispatched shortly by **Donations in Kind**.





Donations in Kind will re-open at 8.00 AM on Thursday 17th January 2019.

It did not take long for the new store to fill once we were found by those loyal Rotarians and others who donate regularly to DIK.

Allan Coulter, Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley Medical Supplies.



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 in-coming 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 deductible 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.

For Tax Deductable donations to the 'Donations in Kind-NR Sustaining Fund' please go to; <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/108-2017-18>

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**



Oxley State School teachers dropped off a car boot load at the end of last term, thank you.



Another load from Ironside State School



Christine from the **Rotary Club of Toowong** with a load of school supplies

Donations in Kind Queensland & Northern Rivers; Industry Awards

2017, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport National Award for 'Excellence and Innovation in Humanitarian or Defence Transport and/or Logistics' Winners; Rotary Australia Donations in Kind - Northern Region.

2018, Australian Support Chain and Logistics, Environmental Excellence Award, 'High Commendation' — Rotary Donations in Kind — Queensland and Northern Rivers



Please support the **Donations in Kind-NR Sustaining Fund**
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