

Yes, its that time again when we pause to celebrate Christmas and the holiday season. We at DiK are certainly going to do that after quite a busy year. The store will close on Tuesday December 12th and reopen on Tuesday January 23rd. Thank you to everyone who has supported the store in some way this year and we look forward to seeing you again in 2024.



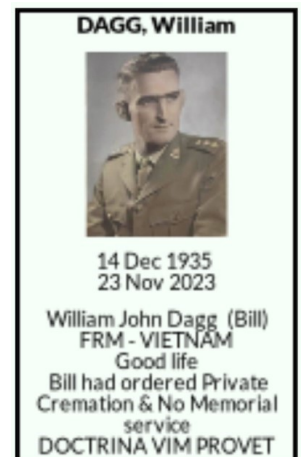
VALE Bill Dagg:

Bill Dagg has passed away and joins his beloved PR person Sooty in another life. He was a Past President of the Rotary Club of West Footscray and later a member of the Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand.

Bill attended Williamstown High School and came to Rotary early on in life when as a student he was selected to spend a week at the Rotary Club of Deniliquin after an exchange with students from there to the Williamstown and Essendon clubs.

He attended Duntroon Military College in 1955 and later served in Papua New Guinea and Vietnam. Following the war, he continued to serve as a liaison in Vietnam.

Bill was married to Irene and had a son Jason who lives in Western Australia. He lived at Cross Street West Footscray and more recently at Brentwood Drive Avondale Heights.



Rotary:

Bill was Inducted into the Rotary Club of West Footscray in August 2000 and served as:

Sergeant at Arms: 2001-2022

Board Member 2001-2003

Club President: 2004-2005

He was awarded a PHF from the Club in 2003 and a Sapphire from the District in 2006.

He resigned from West Footscray in June 2007 and later joined the Rotary Club of Port Gellibrand.

Fred Wright started Bill at DiK almost immediately following his joining West Footscray in August 2000. He finished up his formal role in 2010 and was at the forefront of all the activities of DiK. From work initially in Altona, then a move to West Footscray at Shed 37, then Shed 40. There was always activity. There was always a container to fill. Or a local emergency to store and distribute donated items, such as during bushfires. Under Bill's direction, DiK said yes to any genuine request for assistance.

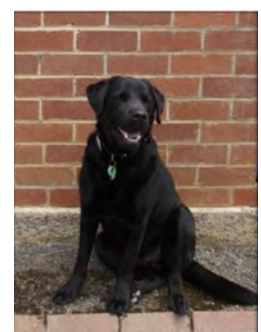
His trip to East Timor in 2002, began his passion for helping the people of East Timor, and he later became the DiK East Timor Coordinator, beginning what has turned into a 20+ year dedication to helping the people of Timor.

In 2005, Bill took on a role coordinating cleaning for the Melbourne Commonwealth Games Village during PDG John Wrigley's year. The proceeds from this amounted to **\$874,702.80** dollars for Rotary 9800 projects. Bill was presented with a Games Baton which was proudly displayed at his home. He and PDG John later assisted the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games team with setting up their housekeeping program.

In 2010, he relinquished part of the duties to Laurie Fisher who took on the day to day store operations. Bill was a regular visitor at clubs spruiking the DiK and Timor stories and seeking club support. In recent years he has spent time supporting the Footscray Tennis Club.

Sooty was Bill's faithful companion for 12 years and attended numerous Rotary events including Camp Getaway, RCPG Pirates Day and at Donations in Kind. He was an authorised visitor at the Royal Childrens Hospital and many nursing homes. Sooty was a trained Seeing Eye Dog who didn't pass the final exam but was a most wonderful, loyal devout companion for Bill.

Sooty passed away on 27th December 2017 after a happy Christmas.



DiK is always keen to assist Clubs with their many endeavours. We have just taken delivery of over 200 pallets of new and unbranded polo and T-shirts, caps and flat library bags. Thank you Rotary Wyndham, PP Pasqual, and the connection with West Welcome Wagon.



We have accepted this generous donation to use with the various overseas projects but the volume is such that we can also provide whatever quantity your Club might need for your local projects as well. The quality is good, we have a full range of sizes ranging from XXS through to XXXL in many colours. There is a lot of sorting to be done and we will only supply by the carton.

In addition there are cartons of hand sanitiser which can be collected for your projects.

The goods must be collected from DiK Store with orders to Bronwyn Stephens.
rotaryDiKtreasurer@gmail.com or 0410 324 537

CALL TO ACTION:

Ask your local schools to collect surplus pencils and stationery at the end of the year.

We are running critically low on resources of basic items. There are 2 ways to assist:

1. In the back-to-school sales would your Club invest in purchasing some supplies for the aisle? Grey lead and coloured pencils, textas, sharpeners, childrens' basic safety scissors, rulers, exercise books and scrapbooks.
2. Contact your local schools and ask for students to donate leftover/unwanted equipment and exercise books. We also need junior fiction and picture story books.



The team pledge to lovingly construct them into kits for class sets to be distributed amongst educational projects and Clubs.
Contact Bronwyn Stephens 0410 324 537 bstephens.rotary@gmail.com or Pam Baker 0488 909 052 pjbaker@bigpond.com



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Rotary Donations In Kind

Rear Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray VIC 3012



Donations In Kind Activity Report for RAWCS November 2023

Containers Shipped 2023 -24 20' container units

District	Club Container	Units	Store	Units
9780	Tonga	2	Timor Leste	4
9820	Zimbabwe	2	Somaliland	2
9800	Ethiopia	4	Kiribati	2
			Tanzania	2
Total YTD		8		10
Previous Year		2		15

The volume shipped is similar to last year, but its very pleasing to see more Club sponsored containers.

Do you know of an organisation which could support us? Donations in many areas have dropped this year, particularly new clothing, hospital beds and equipment and educational supplies. Please share this newsletter with your networks, especially those who could consider donations.

Bob is always pleased to discuss volunteer and donation opportunities with organisations.

[Donations in Kind is a registered charity with ACNC](#) and is registered for Deductible Gift Recipient status.



Donations in Kind is located at Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray.
It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. <https://rotarydik.org>

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It has been a busy few weeks at West Footscray DiK with plenty of stock being received and five 40ft containers despatched. Three of these were for Ethiopia organised by Jama Farah from Rotary Footscray. The others went to Zimbabwe and Tonga in stories which we have covered previously. All were filled with medical goods and some clothing destined for various hospitals there.

Horn of Africa Project Report

We are very pleased to provide an update on the Horn of Africa project. Through our service and goodwill, we have achieved significant success in our goal of changing the lives of those in need in the Horn of Africa region. The Horn of Africa project was commissioned by the Rotary Club of Footscray, as part of Rotary District 9800, and Donations in Kind, to provide those living in the Horn of Africa region with the resources and inspiration to make a positive impact in their lives.

In particular, the project aimed to provide medical equipment to local hospitals that were in dire need, and to support locals who would otherwise travel long distances to receive the basic medical care that they needed. The beneficiaries of these donated resources include Jig-jiga University Sheik Hassen Referral Hospital and Harar Regional State Health Bureau Jugel General Hospital.



*The “tetris magicians”
how many beds can we fit into a
container?*



Through the generous contributions and support of our community, our [crowdfunding campaign](#) has been able to raise over \$47,800, which will cover the transportation costs of three containers loaded with donated materials and equipment. We are extremely proud to note that the first container has already been sent out for transport and has reached its destination of the Berbera Port in November 2023.

While we have enjoyed enormous support from far and wide, we would like to give special thanks to some contributors; Western Health, Austin Health, Baker Heart & Diabetes Institute, The Rotary Club of Canterbury and McGraw Hill. It is through the invaluable support of those who have donated their materials, resources and time that we have been able to make such large strides in achieving our lofty goals.

As already mentioned, the first container has already reached its destination, and we are pleased to announce that we have loaded the two remaining containers in November 2023. [Read more](#)



We have successfully achieved our goal to raise \$45,000 and load three containers of goods for dispatch to Berbera Port before the end of the year 2023.

In summary, we are extremely pleased with the great success we have enjoyed so far, and we hope that this phenomenal success continues into the future. This success has been a result of everyone involved in this project.

Once again, we would like to show our deep appreciation and gratitude, and ask that we all continue striving for a better world for us all and consider those who will inherit this world after us.

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Ukraine:

West Footscray DiK has been the assembly point for large quantities of aid goods destined for Ukraine. Over the past few months, three semi loads of pallets have left the store to be flown into Ukraine by the ADF but this could not continue. The aid kept coming so it was decided to ship a container to Poland and take the goods by truck into Ukraine.

Teresa Lachowicz, the aid coordinator for the Australian Federation of Ukraine Organisations has been untiring in her efforts to make the necessary connections to manage the receipt and distribution into Ukraine. We at DiK made contact with the Rotary Club of Gdynia and received an instant response confirming their readiness to assist. Their member Tytus Swiecicki, who runs a logistics business in Gdynia offered his expertise and assistance to facilitate the receipt and onward transport to Lviv in Ukraine.

So last week the container was packed and shipped to the Port of Gdynia. The container is filled with some very expensive medical equipment much of it donated by the Ukrainian community contacts, two C arm Units, two ultrasounds and an X Ray unit, ventilators from Queensland Health, new blankets and throws from Waverley Woollen Mills in Tasmania, many pallets of medical supplies from many sources including our colleagues at DiK Geelong and heaps of warm clothing from our stocks including lots of warm ski clothing.

Teresa, who is in Ukraine presently has also confirmed that the distribution in Lviv is organised and we received confirmation from Rotarian Boris Bodnar the Assistant Governor for Rotary Ukraine Unity who will manage that important final leg in the distribution.

We couldn't fit everything into this first container and there is almost enough for a second one in the coming weeks - once we know that this first container reaches the destination safely.

The cooperation between so many different organisations and individuals has been exceptional and it great when all of the plans come together.

Here are 28 ventilators arriving.



Some of the Ukrainian volunteers



Loading the C arm



Waverley blankets



Loading in—muscles required



The filled container



Kiribati:

At DiK West Footscray we cover a lot of territory – Timor Leste , Zimbabwe and Tonga last month, this month Ethiopia, Ukraine and Kiribati and next month Papua New Guinea.

We have previously shipped to Kiribati and a great project called Sewaid - www.sewaid.com organised by Rotarian Tony Castley was keen to take advantage of a request from Rotarian Ruth Cross from Rotary Club of Tarawa for books for the libraries there as well as medical supplies. The Sewaid project had been deferred several times but dates were agreed and the wish list presented to the store.

To augment the many rolls of sewing material and several pallets of sewing machines and other supplies organised by Tony, we were able to add over 100 large rolls of appropriate material from the stores stock of material donated by Dollar Curtains and Bizwear – both long term donors to the store.

We also assembled 13 pallets of library books, many wheel chairs and walkers, medical consumables, 5 pallets of agricultural hand tools for the Church of Latter Day Saints and a pallet of Solar buddies: for students where electricity is limited to non-existent.

Ruth’s brother was there to help with the loading and another completed container was on its way. Its quite a long trip – not arriving in Kiribati until early January. *Shipping takes about 60 days.*



Timor Leste:

The City of Port Phillip, via its [Friends of Suai/ Covalima](#) program is a regular shipper of material to the Community Centre in Timor Leste. Suai is on the south coast of Timor Leste – quite a drive from Dili. They have recently shipped a consignment of chairs from DiK and they also asked for some walking sticks. The photo shows the goods arrival at Covalima and the staff happily examining the goods.



The Continued Support from Dollar Curtain & Blinds:

We have taken the delivery to another direction and the company is now using their own transport to deliver excess stock to Donations in Kind. These materials are for continual and much needed donation to many overseas projects.



On the 5th October, Dollar Curtain & Blinds delivered their van packed with curtain materials to DiK. They were assisted by Des Shiel from the Rotary Club of Lilydale, who previously would pack a borrowed trailer and ute to deliver the goods.

This is a much appreciated step forwards in their ongoing support of Donations in Kind.

Des Shiel.
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