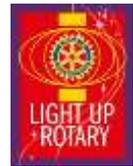




West Footscray Donations In Kind Store 2000 –June 2015 Achievements



Fifteen very productive years: We wish to highlight what has been achieved in the last 15 years and to thank the people and organizations who have made this possible. Similar activity is duplicated in other Donations In Kind operations in every state. In Victoria there is also another vibrant store in Geelong. Rotary’s involvement in this area started 50 years ago and in 1987 Donations In Kind was established as the national name for this activity.

In the last 15 years a great deal has been accomplished.

\$2,700,000 *raised for Store and shipping costs

\$3,830,000 *the value of the volunteering allocated as Overseas Aid

\$43,500,000 *of top quality material given to people overseas who deserve our help

\$50,030,000 *the combined total of Overseas Aid

4.75 kilometres *The length of the containers end to end

26,700m³ *of goods recycled much of which would have ended up as landfill

1,500% *return on investment \$2.7 million in freight \$43.5 million shipped

455 *containers shipped



1000's of lives improved

Thank you to the Volunteers

Our volunteers Rotarians and members of the public come from a diverse background but all provide valuable service. Some are regulars, some are casual, others come for a Rotary working bee, but all are welcome. They have different passions and interests; some know the people who will receive goods, others are more interested in the recycling aspect. They all enjoy the pleasure of working with people who care and who are prepared to make a contribution. All leave at the end of the day knowing that because of their effort someone will benefit from their work. We also thank the people who collect goods and deliver them to the Store; their labour is not included in the figures above.



1000's of patients receiving better care as a result of the medical equipment provided.

Last year 400 hospital beds shipped to 10 countries



You make everything possible. Some of you we can acknowledge openly and we respect the privacy of others. Increasingly organizations are becoming more involved as they recognise that we will comply with any restrictions related to their donations. They are aware that their goods will be given to someone in genuine need, for free, in one of the 220 countries where Rotary is established. We continue to encourage the Rotary Clubs who receive goods, to provide our donors with details on where their goods go and who they have helped. We also seek to give organizations the opportunity to be partners in our projects and have their company featured as sponsors.

Thank you to our Supporters

Without your support to fund the Store and to provide the funds to ship the goods there would be no Store or goods being received. You are silent partners in every container that is shipped. Our special thanks goes to the Rotary Clubs who are members of DIK Inc. who each donate one month's rent.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Last year</p> <p>Containers 76 x 20' shipped Shipping cost \$238,000 Volunteer hours 11,000</p> <p>Store running costs \$72,000</p>	
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What will we achieve in the next 15 years? The Store supports four Victorian Districts and we have the capacity to do more. Last year 17% more was shipped; 156% increase in four years. The current and potential supply of donations is vast and at times we have to reject excellent material because we lack shipping funds. We can significantly increase output if we receive money funding.

Partnerships are the answer; Rotary Clubs can achieve more if they work together.

We need more support from the people who have reusable goods to donate.

Schools The “Better Recycling Option” encourages them to donate the cost they would incur disposing of their waste. If we received this we could double our output.

Business waste problems and associated disposal costs can be turned into positive PR opportunities with a little imagination and help from Rotary Clubs. Example; Surplus computers can become the core of a computer training centre in a developing country “proudly sponsored by XYZ Company”.

Community attitudes need to be changed. People are very positive about recycling and giving reusable material to people in need. We need to focus attention on the choice of paying for landfill or using the money to ship the goods to help others.

We need to encourage **Government** to think about this area and examine the benefits of supporting volunteers recycling reusable material and giving it to deserving people in developing countries. We could help more people if the focus was on outcomes as well as dollars and more consideration given to using suitable recycled material as an alternative. **The future is in our hands.**

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