# Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment

## Northern Region  Jan - Feb 2025

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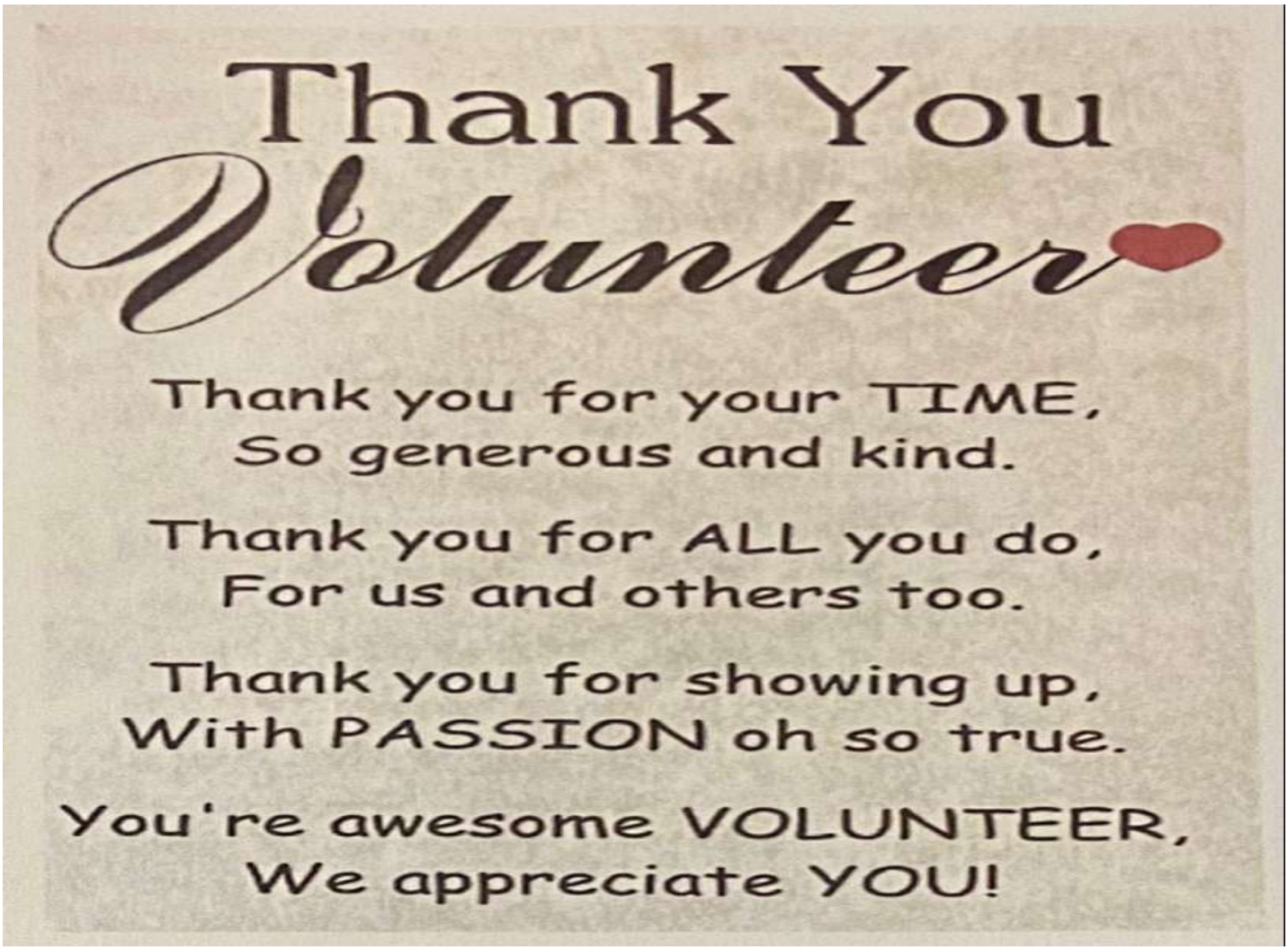


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# LAU Education - a Charitable Trust

LECT's NEXT CONTAINER FOR OUR LAU SCHOOLS WAS SEALED TODAY 🙌🏽

Under the scorching 35 degree heat 🔥 today of the Brisbane sun with its energy sapping 85% humidity, a group of "friends and family of Lau" joined a good number of our Australian Rotary volunteer family at their impressive Brisbane repurposing yard to complete the packing of our next container now full to the max with school furniture, equipment, books, uniforms, boarding school linen and other classroom supplies for our 95 odd Lau schools 👌🏽 💙
The container was "sealed" and once all shipping paperwork is completed in the next week, will be ready for Swire Shipping - who have again stepped in to provide pro bono international freight - to pick up for its onward journey to Kings Wharf, Suva from Brisbane port:
Vessel: Arkadia 2505N
ETD: 21 February
Malo vaka levu to our following friends who "turned up" in true spirit of selfless volunteerism, also providing a sumptuous Fiji chicken curry and rice lunch for our amazing Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment . Northern Region Rotarians who came from far and wide today from throughout Brisbane to lend a helping hand for our Lauan children doing it tough in the islands 💛
Talei Tikosaya (Tokalu, Kabara) @Izrael Kincaid Hesaie (Rotuma vasu Nukubalavu, Savusavu), Semisi Keteilagi (Waisomo, Beqa), Viliame Sorowale (Naqarani, Noco), Sevanaia Bale (Nabavatu, Dreketi, Macuata), Ini Tagicakibau (Somosomo, Taveuni) and Annie Kacimaiwai (Salia, Nayau)

Malo vaka levu a vakadrakai vakaitamera 🙏🏽

**ABOVE:** CARINDALE ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS ATTEMPTING TO FIT CHAIRS AND TABLES AROUND A PLAYGROUND SET AND MULTIPLE DENTAL ITEMS BOUND FOR VANUATU. ROSS STEWART, ON THE RIGHT, HAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED HIS DENTAL SERVICES AS A VOLUNTEER INTO THE REMOTE LOLOWAI HOSPITAL, SOME 250KM NORTH FROM PORT VILA.

**BELOW:** SCHOOL EQUIPMENT PROCESSED BY RARE IS MOSTLY DESKS, CHAIRS AND BOOKS.

THESE THREE LARGE AUDIO-VISUAL SCREENS WERE GRACIOUSLY DONATED BY OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL IN GATTON AND WILL BE READILY RECEIVED IN ANY OF OUR DESTINATION COUNTRIES.

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## Rotary Club of Archerfield

This past week members have been at RARE, Alexandria Hills. On Thursday, we were at RARE to receive from the Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise 21

Medical Beds & 21 Mattresses and also 100 boxed Rough Terrain Wheelchairs. then on Saturday, members, Rotary friends and Rotarians from other clubs started packing these into a 40 ft high container which will be shipped to Ba Hospital, Lautoka next month. Included in the container are Emergency stretchers and medical supplies. We were able to complete 75% of the container packing last Saturday and the final pack will be Saturday 1 February. If we are able to have at least 6 members and or volunteers at RARE that day then the container packing should be easily completed by mid -morning. This project is another great example of how clubs can work to-gether to assist needy communities; it clearly demonstrates "The Magic of Rotary" and Rotary People of Action

**SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY**

**ABOVE:** FUI CONTAINER LOADING WAS FINALISED, READY TO SHIP

**BELOW:** RARE's NEW SHED WAS BUILT OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Electricians Paul Prior and Clive Shepherd [RC Cleveland President] spent the day indoors, adding light and power.

This new shed is also ALREADY totally full.

A very busy day on Saturday with 4 containers being worked on – I am sure Phil can elaborate on the details. The 40 foot Fiji container is finished – Photo of Peter Gibbs and one the of Fijian helpers.

# Rotaract Club of Honiara SI

today, the Rotaract Club of Honiara proudly donated school stationery to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary and ECE School, an extension of Bishop Epalle School established around 2017 in the Burns Creek area of East Honiara.
Speaking on behalf of the school, Deputy Ms. Martina expressed her gratitude to the Rotaract Club of Honiara for their timely donation, noting that the club was the first organization to provide such support. She emphasized that the students and teachers will greatly benefit from these supplies as they begin their 2025 academic year.
In response, the Rotaract Club of Honiara expressed their happiness in making this donation, highlighting that it aligns with one of Rotaract's and Rotary's goals to enhance literacy in education.
A special thank you to Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE) and RAWCS for facilitating the shipping of these stationery items to the Solomon Islands.
#rotaractclubofhoniara #donation #StVincentDePaulCatholicSchool #RARE #RAWKS #education #enhanceliteracy.

**ABOVE: BUSY PACKING AND SORTING SHED SCENES**

**FROM SAT 1 FEBRUARY**

BOOK SORTING, LINEN PACKING, PAIRING AND ZIP-TYING CRUTCHES, SORTING SCHOOL UNIFORMS

**LEFT:** A DELIVERY BY BREN MILSON [RC BURLEIGH]

FROM ST JOSEPH'S, TWEED HEADS.

SOME OF THESE CHAIRS WERE OFF- LOADED STRAIGHT FROM THE TRUCK INTO THE VANUATU CONTAINER.

***ADVANCE WARNING OF LARGE DELIVERIES DOES FACILITATE***

***UNLOADING AND REDUCE RARE'S DOUBLE HANDLING***

**RIGHT:**

THE LAST OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOKS LOADED INTO THE BOROKO PNG, ALLOWED IT ALSO TO BE SEALED,

READY FOR SHIPPING.

THERE ARE NOW FIVE LOADED

CONTAINERS ON SITE,

SEALED AND READY TO SHIP.

***THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS***

# Playground equipment from RC Boonah for Vanuatu

PLAYGROUNDS ARE DEFINITELY NOT ON OUR NORMAL SHIPPING LIST; HOWEVER THIS ONE WAS OFFERED

BY PDG TIM KEELER AND ACCEPTED BY PIKININI PLAYTIME SCHOOL INTO PORT VILA, VANUATU.

IT HAS BEEN LOVINGLY DISMANTLED, SEQUENTIALLY PHOTOGRAPHED,

WITH ALL HARDWARE AND VITAL RE-ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS SUPPLIED.

WELL DONE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOONAH

ANY SUCH UNUSUAL EQUIPMENT ITEM REQUIRES PRIOR AUTHORISATION FROM RARE AND A SPECIFIC

DESTINATION CONFIRMED, PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE BY RARE.

THESE CAN NOT BE STORED ON SITE, ARE REALLY DIFFICULT TO PACK INTO A CONTAINER AND GREATLY

REDUCE THE VOLUME OF OTHER GOODS TO BE SHIPPED IN THE SAME CONTAINER.

THE DESTINATION VANUATU SCHOOL EXPRESSLY REQUESTED THIS PLAYGROUND

## **Rotaract Club of Honiara** SI

Late last year, our club made a generous donation of school stationeries to Takaitao Community High School, a rural school located in Malaita Province. We are thrilled to share that the donated items have successfully arrived at the school. The joy and excitement among the students are evident, as captured in the attached photos. Their bright smiles reflect not only show their gratitude but it also shows the positive impact this donation will have on their educational experience.
We believe that providing these essential supplies will help enhance their learning environment and empower the students to pursue their studies with renewed enthusiasm. Our club is committed to supporting education in underserved communities, and we look forward to continuing our efforts in the future. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful initiative!
(A special thank you to Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment Northen Re-

# Rotaract Club of Paddington

Exciting update! 📦 ✨
Back in November, we packed containers just over 1000 books, 20 desks, and chairs for our international project, RISE and they've already arrived in the Solomon Islands before us! 😅
We'll be heading there in July 2025 to renovate the Library, bringing the joy of learning to the community. We're so close to reaching our funding goal, and you can be part of this positive change!
Support RISE and help spread the power of education.
#Rotaractclub #Queensland #Rotary #CommunityImpact #rotarybrisbane #Rotaryinternational #Communityservice #rotaractclub #rotaractors #queenslandaustralia #Rotaractdistrict9620 #Serviceaboveself #RotaractPaddington #Rotaractaustralia #SupportEducation #RotaryDistrict9620 #SolomonIslands #MakingADifference #ProjectRISE #EducationForAll #Rotaractbrisbane #makingadifference #RotaryClub #Volunteering #education #literacy #library #Brisbane

# PNG Gulf Association of Queensland

Supporting Terapo Health Centre
We recently delivered essential supplies to Terapo Health Centre, where Melanie, the Officer in Charge, graciously received:
• 10 boxes of supplies, including birthing kits, bush clinic kits, wipes, bandages, portable stretchers, and more
• 3 sets of crutches
• 6 bags of sheets
• 2 SolarBuddy studentbuddy lights
Melanie shared that these lights will make a real difference, especially for birthing and emergency cases at night—a small but impactful solution for critical moments.
This delivery was made possible through the hard work of Di and our dedicated volunteers, as well as the incredible support of the truck owners and drivers who ensure supplies make it to their destinations.
As we celebrate this festive season, let's remember those in need. Deliveries like this bring hope and vital support to communities that rely on these resources.
A huge thank you to Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment . Northern Region, GFS, and SolarBuddy.org for their contributions to making this delivery happen. Together, we're lighting the way for a brighter and healthier future in the Gulf Province.

Delivery to Malalaua Health Centre! 🌟

We're excited to share that Malalaua Health Centre has received:

• 1 electric hospital bed
• 2 mattresses
• 5 bags of sheets
• 19 boxes of medical supplies (including first aid kits, birthing kits, insulin kits, bandages, and more)
• 3 sets of crutches

A special shoutout to our superstar volunteer Di, who personally handed over these much-needed resources to Jenny, the Officer in Charge at Malalaua Health Centre.

Huge thanks to Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment . Northern Region (RARE), GFS, and everyone involved in making this delivery possible. Your efforts are making a real difference in the Gulf Province!

#HelpUsHelpGulf #HealthAndEducation #RotaryAustraliaRepurposingEquipment #rare #Rotary #GFS #SolarBuddy #pnggaq #pnggulfassociationqld

## RARE — ROTARY AUSTRALIA REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT

### End of MacArthur Street, ALEXANDRA HILLS

**DIRECTIONS** Drive to the End of MacArthur Street, through one fence; then a second gated fence with office in containers on the left for the FLY FARM; Keep Driving to T intersection; turn right; continue through the third fence line. Park to right —well off any roads, to allow unimpeded truck and forklift movements.

**SIGN IN DESK IS IN FAR END OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

## ROTARY AUSTRALIA REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT

## NORTHERN REGION

**Welcomes all Volunteers**

**Open Thursday Morning 8 am — 12 noon**

**No Experience Required**

**You Must Wear Closed in Shoes**