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A BIG THANK YOU FROM RC GIZO

"The members of the Rotary Club of Gizo wish to thank all fellow Rotarians for their support to the people of the Solomon Islands affected by the earthquake and tsunami of 2nd April 2007. Through the Rotary network, people whose lives have been seriously affected have received ShelterBoxes, aqua boxes, emergency boxes, all provided by Rotarians around the world. The boxes provided much needed essential items to help disaster victims with items such as tents, tools, blankets, buckets, toys for the children, clothing, towels and toiletries. These items were greatly appreciated by the families who received them. So, on their behalf we, the members of **Rotary Club of Gizo** thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Jackie Thomas Secretary"

LIFE JACKETS FOR PNG?

Mail from **Ernie Lohberger, Pres RC Port Moresby** tells me that an upgrade in standard of life jackets in Australia calling for a whistle, reflective tape and light attached means there are many old life jackets floating around in Australia. There is so much coastal traffic around PNG in small open boats (heavily laden open boats go from POM to Kerema, 240 km in the open sea) that there is a real need we may be able to part fill. Any chance of picking these up and DIK will see they get where they are needed.

DENTAL/ FACIAL RECONSTRUCTION

A request by RC Port Moresby to assist the establishment of a **specialized laboratory in the Dental School** at the University of Papua New Guinea was answered by the **RC of Aspley** with the help of a Matching Grant. Facial and mouth cancer is a major problem due largely to the chewing of betel nut and lime and there is currently no treatment available. The materials to be supplied will set up and support a **Prosthetic Teaching Laboratory** for the next two years.

AUST PNG ASSOCIATION GOLF DAY

Another great day with our friends from **Aust. PNG Assoc.** saw DIK benefit by \$2,000. As a friend of PNG, are you a member? My day closed with an invitation along with another 160 to the PNG Consulate to celebrate **PNG Independence.**

ANOTHER WHEELCHAIR STORY

"A picture here of **Ome Gamini**. He always wanted a wheelchair for his mum but did not know where to get one. He found one when he came to volunteer his services to unpack a DIK container at **Brian Bell Homecentre**. He assisted with the delivery of books, desks, wheelchairs and hospital beds for Malalaua, an 8 hour round trip from Port Moresby (and the roads are not too flash!). With transport provided by Telekom we turned up at Malalaua unannounced and the District Administrator thought Christmas had come early, he was lost for words. That's the magic of Rotary."

Pres Peter Loko RC Boroko



ROTARY SHIPPING CONTAINERS

A polite request to all our friends in PNG/SI. Does anybody know where our yellow shipping containers are? Who is using them as storage? Can we have them back please?

TRF SEMINAR AND PROJECTS FAIR

At the TRF Seminal 14 October we will again present the **Projects Fair** where project opportunities in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands will be on show. The highlight of the show is when we ask Clubs attending to donate towards **Matching Grants for major projects**. Projects this year will include support to the POM City Mission Farm, Water supply projects in Honiara and Adopt A Village bed net supply. Clubs will be advised with more detail before the Fair, but **come prepared to pledge your clubs support** for these major projects.

PROJECTS 'SOLD' LAST YEAR - STATUS

For your inf. and interest herewith the status of projects 'sold' at last year's Projects Fair.

- **13 DIK Containers** were sent through RC Boroko, that's \$500,000 of health and education aid.
- **4,220 treated bed nets** supplied to villages in New Britain through RC Madang.
- **22 water wells** on the way to completion by RC Rabaul
- \$40,000 of **Tools and equipment** to two Vocational Schools in Port Moresby.
- **152 Village wheelchairs** to RC Huon Gulf and 9 each to Rabaul and Kokopo

The above **projects totaled \$150,000** and were the result of Clubs seizing the opportunity to take part in a major project.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Following up and reviewing a Matching Grant application it was noted that several Clubs in the District did not notify RI of their President and Secretary for 2007-2008. I am sure we are not alone. Here's a Gentle reminder for your Secretary this coming December !

BIRTHING KITS ARE BOOMING

The ladies at DIK are still heavy in **Birthing Kits (Delivery Kits)** assembly and a call from the QCWA (I like your new building ladies!) brought in another 100. The kits are well received by all our Clubs in PNG and in the Solomon Islands.

For new readers, the kits are the essentials for a safe remote village birth where mortality rate for both mother and infant is high. The kits are distributed through the hospitals and Health Clinics by Village Birth Attendants. .

DONATIONS IN KIND - UPDATE

We are working on a very reduced volume from the old building not knowing how long it will last. We are managing to get a container or two away but are cautious not to build up goods in store as the axe will again fall, and shortly. **Funding? Yes, it's still needed, don't forget us!** We have not found a suitable store, **but look at the project below driven by RC Acacia Ridge!**

'DIK HOME PROJECT'



As reported last month, **RC Acacia Ridge** have procured a 1,200 sq m building (above and below) that is to be removed early next year, all we need is a suitable hectare of land to put it on. **Any ideas call Peter Gartshore** 0412 880 722, W 3908 9600, H 3848 7803



The DIK Sing-along-with-me.....!

'You've got your troubles, I've got mine'

The Fortunes

'I'd grown accustomed to the place.....'

My Fair lady

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