



Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment Northern Region Feb-March 2025

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Arawa rotary is unpacking items of school desk and school chairs for the primary school..

Truck delivery to 13 schools in Kieta districts





Taken from the security cameras. From what we can see, it looks as though all is fine at RARE.



Here are pictures of loading and unloading of 300+ chairs from St Joseph's Gregory Terrace from 26th / 27th Feb



Here are some pics from the unloading at Alex Hills
on the 26th from the pickup that Phil did



Exciting news from [Noosa District SHS Interact Club](#)! 🌟

Three of their members attended the 2024 Interact Conference, where Oscar Betteridge was particularly inspired by a presentation on “RARE” (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment) by Phil Saxby from the [Rotary Club of Brisbane](#). Motivated by the need for textbooks for disadvantaged schoolchildren in the Pacific Islands, Oscar returned to school and rallied his teachers and staff for support. With the help of other Interact Club members, they tracked down unused English, maths, and science textbooks. Check out the amazing results in the photos! 📖 ✨

Oscar’s dedication led to the collection of over 1,200 books, which he and his father personally delivered to be shipped to the islands through RARE. His hard work was recognized during a presentation at the [Rotary Club of Cooroy Queensland](#) on October 21, 2024.



Dear John, Phil, and Fellow Rotarians,

There are moments in life when words fall short, and this is one of them. How does one truly express the depth of gratitude owed to such selfless individuals? How do we adequately thank those who give not for recognition, but because they believe in something greater than themselves?

What we have accomplished together in packing this 40ft container bound for Port Moresby is more than just a logistical feat—it is an act of service that will ripple far beyond what we can see.

John, your leadership in sourcing the container, managing the logistics, and ensuring that everything ran smoothly was the backbone of this effort. Your ability to mobilize and guide people toward a shared goal is a gift that makes a difference in ways you may never fully realize.

Phil, you and your team—your hands, your hearts, your unwavering dedication—brought this together piece by piece, book by book, box by box. The effort behind the scenes, the sorting, the lifting, the planning, did not go unnoticed.

Shirley, your meticulous sorting and boxing of countless books ensured that knowledge will reach the hands of those who need it most. It is in those books that dreams will be born, perspectives will be expanded, and futures will be shaped.

Peter and Guy, your strength and skill in loading the donations ensured that every inch of space was used wisely, making sure we could send as much as possible.

Anna, and every other Rotarian who gave their time, your hands may have moved boxes, but your hearts moved something far greater—the spirit of service and generosity that defines what we stand for.

And then, there is Immanuel Sawan. Today, as the final seal is placed on this container, it is only right to acknowledge the quiet yet extraordinary commitment he has shown. He and his wife have travelled back and forth from Brisbane, leaving their young family behind to see this through. In the years I have been part of Rotary, I have rarely seen such dedication. He stands as a shining example of what it means to serve—not just with hands, but with heart, with sacrifice, and with a deep, unwavering love for his people.


The donations in this container will soon reach NCDC, Central, and Manus Provinces—but the impact will go beyond geographical boundaries. Port Moresby is not just a city; it is a hub where the entire nation converges. What arrives there will, in one way or another, find its way to every corner of PNG. The books, the supplies, the medical equipment—they will touch students, teachers, families, hospitals, and entire communities.





I've helped pack and deliver a few shipping containers of donations overseas, but the one we did in October/November last year with the help of [Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment . Northern Region](#) and other Rotarians, my mother and brother and [Lynne Shori](#) and [Wantaim PNG](#) was extra special with some of these donations going to [Laurine Ryans](#) village, Ponam Island, Manus.


Loz is the lifeblood of our family—she does so much and so it was only right for us to give back to her village and community


There were other donations in this shipment but I wanted to share the journey of these school desks which came from Rosies school and are now in the classrooms at Ponam Primary school and have made a real difference and had a big and positive impact on the children there


 Zillmere, QLD – Desks collected by the boys and myself from St Flannan's and delivered to RARE Alex Hills

 Alexandra Hills, QLD – Packed into a container by our awesome Manus, MC, RARE and PNG volunteers

 Brisbane to Port Moresby – 2,100 km, 7 days at sea on Swire vessel, 2 days for clearance

 Port Moresby to Lae – 2000 km, 4 days at sea on Consort vessel, 3 days for transfers

 Lae to Lorengau, Manus – 1,200 km, 4 days at sea on Bismark vessel , 2 days for clearance, unpacking and reloading - bit of a hiccup here hence the change of shipping lines but moms and Geoff came through big time again to keep us on schedule and in budget

 Lorengau to Ponam Island – 50 km, couple of hours by MV hotshot with the last transfer between MV hotshot and multiple dinghys taking place in the ocean about 200 metres from Ponam island

Apart from the drive from the road transfers, this was a full sea journey—over 3,700 km across ports, containers, and vessels, to get these donated desks into the classrooms so the Grade 5 and Grade 8 students in Ponam Primary School could start the 2025 school year on a good note.

Big thanks to Swire and GFS and everyone along the way who helped move, pack, sort, lift and deliver.

Appreciate you all



Rotaract Club of Honiara SI

Day 1 of the Rotaract week was successfully completed today with a school awareness talk and donating of library books to Bishop Epalle Catholic



Here are pictures from the delivery of computers received from Jeanette Johnstone today 20th March at RARE. We have put Dickson equipment on a pallet in the warehouse and I have the Teacher In A Box equipment that is heading to Gulf Province

Thank you for the update and for sharing the pictures! A huge thank you to everyone involved, and a special thanks to Jeannette for making this happen—truly the Magic of Rotary in action.

I'm grateful for the effort in getting these resources where they're needed. I'm looking forward to seeing the impact they will have in the Gulf Province and beyond.

The computers Jeannette donated will go into the 20-foot container for Telefomin District. That's the missing piece among a few other items to be loaded this weekend.

Thanks again.

Best regards, Dickson Ken



Today, the RARE facility in Alexandra Hills was busy. Rotarians from **Nundah Rotary** were on hand to assist with receiving and sorting boxes of school books.

There were many Roatraians from other clubs on hand as well.

The last photo is of a container which is nearly full, mainly of school furniture and will shortly be going to Wewak in PNG.

The Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE) project is a volunteer-based recycling facility used to collect and redistribute goods, principally donated by companies, hospitals and educational institutions. The goods it distributes are destined for developing countries and to disadvantaged individuals in

<https://rotaryaustraliarepurposing.equipment/>



It was a distinct pleasure hosting the **President of Wewak Rotary Community Corps during the week following Rotary District 9620 Conference.**

Anna had the delight of not only seeing where goods were sourced from into the RARE warehouse, but also the ability to self select items in the various RARE storage sheds.

Two of the 14 mattresses and 2 commodes from Ramsay Private Hospital, Birtinya went straight into the Wewak container.

Some of the many chairs and desks previously donated by Morayfield East State School had previously been loaded into her Wewak container. Anna assisted load more from the same school for upcoming shipping to other locations.

It is hoped that for future District Conferences all of our International Rotary guests can arrange to visit RARE for an extended session. This extra time has allowed Anna to self select from what is currently available within the RARE stores. Her selected items ended up being a much broader scope than her originally forwarded 'wish list'.

Her own Wewak community will be greatly enhanced from her own extended stay in Brisbane and the ability to spend extra time at RARE sourcing what she felt would best benefit her own community.

Graded Lions Spectacles, digital projector, sewing machines, a BarBQ, Ophthalmic surgical instruments, large format tv for audiovisual presentations, digital projection screens, gloves etc etc - all were added in addition to her original wish list items. Thanks to Anna's searching for items and also many thanks to the generosity of her friends here in Brisbane.

This Wewak container of mixed educational and medical items should be on its way within another few weeks.
It will be well received on arrival.



Packing Day 5 April 2025

This container is bound for Timor-Leste.

Another one arranged by Bren Milson of Burleigh Heads Rotary Club.

Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE), Northern Region

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)

73 Macarthur Street, Alexandra Hills, Qld 4161, Australia

Packing Day 5 April 2025







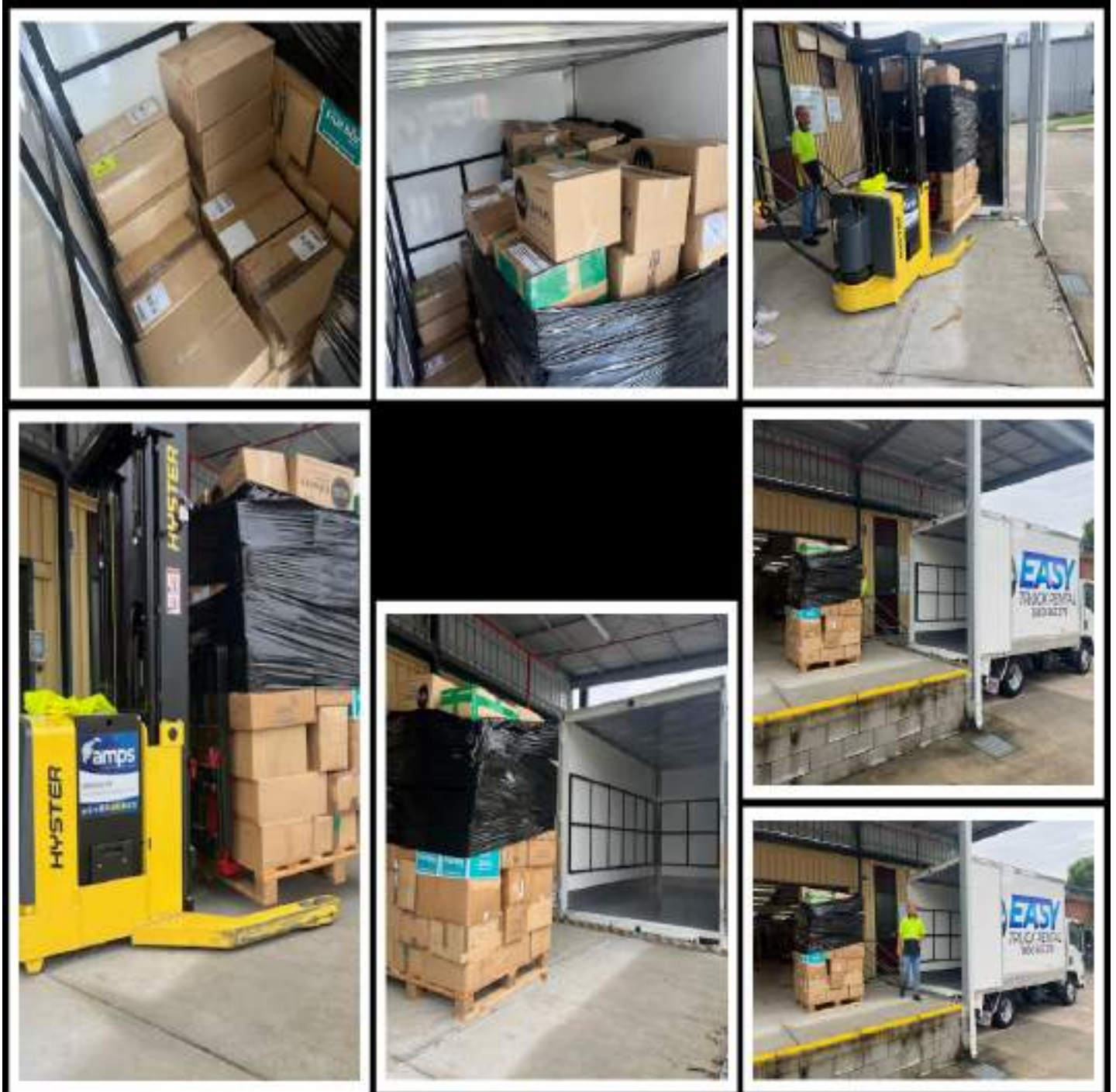
**MANY THANKS TO BRISBANE
CENTENARY ROTARY CLUB
Bruce Wilson, Craig Carson
and Terry Killen
FINISHED PAINTING THE RARE
BOARD ROOM ON 19 MARCH**





Canon Hill pickup done

Book Donation Pickup – Ready for Telefomin Container





Hamilton Rotary Qld is at Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment . Northern Region. ... X

5 April at 12:59 · 🌐

Finally some sunshine, which has brought us out to RARE at Alexandra Hills along with Rotarians from many Clubs, including our good friends at [Rotary Club of Nundah](#) to load containers of medical and educational supplies to those in need around the world!

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Well done to **Rotary Club of Brisbane International** who, in just 3 hours, filled their 20 foot container with medical items for Fiji, ready for pick up early next week. Thank you to all the RCBI volunteers, including RARE stalwarts, Peter and Guy, for making this possible.



RARE—ROTARY AUSTRALIA REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT 73 MacArthur Street, ALEXANDRA HILLS 4161

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 adjacent FLY FARM and around the corner the HOP FARM; Keep Driving to T intersection, turn right, continue through the third gated fence line.

Park to right or left onto the GRAVEL PARKING AREAS — well off any roads, to allow unimpeded truck and forklift movements.

SIGN IN DESK and TOILETS are IN FAR END OF BRICK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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FOR DELIVERIES

SITE OPENING HOURS:
THURSDAY AND
SATURDAY MORNINGS
8 AM—11.30 AM ONLY

OUT OF HOURS

DELIVERIES

PLEASE USE THE CODES
SUPPLIED TO OPEN THE
ROTARY BRANDED LOCKS
ON BOTH GATES

ON DEPARTURE, ENSURE
THAT THE LOCK IS RE-
LOCKED BACK CORRECTLY
INTO THE DAISY CHAIN