

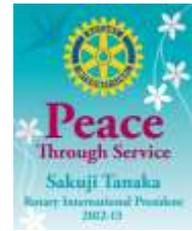


West Footscray Donations In Kind Store

Celebrating

100,000 Volunteer Hours

Since 2000



In April 2013 the West Footscray Donation In Kind Store will celebrate a significant milestone, 100,000 volunteer hours worked at the Store this century. We are taking this opportunity to highlight what has been achieved in the last 12 years and to thank the people and organizations who have made this possible. To gain a national perspective this activity is duplicated in the 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 12 years a great deal has been accomplished.

- \$2,000,000** *raised to pay for freight
- \$3,000,000** *the value of the volunteering allocated as Overseas Aid
- \$32,000,000** *of top quality material given to people overseas who deserve our help
- \$37,000,000** *the combined total of Overseas Aid
- 3.7 kilometres** *The length of the containers end to end
- 20,000m³** *of goods recycled much of which would have ended up as landfill
- 1,500%** *return on investment \$2 million in freight \$32 million 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 Club 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 acknowledge 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.

1000's hospital beds supplied



Thank you to our Donors

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 217 countries where Rotary is established.

It is important the Rotary Clubs provide our donors with details on where their donations go and who they help. 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.



**Wonderful support
for student in 20
countries
1,000.000 exercise
books and supplies
shipped in the last
four years
10,000's of desks
and chairs allocated**



The Future

What will we achieve in the next 12 years? The potential supply of donations is vast and at times we have to reject excellent material because we lack shipping funds. Volunteers are readily available and we only operate regularly two days a week. We can dramatically increase output if funds are available for shipping. **Partnerships are the answer**, getting support from the people who have reusable goods to donate.

Schools are starting to warm to this approach and with minimal difference between cost of landfill and freight to ship the goods, helping a sister school can be a very rewarding experience.

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 surplus material to others in need. All they have to do is realize that they are responsible for the waste generated by the organizations that support them, and can influence how the material is disposed of.

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 dollar and more consideration given to using suitable recycled material as an alternative. **The future is in our hands.**

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