

nine six hundred

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

DECEMBER - 2012

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



Rotary

District 9600

SEASONS GREETINGS !

End of the year is upon us, not the Rotary Year, but the calendar year which to many is to heed the call of the retailers reminding us it's time to spend what you have left. It is also a time for DIK to look back to see how the year treated us and to highlight the successes and the occasional problems. Successes speak for themselves with 35 containers leaving from the DIK store at Durack with an estimated value of \$1.25 million to the people in the receiving countries. The problems we have overcome or righted as we became aware and where a change in our operation was needed we have made the change. It leaves me only to thank all who have supported us not only in this year but over the many past years.

GOODS IN

The 'heavy' hospital washing machine came in for Maureen Hill in **RC Madang** who has already placed it (for dispatch 3 Dec). Six pallets of books from the State Library, More and more (!) books from Phil Robinson, also books from **RC Noosa**, **RC Wynnum Manly**, **RC Kyogle** **RC Nundah** and **RC Redland Sunrise**. **Children's Hospital School**, Birthing Kits and 'sleeping suits' from **Inner Wheel Sunshine Coast**, Medical (by the truck load!) from **RC Kingaroy**,

Following a huge delivery of Hotel towels and bed linen from **RC Mooloolaba** there was a repeat performance this month and consequently something beyond 100 boxes of towels/linen were packed and dispatched on 3 December; medical supplies and Kits 4 Kids from **RC Mudgeeraba** (thanks Barbara Parker), 100 shoe boxes of Xmas presents from **Nundah Interact** (went to RCs Port Moresby and Lae) and Kits 4 Kids from **Interact at Clayfield College**. Spectacles came from **RC Stones Corner**.

Deliveries come in at all times and the donors are not always announced.....and yes, I have possibly not recognised your donation for which I apologise.

DIK CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Last day to receive deliveries to the DIK Store is Thursday 8 December. The store will be closed over the holiday, re-opening on 12 January 2012



Xmas boxes by Nundah Interact

USED STAMPS

They still come in thick and fast, this month from **RCs Wellington Point, Sumner Park, Kingaroy and Honiara**. Regrettably we are not turning these into funds quickly enough and if there is a Rotarian out there with connection/interest with the philatelic world I would be very pleased to see how you could help, or even take the project over. As previously noted, there is funding in foreign stamps but bulk Australian used stamps are more difficult to sell.



Funds from recycled waste paper and boxes as above go to the birthing kit project

HOSPITAL BEDS

When there is a demand hospital beds are welcome. But the time frequently comes when we have too many beds with no demand. We accept they are not easy to handle for the receiving Rotary Clubs and we ask before sending them. We can pack 30 beds into a 20ft container and occasionally do. However, with no demand at times we find the store full of beds with no address to send them to.

We met a Rotarian from Fiji at the recent Institute and questioned the problems importing donated goods to Fiji. Fortunately there is no problem with approved medical equipment. In consequence the paperwork is in progress and we hope to be shipping 30 beds in the new year to **Nadi Hospital** in an arrangement with **RC Suva East**.

AUKI SCHOOL, MALAITA

RC Albion called to say **Interact** at Clayfield College has donated \$350 for the Auki School that was destroyed by fire. PDG Wayne Morris was in town and has received the donation on behalf of the school.

ANOTHER BREAK IN

... no not really, this was a 'lock out'. You see, DIK has a gate with four padlocks and entry to the site to drop materials (not the store) is possible if you have access to one of the four key/combination locks. Trouble is that if the padlocks are not correctly returned when leaving it can bar others from using the system

A BIG THANK YOU

We show a roster each month asking Clubs to assist with the packing of the containers and have seldom found ourselves short of assistance. It is regrettable that Clubs distant from Durack, the store location, miss out on the excitement and wonderment. Looking back on the output from DIK, thanks go to all the Clubs that have accepted their part in this monthly Saturday morning service. It has been said, **'Never in the field of Rotary service has so much been packed, by so few.'**



'Please'! No arguments with the Tally Man!

OUT IN NOVEMBER

With a bulging store we decided to send an extra container out in November hoping to show a clean floor.

5 November 2 containers to RCs Lae and Boroko. No specials beyond desks, chairs and books although the 100 Xmas boxes from Nundah Interact were shared between the two Clubs.

19 November to Port Moresby, apart from the standard desks, chairs and hospital furniture there was a consignment of dental chairs, autoclaves and equipment for transfer from Port Moresby to Alotau. This is for Wendy Stein's project in the Trobriand Islands.



No excuses from me, that's the team from RC Kenmore who helped pack the special, 19 Nov.

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Another one of those great days! Twenty-eight Rotarians turned up to not only pack two scheduled 20ft containers for **RCs Kokopo and Madang**, (no desks as the schools will be on holiday when the containers arrive). but to work on a 40ft special. **Wheelchairs for Kids (W4K)** and **RC Boroko** asked if DIK could transfer 340 wheelchairs from a **TOLL** container from Perth to a 40ft shipping container and send it to Port Moresby.

Just a little coordination between the three groups concerned, **W4K, TOLL and DIK** and it all happened. Thanks to TOLL for working on Saturday and the 'gang of Rotarians' that did the transfer. Worth noting the surprise when we found we had 14 wheelchairs left over. Didn't take too long to realise the **TOLL** container was 9'6" high internal and the shipping container was 8'6" high.



That's the two 40ft containers in a not too busy view as we contemplated 'how best to do it'

HEALTH PACKS TO MADANG

Prior to the Zone Institute **Adrienne Heal** (partner of RI Director Stuart) suggested that small packs of health goods, soaps, tooth brushes and so on, could be brought to the Institute for sending to our friends in the Pacific.



Sue Mason says this is how you do it

I think we over estimated the space these small packs would take. However, the packs were taken to DIK where a team of **'specials'** put them together. The bulk of these were sent to Maureen Hill in Madang with a few boxes set aside for Honiara.

THE BOX IT GOES IN

DIK has it's 'empty box' contacts that enables us to pack a tidy pallet. A standard box is easy to pack, looks good on the pallet and assists management for dispatch. There is a pleasure for the receiving Club/Hospital/School in where the boxes are all the same size, well packed and labelled. Happy to receive your boxes at the store but that's why we re-pack them and label them our way.



"That's how I like to see it! Same size boxes ready to go"

UPS AND DOWNS FOR THE YEAR NOW PASSING

Fork lift maintenance
Shipping costs
Cooperation between Districts 9600 and 9630

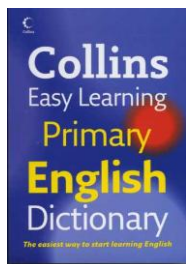
The break-in nuisances
Problems with personalised deliveries (that went missing!)
Receipts from 'scrap/waste'
Thanks to the 'Landlord'
Birthing kits are ongoing, here and on the Sunshine Coast
The Heavy Gang 'utes'
Seasons Greetings to all who made it a Wonderful Year,

A 'DONATION' WAS RECEIVED

We were lucky to receive a large donation from a **'Lady Friend of Rotary'** whose husband had served in Papua New Guinea during the war and had often spoken of his time there. Our friend asked that we spend the donation on the children. The following is an indication of how we complied with her wishes

Primary School Dictionaries.

Dictionaries were requested by **RC Madang, Ninety Collins Primary School Dictionaries** were purchased from **Dymocks** and shipped to **RC Madang**.



Maternity beds. We receive many requests from our Clubs asking for maternity beds. We followed this up with our medical supplier and purchased **Two beds for Port Moresby General Hospital.**



Handover of beds, Port Moresby

Two beds were sent to each of the three hospital that **RC Madang serves, Modilon, Yaugum and Kar Kar**



Handover of beds, Madang

Another bed is also waiting to be picked up by **Maryanne Takome-Amu** who spoke at last year's Conference for **Wapenamanda Centre for Primary Health Care, Enga Province.**

Footballs

We recognised an offer by BigW for **Netballs, Basket Balls, Footballs and Soccer Balls** at the right price. We followed this up and took almost all their stock of **133 mixed balls.**

Regrettably the balls took a bit of space in the container as we shipped them fully inflated, but at least the kids will be able to play with them right away without looking for a pump

Sewing Machines.

We felt that mothers also 'look after the kids' and that it was within the intent of the request to provide sewing machines to the Women's Groups and the Schools.

Sixteen sewing machines were purchased in Madang, hand machines, electric and two treadle machines.

From 'Creative Self Help Centre'

"Thank you for the two manual and two electric sewing machines. This will help develop skills in our Vocational Training programme".

Mase Warel - Administration

Two machines were purchased here by DIK and were shipped to **RC Port Moresby** for the donation to a suitable cause by Dame Carol Kidu, a great supporter of Rotary

From the Mamas of Umboldi "The Mama Group would like to thank the Rotary Club for what you have contributed to support our Mama Group. The sewing machines will bring great and wonderful service now and in the future".
Chairwoman Bethya Tasire.

Kits for Kids

A big effort was made to build up Kits for Kids in A4 boxes.

We purchased boxes of A4 stationery, removed the top ream and filled the space with **pencils, pens, coloured pencils, scissors, sharpeners, erasers,** In all we made up and sent 40 of these A4 boxes of 'Classroom Stationery'.



The Kits for Kids arrive in PNG

Cost of a container

The cost of a container to assist in shipping the goods to PNG was also allowed in the donation

FAREWELL (but not Goodbye)

This 90th edition of 9600 WCS News in this form will quite possibly be the last that I write. I was invited to take on DIK Chairman in 1991-92 and after 20 years feel it is time someone else in District 9600 took over. Easy to say as I have previously attempted to hand over but it just has not happened as when it did happen it didn't work.

Nobody will take over unless I walk away. Ann has been telling me and now my medical advisor is telling me to ease back and that if I don't walk away I will be carried away. Consequently, I will be easing back for the rest of this Rotary Year to be fully out by the start of 2012-13. Thanks for great times!

DIK STORE ROSTER TO JUNE 2012

Clubs from **District 9600** on roster for duty to help pack containers are as follows;

4 February

Ashgrove/Gap, Albany Creek

3 March

Kenmore, Hamilton

14 April

Toowong, Samford Valley

5 May

Mitchelton, Bris Planetarium

2 June

Kippa Ring, Aspley

Please advise if these dates are not suitable,

Clubs from District 9630 will be nominated closer to the date

Note that we are happy to accommodate 'casuals'.

The DIK store address is:

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

(Next to the Chicken shop!)

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