



Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd

Northern Region Donations in Kind

Highlights for 2010/ 2011

AN OVERSEAS PROJECT YOU CAN DO AT HOME!

It's always a case of 'wish I could do that' when we see the work our **Project Volunteers** do in PNG and the Solomon's, building schools, health centres and installing water storage tanks. Of course, it's never too late and I am sure there is room for you on the next project. In the meantime if you feel like an **International hands on project** every month and **close to home** your energies would be appreciated at the DIK store, whether it is when your Club is rostered on for packing a container or for Thursday morning 'housekeeping', receiving goods and preparing them for despatch. Your Club is not on roster? Never mind we can always fit you in!

CONSIGNMENTS

The 2010/11 year has been a proactive year with the indication that Donations in Kind within Northern Region is operating again at its peak performance. A total of 36 containers was sent throughout the year with a summary of the consignments as follows:

- 4 Rotary Club of Boroko
- 2 Rotary Club of Huon Gulf
- 1 Rotary Club of Kavieng
- 1 Rotary Club of Kokopo
- 3 Rotary Club of Lae
- 3 Rotary Club of Madang
- 6 Rotary Club of Port Moresby
- 1 Rotary Club of Rabaul/Kokopo
- 6 Rotary Club of Honiara
- 1 Rotary Club of Labasa
- 1 Alotau
- 7 Noro

The container sent to Alotau was packed with desks from St Columban's College in Caboolture who specifically requested that they be sent to Alotau if possible. The container was forwarded directly to Alotau with the paperwork and the clearance of the container being handled by the Rotary Club of Boroko.

The container consigned to the Rotary Club of Labasa in Fiji was a project of the Rotary Club of Wishart. A team from this Club will be going to Fiji to install the computers and other equipment included in this container.

In November six Medical Students from The University of Queensland, **TIME (Towards International Medical Equality)** visited Kavieng Hospital. They had gathered large quantities of medical supplies and DIK arranged a special shipment to **RC Kavieng** that included this donation for the **Kavieng Hospital**.

Before Christmas **Len Tyler of RC Noosa** called asking if DIK wanted 30 hospital beds. In February email from Ernie, RC Port Moresby tells me of the 1,000 sq m extension to the POM General Hospital where babies are being born on the floor, **do we have**

20 beds? A shipping container was sent to RC Noosa where Pres Len and members packed 25 beds and many other medical items, the container went direct to the port and was in Port Moresby 10th March. Len reports: 'A crew of 9 Rotarians worked superbly from 2.15 to 5.35 without a break, we were tired!'



'Thanks Noosa, Job well done!'

This has been the year of school desks with a total of 2,328 desks passing through the store for the above destinations. A conservative value of the donations sent for the year is \$1.5 million. The total operational cost for the year including the \$25,000 plus contributed by District 9570 for the containers to Noro was \$124,000.



You want desks? We have them!



Yes, it was full of desks



Mail from Pres Bill Crain, RC Boroko says..

'The kids on Sudest Island like their new seats. It's better than the floor and all the desks are occupied. Thanks for your efforts and all the people who make these things happen for PNG.' I say thanks to **RC Boroko** as this was not an easy one. The desks were in a container sent by **DIK to RC Boroko**, for on shipment to **Alotau**. From there the desks were then sent to **Sudest Island**.

The value of the 950 hours contributed by volunteers in the store is \$102,500. This does not include the many hours spent by volunteers in collecting and delivering the donations to the store as we have no way of capturing and recording these hours.

DISTRICT 9570 CONTAINERS TO NORO

On top of the three containers sent by DIK to Madang, Port Moresby and Kavieng in November and the two sent to Port Moresby and Lae in December, District 9570 has sent three containers to Noro in the Solomon Islands.

Two of these containers were packed in Rockhampton with the third one being packed in Brisbane with a Hilux 4x4 vehicle.



These were followed up with another four containers that were packed by District 9570 in Rockhampton bound also for Noro.



The Temporary DIK in Rockhampton

Another major donor is the Brisbane City Council who regularly drops playground equipment of at the DIK store unannounced. The creates a problem for the

recipient who has to put the jig-saw puzzle back together again.



Playground equipment packed for RC Boroko



This is the Playground Equipment sent to RC Boroko for installing at Ela Beach.

The equipment is donated to DIK by the Brisbane City Council. Little bit of work involved here fellows!

LIFE WAS NOT MEANT TO BE EASY.

We walked away from packing the June containers happy with a job well done, but recent weather had made access to the containers difficult for the heavy trucks. So much so that the truckies were unable to take the containers for fear of getting bogged..

Our **Rotarian friend, George Dean** quickly came to the party and fixed the problem. (thanks George!) The delay was no problem for the RC Madang shipment but the container for RC Lae missed the sailing date and was put on the next ship 'going that way'.

FUNDING

The following financial support was received from Districts within Northern Region through various Rotary Clubs:

- District 9550 - \$500
- District 9570 - \$2,000 (this District also provided \$25,000 plus towards the cost of containers to Noro in the Solomon Islands in support of projects within that area)
- District 9600 - \$42,147
- District 9630 - \$19,500
- District 9640 - \$14,100

I haven't recognised the Clubs in this report as they have all received a letter of thanks for their financial support throughout the year.

As well as the above support from Rotary Clubs, \$14,000 was received from a private sponsor and another \$26,500 received as sundry donations.

Sincere thanks to all.

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