



# Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd Northern Region Donations in Kind

**ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13**

## ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR NORTHERN REGION DONATIONS IN KIND

Although we have had to face a number of issues throughout the year, Northern Region Donations in Kind has had another successful year thanks to the support of the Clubs and Districts within Northern Region and in particular sincere thanks to the recipient Clubs in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. These Clubs are no different to the Clubs in Australia in the issues that they are facing and although the Clubs' membership has declined, they have continued to give strong support to the Donations in Kind program.

### CONSIGNMENTS:

For the 2012-13 Rotary year, the equivalent of 33 twenty foot containers has been sent through Northern Region Donations in Kind.

A summary of the consignments is as follows:

6	Rotary Club of Port Moresby
6	Rotary Club of Honiara
2	Ministry of Health, Suva, Fiji
1	Suva, Fiji (Stanthorpe)
1	Alotau, PNG
4	Noro, Solomon Islands
4	Rotary Club of Boroko
4	Rotary Club of Madang
1	Gizo, Solomon Islands
1	Rotary Club of Kokopo
1	Baptist Union of PNG
2	Dili, Timor Leste

The container packed by the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe for Suva, Fiji was destined for the Saqani High School.

Due to the constraint of the small number of Rotary Clubs in PNG being able to accept containers, other avenues of getting containers into PNG has been investigated. A request was received from the Baptist Union of PNG for school furniture for a High School in the Highlands. After verifying that the Baptist union was able to meet all costs in PNG and had the resources to clear and unpack the container in Lae, a container of school furniture was sent in May.

The equivalent of two twenty foot containers of school furniture and other goods was packed by the Rotary Club of Toowoomba bound for Dili. This project was in partnership with the Brisbane office of the Aurecon Group who wants to provide support to Timor Leste.

A very conservative value of the donations sent in the above containers is \$1.41 million and the total cost of freight and incidental expenses for the year was \$134,468.

A spreadsheet showing the details of consignments for the year is attached to the end of this report.

### DESKS TO HONIARA:

Following the earthquake/tsunami to the eastern islands of the Solomons RC Honiara asked for school desks and at the time of asking there was no school furniture in the store. However, in March desks came in from RC Mt Gravatt and we were able to send 150 desks and 180 chairs in the container to RC Honiara that was packed in April.

### VOLUNTEERS:

The attendance records for the year indicate that approximately 5,370 hours were contributed by volunteers.

An estimated value of these hours is in excess of \$160,000 and this does not take into account the hours contributed by Rotary Clubs who source the donations and arrange for delivery of the donations to the store.



**Another container packed by Volunteers from Rotary Clubs on roster for the day**

We must give credit to the volunteers who attend every Thursday to work within the store sorting and packing the donations ready for dispatch. Their contribution is invaluable and we extend our sincere thanks for their efforts.



**A lot of hard work goes into the sorting and packing of donations ready for dispatch**

We must also recognise the contribution of the Rotarians and their helpers at the receiving end. Without their efforts and assistance, the Donations in Kind project would not function.

### FUNDING:

Northern Region Donations in Kind relies heavily on financial support from the Rotary Clubs within the five Rotary Districts that are part of Northern Region. The following is the total received from Clubs within the following Districts for the 2012-13 year:

District 9550	\$500
District 9600	\$34,119.50
District 9630	\$19,000
District 9640	\$8,500

Financial support to help meet the cost of the freight of containers was also received from the Rotary Club of Boroko in PNG and the Rotary Club Honiara in the Solomon Islands. The support from these Clubs is not included in the above total received from District 9600.

#### **ADDITION TO THE DIK FLEET:**

Northern Region Donations in Kind was the proud recipient of a forklift donated by Dan Holzapfel. Dan had the forklift fully serviced before having it delivered along with a spare gas tank to Donations in Kind.

**THANK YOU DAN**



**Forklift donated by Dan Holzapfel**

The forklift donated by the Rotary Club of Acacia Ridge some years ago is still providing a good service and will continue to be used along with the new addition. Because our operators have been use to driving this electric forklift, they are now having to learn how to drive the gas operated forklift which is very different to the electric one.



**Forklift donated by the Rotary Club of Acacia Ridge**

Donations in Kind is now able to retire the first forklift that we acquire some fifteen years ago. We purchased this forklift for \$5,000 and it has continued to give us excellent service right up to the present day. Over the years, this forklift has cost us very little in maintenance and still has the original set of batteries. However, this machine is an antique and worthy of being put on display in a glass case.



**Little "Yellow" is now retired**

#### **SHIPPING CRISIS:**

Of great concern is the attitude taken by some Rotary Clubs throughout Australia when doing their own thing with the shipping of containers. These Rotary Clubs don't seem to adhere to any set procedures, think that the Rotary Clubs of PNG and the Solomon Islands are there to service their projects and certainly do not follow **The Four Way Test**. The actions of these few Rotary Clubs are having a serious impact on the good name of Rotary in Australia. There are

already two shipping companies that service Papua New Guinea who are refusing to assist any charitable organisation with the shipping of containers, Rotary included.

I do not have an issue with Rotary Clubs being autonomous and doing their own thing, as Clubs quite often have contacts whereby they are able to negotiate costs and conditions that Donations in Kind do not have access to. However, with autonomy goes responsibility and Rotary Clubs most incorporate the principles of best practice when undertaking any project. Rotary Clubs who send containers outside of the system must take full ownership of each container that they send from the minute that it is packed right through to the return of the empty container if it is owned by a shipping company.

The procedures and check sheet drafted at the beginning of the year was sent to all Regions and forwarded to all Rotary Clubs within Northern Region. Although RAWCS cannot insist that Rotary Clubs adopt these procedures, every attempt should be made to encourage them to do so for the sake of the name of Rotary in Australia.

#### **PDG BILL WATERFIELD:**

As most people will be aware, PDG Bill Waterfield has recently suffered ill health. He had a virus, suffered a break down and was advised to give his involvement in Rotary away all together. He has resigned from Rotary but has insisted that both he and Anne continue their involvement with Donations in Kind as a volunteer. Both Anne and the Thursday volunteers have tried to encourage Bill to take it easy and not overdo it, but anyone who knows Bill will realise that he not easily persuaded.

**Bill, we all wish you a full recovery**



#### **SUCCESSION:**

This brings us to the point of succession. Both PDG Bill Waterfield and I have been involved with Donations in Kind for over twenty-two years. During this time, no one has indicated a desire to take over our roles. This is probably our fault as well, but it is now time that serious consideration be given to finding others who are prepared to step up and take over. We need someone who is prepared to take over the management of the store and someone else to handle all of the shipping arrangements. Coordinating the receipt of donated goods and the liaison with Rotary Clubs is handled by both.

PDG Bill Waterfield needs to step right back because of his health and I would like to enjoy retirement with the family without having the day by day responsibility that goes with Donations in Kind.

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## DONATION IN KIND REPORT (Year 2012/13)

District/Region: Northern

Actual for Year						Volunteers	
Reference Number	Number of Containers (20ft Equivalent)	Port & Country of Destination	Value of Donations	Freight Costs	Incidental Costs	Hours	Value
<b>First Quarter:</b>							
NRDK699	1	Port Moresby PNG	\$ 43,110.00	\$ 2,512.45	\$ -	-	Project Assistant: 600   \$ 13,133.30
NRDK700	1	Honiara Solomon Islands	\$ 42,005.00	\$ 3,669.00	\$ -	-	Project Officer/Technician: 600   \$ 16,700.11
NRDK701	1	Suva Fiji	\$ 49,400.00	\$ 2,779.00	\$ -	-	Middle Professional: 0   \$ -
NRDK702	1	Port Moresby PNG	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 3,330.72	\$ -	-	Project Manager: 400   \$ 13,669.54
NRDK703	1	Alotau PNG	\$ 42,900.00	\$ 4,697.36	\$ -	-	Team Leader: 230   \$ 10,949.59
NRDK704	1	Noro Solomon Islands	\$ 38,740.00	\$ 6,444.34	\$ -	-	Higher Professional: 0   \$ -
NRDK705	1	Noro Solomon Islands	\$ 36,230.00	\$ 6,225.33	\$ -	-	
NRDK706	1	Noro Solomon Islands	\$ 77,605.00	\$ 6,225.33	\$ -	-	
NRDK707	1	Boroko PNG	\$ 30,385.00	\$ 3,314.19	\$ -	-	
NRDK708	1	Boroko PNG	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 3,314.19	\$ -	-	
NRDK709	1	Madang PNG	\$ 40,675.00	\$ 4,236.23	\$ -	-	
NRDK710	1	Port Moresby PNG	\$ 50,200.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ -	-	
NRDK711	1	Port Moresby PNG	\$ 46,630.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ -	-	
NRDK712	1	Gizo Solomon Islands	\$ 52,560.00	\$ 3,655.00	\$ -	-	
NRDK713	1	Suva Fiji	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 2,424.10	\$ -	-	
NRDK714	1	Noro Solomon Islands	\$ 7,429.00	\$ 7,068.00	\$ -	-	
<b>TOTALS 1st Qtr</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>\$ 694,169.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,695.24</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>\$ 54,652.63</b>
<b>Second Quarter:</b>							
NRDK715	1	Madang PNG	\$ 68,660.00	\$ 4,722.00	\$ -	-	Project Assistant: 350   \$ 7,661.14
NRDK716	1	Honiara Solomon Islands	\$ 98,170.00	\$ 3,679.00	\$ -	-	Project Officer/Technician: 350   \$ 9,741.73
NRDK717	1	Honiara Solomon Islands	\$ 28,135.00	\$ 3,633.00	\$ -	-	Middle Professional: 0   \$ -
NRDK718	1	Kokopo PNG	\$ 56,315.00	\$ 4,284.00	\$ -	-	Project Manager: 220   \$ 7,628.25
NRDK719	1	Suva Fiji	\$ 16,315.00	\$ 2,530.00	\$ -	-	Team Leader: 190   \$ 7,617.11
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190.78	0	\$ -
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	220	\$ 7,628.25
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	190	\$ 7,617.11
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0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
<b>TOTALS 2nd Qtr</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>\$ 267,595.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,848.00</b>	<b>\$ 190.78</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>\$ 32,648.23</b>
<b>Third Quarter:</b>							
NRDK720	1	Madang PNG	\$ 103,010.00	\$ 4,245.00	\$ -	-	Project Assistant: 375   \$ 8,208.37
NRDK721	1	Port Moresby PNG	\$ 80,617.00	\$ 3,546.49	\$ -	-	Project Officer/Technician: 375   \$ 10,437.57
NRDK722	1	Boroko PNG	\$ 27,545.00	\$ 3,475.00	\$ -	-	Middle Professional: 0   \$ -
NRDK723	1	Honiara Solomon Islands	\$ 52,155.00	\$ 3,725.00	\$ -	-	Project Manager: 210   \$ 7,281.51
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 536.78	0	\$ -
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	210	\$ 7,281.51
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	190	\$ 9,045.31
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
<b>TOTALS 3rd Qtr</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>\$ 263,327.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,991.49</b>	<b>\$ 536.78</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>\$ 34,972.76</b>
<b>Fourth Quarter:</b>							
NRDK724	1	Honiara Solomon Islands	\$ 27,865.00	\$ 3,592.00	\$ -	-	Project Assistant: 475   \$ 10,397.27
NRDK725	1	Madang PNG	\$ 19,890.00	\$ 4,255.00	\$ -	-	Project Officer/Technician: 475   \$ 13,220.92
NRDK726	1	Boroko PNG	\$ 18,065.00	\$ 3,354.00	\$ -	-	Middle Professional: 0   \$ -
NRDK727	1	Baptist Union of PNG	\$ 18,820.00	\$ 3,354.00	\$ -	-	Project Manager: 230   \$ 7,974.99
NRDK728/9	2	Dili Timor Leste	\$ 40,375.00	\$ 9,463.00	\$ -	-	Team Leader: 130   \$ 6,188.90
NRDK730	1	Port Moresby PNG	\$ 23,885.00	\$ 3,423.00	\$ -	-	Higher Professional: 0   \$ -
NRDK731	1	Honiara Solomon Islands	\$ 32,605.00	\$ 3,673.00	\$ -	-	
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 656.33	230	\$ 7,974.99
0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	130	\$ 6,188.90
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0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
<b>TOTALS 4th Qtr</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>\$ 181,505.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,114.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,092.89</b>	<b>1310</b>	<b>\$ 37,782.07</b>
<b>Totals for Year</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>\$ 1,406,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 131,648.73</b>	<b>\$ 2,820.43</b>	<b>5370</b>	<b>\$ 160,055.70</b>
<b>Comments about Achievements:</b>							
<b>Comments about Frustrations:</b>							