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The Donations in Kind Facility at 23 Mary Street Kingston is receiving and sorting goods every Thursday from 8:00 am until 12 noon.

If you are delivering goods, PLEASE be there no later than 11:30 am to ensure that there are volunteers to help unload.

Please call about deliveries before hand

The Volunteers give their time freely and the average number is about 15 per Thursday. Many Books, Hospital Equipment Desks and chairs and numerous other items are delivered. If you have a spare morning you would be most welcome to assist.

Checkout our FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/Donations-in-Kind-Northern-Region-104607238021229>

Clubs are asked if they are available for packing and given a date, if your club is unable to send some members to assist on that particular day could a reply been sent to this effect as soon as you know. That is quite OK but PETER COLLINS who does the roster needs to know sooner than later.

DIK thanks all the members who attend on a packing or sorting day. With all the donated goods that are arriving all assistance is greatly appreciated.

Next Packing day 13th March Start time 8:00am



The Thursday Workers at Donations in Kind now have a “uniform”.
So that if you come with deliveries on a Thursday it will be easy to recognize the Thursday team , the same applies to a Saturday packing day



Container loaded at DIK arrives in GOROKA PNG



Thanks to Goroka Rotary Club for getting a container of school materials for Ginitoka Primary School, Ginitoka High School, Mando High School, and Daulo High School.

BIG THANK YOU TO DIK IN BRISBANE(Australia) for making it possible...also not forgetting those who give voluntarily





Rotary International, the Resource Industry and Papua New Guinea

The Resource industry in PNG and our members put a lot of effort into helping PNG in remote areas in Health, Education and many other areas, with much needed support and service as well as our contributions to the government and economy of PNG.

The PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum have Teamed up with Rotary in Australia and PNG to donate medical and education supplies to PNG. Our Chamber is calling on support from our members to help us fund as many shipping containers as we can of medical and educational supplies to be donated to PNG.

Rotary through its Donations in Kind program Receives the Medical and educational Supplies in Australia and then via the Rotary Volunteers in Australia Pack and ship these containers to PNG where Rotary Volunteers in PNG unpack and Distribute these Medical and Education supplies to much needed areas of PNG.

Since its commencement nearly 30 years ago the Rotary Donations in Kind program has shipped nearly 700 containers to PNG and has spent over \$3 million AUD in Shipping and shipped about \$58 million in value of donated goods, areas regularly shipped to are Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang, Wewak, Kimbe, Alotau, Lorengau, Manus Island and Boganville.

This Rotary Donation in Kind Program has delivered 8782 Hospital Beds, 3906 wheel chairs, 32, 230 school desks, 92,437 cartons of books and 85,933 cartons of medical supplies.

The cost to ship a 20 ft container is about \$5800 AUD and a 40ft container is about \$8500 AUD .

We are calling on our Members to join with us to either donate money towards the shipping more Donated Goods to PNG, and if you donate the value of a full container the container will be in your name, alternatively if you have your own shipping and Logistics you can choose to deliver the container to Donations in Kind in Brisbane and choose to ship, receive and distribute to your local community.

We would like to get as much media coverage as possible for our members and the chamber via this initiative, to help people in remote areas that would otherwise may not receive much needed medical or educational support.



Please complete the attached form to indicate your level of corporate support for this initiative .

Company Name:

Authorised Representative's Name:

Level of support intended please choose options below.

- ☐ Ship 20 ft Container:
\$5800 or PGK14,500 PGK Qty:
- ☐ Ship 40 ft Container:
\$8500 or PGK21,250 PGK Qty:
- ☐ Provide your own Shipping and Logistics 20 ft Qty:
- ☐ Provide your own Shipping and Logistics 40 ft Qty:
- ☐ Or Specified Value of Support
PGK:
or AUD:



President of the Roger Hau'ofa Kidney Foundation (RHKF) Michelle Hau'ofa and PR & Media Engagement Lead Rachael Thomson visited the Rotary Donations In Kind Warehouse in Brisbane in late January 2021 and met with Patricia Dear, District Chair, Rotary Donations In Kind and Trevor Spall, Queensland Health's Director for Bio Technology Services.

Ms Dear has been instrumental in sourcing dialysis machines and other essential medical equipment for the Roger Hau'ofa Kidney Foundation and other health organisations in Papua New Guinea, and in building relationships in Queensland to support the RHKF in its efforts to address kidney health in PNG. Mr Spall specialises in dialysis machines and has been generous with his expertise on the benefits of the different machine models in the developing world context.

The four objectives of the RHKF are:

1. To promote healthy lifestyles as a means of preventing kidney disease;
2. To provide affordable, quality, accessible kidney treatments for our citizens;
3. To support kidney patients and their carers so they can access health care and make informed decisions with dignity and peace of mind;
4. To work collaboratively with all stakeholders in addressing kidney health issues in PNG.

The Foundation has embarked on kidney health awareness programs in PNG to support its first objective, and aims to bring dialysis machines to PNG and bring the cost of each treatment down to less than K50 per session to support its second objective. For this to be successful it will need strong partnerships around areas such as servicing of the machines, supply of consumables, and trained medical personnel, as well as committed funding from the government.

Ms Hau'ofa and Mrs Thomson also took the opportunity to meet with Rotary volunteers, many of whom are originally from PNG or have worked there in the past. Ms Hau'ofa spoke to the Rotarians about the objectives of the Foundation and how the work of the Rotarians directly impacts lives in PNG. Ms Hau'ofa thanked Ms Dear for supporting RHKF especially in connecting with key organisations in Queensland.



Deliveries keep arriving. Goods from the Children's Hospital, Birthing Kits from the Inner wheel Club of the Sunshine Coast and an array of toys and knitted blankets. Sporting equipment from the Rotary Club of Kippa Ring Northlakes. Books from Burleigh Heads Rotary and deliveries from Rotary club of Warwick Sunrise. Even District Governor 9600 Neil Black arrives with a car load of donations. These are just a few that arrive





The first packing day in February was one of sorting a whole container of school uniforms , finish packing a container for Timor Leste and Securely wrapping dialysis machine that will go to a hospital in Ethiopia

Two of the Peace Fellows Belen Harb and Ramanathan Thurairajoo were of great assistance on the day. More Peace Fellows are encouraged to attend to see the operation in action



**Service
ABOVE Self**

