

Rotary



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Playground Harvest Levy

Project Description:

Playgrounds are removed for many different reasons and are consigned to Landfill. The RORP Project run by Rotary offers an alternative that is a win-win-win. For a small charge a RORP Team from a local Rotary Club will be mobilised to work with your team and the contractor you engage to assist with the removal and transport of the playground from the site. This charge is NOT an additional project cost to your budget as it is less than the cost of disposing of the old playground!

The dismantled playground, along with all of its details including plans drawn by RORP, will then be shipped to a developing country in a container with other playgrounds where they will be reinstalled by a local Rotary Club for use by needy children.

All legal issues have been addressed with an Indemnity Form, approved by the Municipal Association of Victoria, available from RORP or the Rotary Club of Flemington-Kensington.

Benefits to the Donor?

Cost-effective and significant Public Relations Exercise. We recommend that this cost be factored into the tender in place of the normal disposal allowance.

Benefits to Rotary?

An opportunity for the local community to see their local Rotary Club engaged in recycling and benefiting less fortunate children with a playground at no cost.

The benefit to the community receiving the playground?



As Past District Governor Senake Amerasinghe, the RORP Coordinator for the re-installing of the playgrounds in Sri Lanka, says: *“(The) Joy in the faces of the children cannot be expressed as they have never seen equipment of this nature.”*

RORP Management:

RORP Management is composed of volunteers from all five Rotary Districts in Victoria. It is ultimately the responsibility of the Rotary Club of Flemington-Kensington. The project is not for profit and self-funding.

Whilst there are some minor costs borne by the local Rotary Club undertaking the harvest (tools, fuel, etc), the major costs are:

- Shipping of the container
- Spares/repairs
- Online hosting of software that contains all of the playground information which is available to the overseas Rotary Club undertaking the re-installation.

Warehousing at DIK and the availability of the DIK truck are provided without charge as RC Flem-Kens is a financial supporter of DIK. All costs of customs, transport, and re-installation are born by Rotary receiving the goods.

Playground Levy:

To achieve economic viability, harvested playgrounds are packed into a 40-foot shipping container. The cost of shipping this container varies widely on the destination, Sri Lanka is a little under \$4K and to Nepal, it is \$9K. Assume on average the cost is \$6.5K.

The number of playgrounds that fit into a container depends on the size of the playgrounds. We try to get 8-10 playgrounds into a 40ft container. It should be noted that only playgrounds are shipped as that is the agreement with the customs at the receiving end. We would love to send other goods packed between the playgrounds but that is not possible under the agreement.



So, to cover costs, RORP will invoice the donor. In the past, this was a set figure. In recognition of COVID-19 related cost increases and that there are big and small playgrounds, the following will apply for all new playground harvests:

Smaller Playgrounds with less than 28 uprights (posts, ladders, firemen's poles, etc)
\$600 plus GST

Larger Playgrounds with more than 28 uprights (posts, ladders, firemen's poles, etc) \$750 plus GST. This playground from Centenary Ave, Kilmore, would be \$600 + GST.

Become a RORP Partner

If you are writing a Tender Document for a Playground to be removed, please include that you would prefer that the playground is disposed of through the Rotary Overseas Recycled Playground Project*. No additional cost to you and an illustration of your organisation's **GREEN COMMITMENT** – *Playgrounds to Kids and not Landfill!*

If you are applying to fill a tender to supply/install a playground, becoming a RORP PARTNER. Manufacturers contractors can become a RORP partner, where you commit to the playground being harvested by Rotary and sent overseas through RORP.

It might just give you the edge!

*To obtain a copy of the logo for your tender process, contact Shradd Sharma, rotaryrorp@gmail.com



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Council Management

What councils can do to further assist in the operation of this project at the local level is to factor into the tender documents the costs of the normal disposal allowance. This will enable the process to work more effectively.

Play Australia and its members have worked to facilitate this project at the local level from the outset, and it is wonderful that council officers and local Rotarians work together are able to make such a significant contribution to the health and well-being of the children of our near neighbors in Sri Lanka and Nepal.

