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## WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Rotary International  
District **9600**

#### ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE or if you prefer it, 'RAWCS'

While Project Volunteers are flying overseas building school extensions, installing water supply systems, setting up libraries, sourcing goods for donation to developing countries and fund raising to pay for 'humanitarian aid, the National Administration of RAWCS decides it needs a name that expresses what we do. What part of 'World Community Service' do they not understand? There has already been a change when FAIM (Fourth Avenue In Motion) was dropped for RAWCS. Let's get on with the work. 'A rose by any other name....'

#### THE DIK STORE ROSTER TO DECEMBER

Clubs rostered on duty to help pack containers to the end of the year are as follows:

- 3 October **Hamilton and Redcliffe City**
- 7 November **Sandgate and Windsor**
- 5 December **Bris North and Caboolture**
- January 2010 No containers this month
- 6 February **To be advised**

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

As before there will also be Clubs on roster from **District 9630**. Our current aim is to send two containers a month, always dependent on the goods received from the Clubs for despatch.

#### DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT 2009-2010

Interest in the District Simplified Grant reached a new high this year when fifteen Clubs applied for a total of nineteen projects. These have been checked for eligibility and will be passed to an independent selection committee to determine how \$22,482 can be spread over nineteen projects. The selection committee's decision will be announced at the TRF Seminar 11 October.

#### POLIO AND THE RC ASPLEY WINE PROJECT

Promotion of Club donations to the elimination of Polio is well to the fore in the District, but one Club's approach that may be topical with Christmas just around the corner (yes, just 12 more Club meetings!) Only \$100 a dozen and \$20 goes to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Eradication. Call Jeff Menck 0417 729 261 or Email: [menck@bigpond.net.au](mailto:menck@bigpond.net.au)

#### DIK – YOUR CLUB NOT ROSTERED ON?

That's ok, there is nothing to stop you coming along to see what's going on, you might find yourself with a job and there's a talk fest with coffee after the work.

#### SO WHAT HAS BEEN COMING IN TO DIK?

Clubs are getting back into the swing of supplies for DIK and finding their way to 152 Freeman Road. Desks seem to come in from everywhere and they are so welcome, particularly if they have a chair to go with them (have we shown you the picture of a youngster sitting at a desk on an oil drum?). Hospital linen came from the PA Hospital and more than three trips to the Wesley Hospital have relieved them of the problem of what to do with surplus equipment and furniture.



More desks....

....and DIK get them out as fast as they can.

#### THE CLUB NEXT DOOR

Good to see the neighbouring Clubs in PNG talking to each other and all to the benefit of DIK. We have large theatre lights offered to us which we normally reject, but we have confirmed they could be used in Goroka Hospital. It costs a lot to truck a container up to Goroka from Lae, but RC Lae (thanks Chris) have offered to accept the lights and will get them up to RC Goroka 'at the right price'. DIK will throw in 60 desks as a bonus also for RC Goroka.

### **SO WHERE AND WHAT HAS DIK SENT?**

In September containers went to Madang and Port Moresby. Goods sent included; 160 school desks, 52 chairs (!), 200 boxes of school books, 230 boxes of medical supplies, 2 birthing beds, 40 boxes of hospital linen, dental supplies, crutches, 14 computers, blackboards, kits for kids, Braille books, spectacles, and so it goes on. Important job when loading is the 'tally-lady'.

### **TREVOR IS GOING BACK TO GIZO!**

That may not be a surprise to you but there is an unfinished school in Gizo and so a team will be going to Gizo in October and I am sure when he completes that he will find another. Tim Richards (RC Kenmore) is a part of the team and Tim will be stopping on in Honiara to report on the 3H Grant that is setting the base for the control of malaria in the Solomon's.



**That's one of our wheel chairs!**

### **AUSTRALIAN PNG ASSOCIATION INC**

Donations in Kind is a major beneficiary at the Annual PNG Independence Golf day and again the Rotary team were the winners, our golf was shocking, but DIK received a \$2,000 donation from an understanding Association.

### **CHOLERA IN MOROBE PROVINCE**

While we have RC Lae in mind we must compliment them in their immediate action to lessen the effect of cholera in Morobe Province. I suggest we were all shocked by the creeping death rate, but were impressed by President Chris Wakelin's instant action in providing water tanks and Chlorine tablets. Thanks to the District for funding support to Lae and to the 9600 Clubs that also came forward.

### **FUNDING FOR DONATIONS IN KIND**

Yes, we still need funding to send the containers away, have a word with your President please.

### **PROJECTS FAIR AND THE TRF SEMINAR**

Rotary Foundation funding problems have ruled out the Projects Fair at this coming TRF Seminar (11 Oct, see you there) and I regret this means losing the opportunity to promote group projects attracting a Grant as we have done for the past five years. However if your Club is looking for a project of which they could be a part, with enough interest we could get some work done by direct payment without the benefit and attraction of a TRF Grant. There is a little District funding that could be added for the right project.

### **CONTACTS IN THE MEDICAL WORLD**

We were surprised at the DIK store when six medical students turned up in a hired truck and delivered 14 hospital beds. They came back an hour later with another 8 beds, five of which had traction fittings. As a part of their training these students will spend time in PNG/SI and can see that their current university and hospital contacts can be of great benefit to their time in these countries. It is our pleasure to assist them.

### **DO YOU SEND COMPUTERS TO PNG?**

We received a request from a doctor in Sydney who had spent time in Kavieng Hospital to get computers to the Hospital for basic administration work. The same request also came to us from a RC Boroko member and again from a contact with AustAid who at the time was in the Philippines. Yes, can be done, not easy and it takes more than five minutes. Just hold tight and the computers will be delivered.



**Keep them coming!**

**FINAL POINT TO NOTE!!** We do not send High School Text Books to PNG/SI. Please do not send them to the DIK store.

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