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WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

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(.....with a bias to Donations In Kind)

Rotary International
District **9600**

SO HOW ARE WE GOING?

Not too bad, health and education goods are coming into the store with some regularity and we are able to maintain the dispatch of two containers a month, it's business as usual. Well, almost as usual, you will see a note below that the Birthing Kit ladies have had to withdraw, mainly for health reasons. They would put together up to ten boxes of kits for every container we send, approx 200 kits. Kits are in demand for PNG and the Solomon's, we hope we can get a new team together in the near future.

THE DIK STORE ROSTER TO AUGUST 2010

Clubs from District 9600 rostered on duty to help pack containers are as follows:

- 5 June Samford Valley and Hamilton
- 3 July Redcliffe City and Brisbane
- 7 August Bris Mid City and Geebung

Please advise as soon as possible if these dates are not suitable!

As before **District 9630** Clubs are also on roster.

For your inf. The DIK store address:

152 Freeman Road, Durack. Easy to find, Freeman Road is at the southern boundary of the Oxley Golf Course

THANKS FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Since the last issue donations have been received from the following Rotary Clubs; RCs Sandgate, Surfers Paradise and Capalaba \$1,000, and \$500 from RCs Albany Creek, Lismore West and Burleigh Heads.

We would love to get back to the funding assistance from the past as two containers a month can cost us \$7,000 for the shipping alone. Sounds a lot but if you consider that the value to the receiver of donated goods in each container can total \$50,000 it is good value for the dollar.

SO WHAT GOES INTO A CONTAINER?

A Consignment Invoice for a container sent to RC Port Moresby in April this year shows the contents to include the following: 5 hospital beds, 10 mattresses, 108 boxes of hospital supplies (mainly dressings and consumables), 41 bags of hospital linen, 10 school blackboards, 100 school desks and chairs, 11 boxes of school supplies (sundry stationery items), 50 boxes of school books. Plus sundry items, a patient trolley, birthing kits, folding tables and an organ (not a kidney, heart or lung and not just a keyboard, we sent a freestanding organ with matching seat).



RC Jindalee pallets, all in a row, ready to go

.....AND THE RAINS CAME!

Not as challenging as walking the Kokoda Track but packing a container in the rain is another lifetime experience! RC Jindalee had been building up goods at the DIK store to send their own container to Kiunga and the day they decided to pack it was a wet one. Enough said!

RAWCS NORTHERN REGION

Northern Region (NR) RAWCS meets quarterly and attendees come from Lismore to Darwin and all stops between. The NR President is John McLaren, Darwin. Although we may believe the only projects of direct concern are those within PNG, Solomon Islands and East Timor, it is interesting to hear of the Rotary work carried out by NR Clubs in Thailand, Nepal, Samoa, Zambia, Kenya, to name just a few.

SO WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

The containers to be packed 5 June will be going to RCs Port Moresby and Lae. Port Moresby will receive Hospital beds, desks and books, library shelving, possibly blackboards and medical supplies, that's just a normal/standard load.

READ ON !

That sounds easy for the June container to RC Port Moresby, but the container bound for RC Lae is an interesting package in three parts.

Part 1

RC Toowong wanted to send Computers to RC Bulolo purchased on a District Simplified Grant and offered to pay for the container. Containers stop at Lae and so we will be packing the goods in the RC Lae container and RC Bulolo will arrange road transport for their goods ".....and by the way, say RC Toowong, we also have eight hospital beds we would like to send to Bulolo and a dozen boxes of books." That's OK, RC Lae will have the rest of the goods in the container.

Part 2

Sister Rita is an old friend of DIK. She is on Manus Island and has boxes of goods sent to DIK from Sydney. We send them to RC Lae and Sr Rita arranges for on-shipment up to Manus. Conveniently 22 boxes arrived at DIK in May, they will be in this shipment, bound for Manus via Lae..

Part 3

Rotarian Les Burgmeister (RC "Down South'?) heard we were shipping to Lae and asked if we could include a pallet of nuts and bolts for a 'piggery' project his club was building. It turns out the piggery project is on Manus Island and his contact is Sister Rita. So we have Computers, books, beds, Sr Rita's packages, nuts and bolts and a headache for RC Lae!

BIRTHING KITS

Our team of ladies that have been assembling the Birthing kits have had to call it a day. They had been working from home, bringing in the kits to meet the packing of containers. We would like another team to come forward, preferably to work at the DIK store. It would be nice to have the ladies working with us on the Thursday mornings as we did when we were at the Wacol store. If you are interested give Bill Waterfield a call.

RECENT 'GOODS IN'

Six pallets of books from Bundaberg.
Books from Burleigh Heads and Capalaba.
Random garden tools from a Darra couple who don't get around to using them these days.
Eighty school desks from RC Sunnybank Hills.
Eighty school desks and two pallets of books from RC Chinchilla. (A cup of coffee and a chat and then he drives 3 hours back to Chinchilla.)
Two pallets of continence pads.
Medical supplies from the Red Cross.
Hospital linen from Prince Charles Hospital



We have previously said that we send everything but the kitchen sink. Well at last we can now say we send everything!

USED STAMPS

Yes, they keep on coming in, and funding from the sales mainly goes towards Birthing Kits. We are able to sell the 'foreign' stamps but would like to hear from anybody that can find additional outlets that would purchase Australian stamps in bulk. Meanwhile keep them coming in. Give Jack Rynn a call on 3374 2260 or drop them off when next at the DIK store.

SO WHERE IS JENNY?

You are probably aware that Jenny Horton's latest Polio consignment has taken her to India. She was in Brisbane for a short break in May, home to see her mum, a little PR work to assist with the promotion of her passion and you turn your head and find she is back in India.

I am sure Jenny would not mind me saying that she was looking in better health than the Jenny we saw following her spells in 'other countries', India obviously agrees with her.

CAT SCAN FOR MONGOLIA

We have been storing a Cat Scan at the DIK store since January (?) waiting for the weather in Mongolia to settle sufficient to accept the 'transplant'. The unit was dismantled by Philips Electrical at Wesley Hospital and, as arranged by Eastern Region Rotary Clubs, on the delivery this month of three pallets of components we should be packing the unit into a container for despatch

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