

ANNUAL REPORT 2025- 2026

ROTARY INNER MELBOURNE
EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK INC

ABN 32 118 131 805



RIMERN
Rotary Inner
Melbourne
Emergency
Relief Network

The Home of Residential Recycling



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Vision And Values

Vision

To support people who have experienced housing insecurity in inner Melbourne by providing all the basics to fit out their new, secure home, delivering it with choice, dignity and respect.

Values

As a Rotary project, RIMERN supports diversity, equity and inclusion, and all clients referred by member welfare agencies and programs or who are sponsored by a member Rotary Club are welcomed.

Our volunteers treat all clients & donors respectfully, donated goods are provided free of charge in the best condition possible, ie. working, safe, fit for purpose and clean and suitable for small homes.

In line with our environmental standards, we support the reuse, repurposing, recycling and rehoming of tons of usable furniture, appliances and homewares every year.



Overview

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc. (RIMERN) ABN 32 118 131 805 is an Incorporated Association and registered charity, established in 2020 by a group of inner Melbourne Rotary Clubs to continue the work begun by Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN) in Mitcham and Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN) in Ravenhall in supporting people in need who fit out their secure homes in the eastern & western suburbs respectively.

RIMERN supports clients moving into or living in Inner Melbourne.

In late 2024 a fourth Rotary ERN (Community Care Centre Ballarat) opened in Ballarat. All four Rotary projects operate independently but collaborate when practicable in ensuring that vulnerable people are supported with home essentials across metropolitan Melbourne & Ballarat district.

RIMERN both collects donated goods and supports clients moving into homes in the municipalities of Melbourne, Yarra, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Glen Eira, Darebin, Merri-bek, Banyule, northern Bayside & southern Whittlesea.

RIMERN focusses on treating clients with respect and dignity, providing them with a 'one stop shop' for all their basic homewares. RIMERN engages generous spirited people in both community and environmental service and values all volunteers for the essential contributions they make in helping people in inner Melbourne. RIMERN is part of the circular economy, the home of residential recycling and a showcase of Rotarians in action in the local community.

RIMERN opens from 10am – 1.30pm on Mondays and Saturdays, 10am – 3pm on Tuesdays through Thursdays, supports 14 – 16 clients a week and despatches 10 – 12 full house lots of homewares each week. Most clients have nothing to outfit their home until they visit our warehouse but within a couple of days have everything they need, to their taste, at no cost to them. It's life changing.

Everyone at RIMERN is a volunteer.

RIMERN Management 2025-2026

MANAGEMENT & MEMBERS' COMMITTEES

All member Rotary Club members nominate two member representatives to the RIMERN Members' Committee and they elect the Management Committee of between five and eight members.

In 2025-2026 RIMERN comprised 22 member Rotary Clubs.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2025-2026



President & CEO

Susie Cole
(Rotary Prahran)



Vice President

John Peberdy
(Rotary Melbourne)



Secretary

Jo Connellan
(Rotary Moreland)



Treasurer

David Gorman
(Rotary Albert Park)



**Warehouse
Manager &
Director**

Roslyn McMaster
(Rotary Prahran)



Director

Larry Robb
(Rotary North Melbourne)



Director

PDG Keith Ryall
(Rotary Carlton)

RIMERN Management 2025-2026 continued

MEMBERS COMMITTEE 2025-2026..... FROM TWENTY TWO ROTARY CLUBS

ALBERT PARK — David Gorman, Richard Chater.

BALWYN — Peter Frueh, Ken McQualter.

CAMBERWELL — David Troon, Phil Young.

CANTERBURY — Rob Simpson.

CARLTON — Keith Ryall, Maxine Cooper.

CENTRAL MELBOURNE — Rohan Williams, Roger Thornton.

CHADSTONE EAST MALVERN — Frank Warner, Richard Dixon.

COLLINGWOOD — Bruce Shaw, Rita DiPietro.

FLEMINGTON/KENSINGTON — Lesley McCarthy.

GLENFERRIE — David Fallick, Michael Hills.

IVANHOE — Frances Wright, Aiden Wright.

KEW — Kim Wen.

MALVERN — Jonathan Hartley.

MELBOURNE — John Peberdy, Branko Panich.

MORELAND — Jo Connellan, Rosemary Freeman.

NORTH BALWYN — Rob Head, Sue McDonald.

NORTH MELBOURNE — Larry Robb.

PASCOE VALE — Mandy Gosetti, Faye Coker.

PRAHRAN — Susie Cole, Ros McMaster.

PORT PHILLIP — Bronwyn Maddock, Brian Maddock.

PRESTON — Geoff McIlvenna, Gerry Lyons.

HON. AUDITOR: Neville John.

WAREHOUSE MANAGER & APPOINTMENTS CAPTAIN: Ros McMaster.

DONATED GOODS TEAM CAPTAIN & WEBMASTER: Ros Pach.

COLLECTIONS CREW CAPTAIN: David Gorman.

WELFARE AGENCY LIAISON: Joanne Ma.

GOODS SELECTION HOST CAPTAIN: Jo-anne Tamlyn.

RECYCLING CAPTAIN: Cheryl Coghlan.



Financial Highlights

RIMERN received annual membership fees from 22 Rotary Clubs and from active welfare agencies/programs, from sale of surplus furniture, artwork, bric a brac and from recycling. None of these sources fully cover warehouse rent, outgoings and operating costs so we were grateful for another year of very generous financial support from the Gailey Lazarus Charitable Foundation and other funding as listed below:

- Completion of the City of Merri-bek Organisation Establishment Grant of \$10,000pa for 3 years
- William Angliss Charitable Foundation
- Bendigo Community Bank Clifton Hill North Fitzroy (for bed bases)
- StreetSmart
- Fundraising per favor of RIMERN branded wine sales and 10c CDSVic refundables collections.
- Donations from Rotary Clubs of Melbourne, Camberwell, Central Melbourne & Ivanhoe (per Bendigo Community Bank East Ivanhoe grant for white goods) above their annual membership fees
- Your Local Op Shop (goods & vouchers).

To support our Aboriginal Homemakers with no charge white goods and delivery we launched our “Aboriginal Homemakers Program” to coincide with “National Sorry Day” in May. The first Rotary Club to support the program was Rotary Fitzroy with a donation of \$1,700.

Other Clubs will follow in the next Rotary year.

Operating Highlights

MEMBER WELFARE AGENCIES /REFERRERS

In 2025/26 we welcomed an additional 15 agencies or programs including 4 new Corporate members, but cancelled or consolidated memberships of non-active agencies (2025/26 total active agencies—41).



Fortnightly online Case Manager Inductions continued through 2025/26 so we now have trained 866 Agency Case Managers & 15 Rotary Club reps who are now able to order goods for their clients & attend our warehouse for Goods Selection Appointments.

WAREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to a grant from Rotary Balwyn, in November 2025 we installed two new computers. New volunteer lockers were installed in the staff entry to accommodate larger volunteer groups.

Overflow storage was rented at National Storage Brunswick for commercial donations and in May this storage was moved to 41 Colebrook Street Brunswick at a far lower cost per square metre. A 6 month lease with a 6-month option was taken.

This additional space allowed RIMERN to accept larger donations of furniture from New Aim, Quest, Fantastic Furniture and a few hotels.

Client Orders

Order output and number of people supported continued to grow with agency membership and a small increase in client appointments (Mondays). The value of each order—averaging \$1,523 in second-hand goods—grew significantly as we continued to purchase hard-to-source, in-demand homewares.



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	FIVE YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Orders Delivered	127	230 81% ↑	381 66% ↑	400 5% ↑	499 25% ↑	1,637 Orders Delivered
People Supported	341	310 -9% ↓	649 109% ↑	674 4% ↑	841 25% ↑	2,815 People Supported
Items Supplied	6,093	11,794 94% ↑	14,815 26% ↑	19,553 32% ↑	24,207 24% ↑	76,462 Items Supplied
Goods \$\$Value (second hand value)	161,508	326,133 102% ↑	511,164 57% ↑	619,272 21% ↑	\$782,749 26% ↑	\$2,400,826 Goods \$\$Value

TOGETHER, WE HELP REBUILD LIVES



Every item donated and every hour volunteered helps people facing crisis rebuild their lives and create a safe, welcoming home. Together, we turn generosity into practical support, dignity and hope. Thank you to our volunteers, donors and partners for making it possible.

YEAR-ON-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS



Orders delivered increased **293%** over five years.



People supported more than doubled in 2023–24 and continued to rise.



Items supplied grew 4 times from 6,093 to **24,207**.



The value of goods delivered increased 380% to **\$782,749** in 2025–26.

To supplement the donated goods and ensure that almost 100% of every order is supplied, in 2025/26 we purchased \$71,000 worth of reconditioned fridges and washing machines, small electrical appliances, bed bases, cleaning, laundry and bedding essentials. When grant funding was unavailable we levied a charge for fridges and washing machines on the agencies to offset purchase costs.

Impact

Statistics show year on year growth but client feedback is what makes RIMERN volunteers continue to work tirelessly day after day.

In 2025/26 we continued to support a significant number of women and children who had escaped family violence and were starting again with nothing. Most of our clients have experienced severe housing insecurity, whether couch surfing for years, squatting in warehouses or sleeping rough, leaving jail with nothing and after a RIMERN 'shopping for no money" trip, leave us having everything they need to start again in a fully equipped home.

Eight of our referral agencies support Aboriginal clients so in May 2026 we soft launched our "Aboriginal Homemakers Program" to supply no charge reconditioned fridges, washing machines and delivery (within 10km) for their referrals while grant funding lasts. For privacy reasons we don't know the details of most clients' journeys but when their workers share a small glimpse or our volunteers get a warm hug and big smile, we know that they leave our warehouse feeling happy, respected and optimistic with a greater understanding of what Rotary is all about both locally and internationally

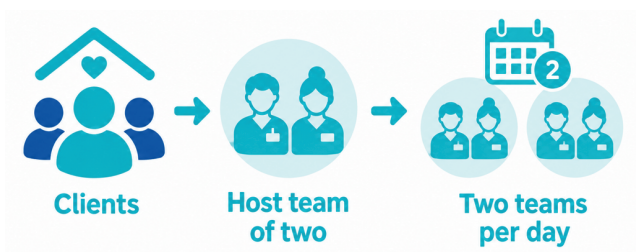


\$782,749
worth of goods
distributed
last financial
year

Goods Selection Appointments

Client/Case Worker appointments continue at the rate of 2 on Mondays, 4 or 5 per day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Stock supplied to clients is still limited by stock donated/collected but grant funding has enabled stock to be purchased and almost 100% of all order requests fulfilled.

All clients are supported by Host teams of two with two teams per day supporting clients and their workers.



Deliveries have been streamlined by the efforts of a logistics coordinator from Canard Solutions who has enabled goods to be despatched 3 or 4 days each week with occasional donated goods backfill where geographically possible.

Mid-week donated goods collections were undertaken by Canard Solutions using the RIMERN truck and donors were levied a collection fee to offset wages and fuel (diesel prices escalated significantly due to the war in the Middle East.) No charge collections continue on Saturdays when RIMERN volunteers do them.



Partnerships

RIMERN is grateful for the support of community partners such as Darebin Hard Rubbish Heroes whose members volunteer, sell surplus goods and scour local sources of donated goods for us, and DV Collective who have supported us with Corporate Volunteer teams and selected goods donations.

In February 2026 RIMERN partnered with WERN, EERN and CCCB to form VERN (Victorian Emergency Relief Network) to supply goods on request to bushfire affected areas in central Victoria. Temporary storage was sourced in Ravenhall and VERN operated for the few months it was needed, until many affected households were offered new goods and declined second hand homewares.

RIMERN gratefully acknowledges the donations of goods from: Koala, SleepSmart, Quest Apartments, Sackville Grange, Fantastic Furniture, John Cotton Group (Tontine), GoKindly, Canard Solutions, Accor hotels and various property stylists.

As part of the circular economy, RIMERN was invited to collect approved donations at the inaugural City of Boroondara Preloved Goods Donation Day in November 2025. It was so successful we have been invited to participate again in November 2026 when the day will be co-hosted by the City of Stonnington. Local Clubs from those two municipalities will be involved.

Public Relations /Communications

Thanks to editor Cath Stahel we continued to circulate bi-monthly RIMERN Newsletters to a mailing list of over 1,500 recipients.

The RIMERN Facebook community continued to grow, with over 4,800 followers at 30th June 2026.

Member Rotary Clubs regularly promoted RIMERN in their Club Bulletins, the Collections Crew distributed RIMERN cards to donors, we are included in the City of Merri-bek website as a place to recycle usable homewares & we have hosted school tours, corporate volunteers and CWA visitors to showcase our work.

Looking Ahead

Demand for RIMERN material aid continues to grow with our growth limited only by:

- Need for more key role volunteers, particularly through winter
- Lack of drivers & jockeys for donation collections
- Insufficient regular stock of wanted items like white goods and bed bases
- Lack of affordable rentals and social housing that slows down homemaker demand

The RIMERN Management Committee continues to address the controllable challenges and is optimistic that our present rate of service and growth will continue as word of our work spreads, more referring agencies join as members and we increase our warehouse opening hours to accommodate more clients' Goods Selection Appointments.

On behalf of the RIMERN Committee I warmly thank all our volunteers, donors and supporters, your continued involvement means that more people in need can be helped and the Rotary brand is enhanced with every positive experience with donors, volunteers, supporters, clients, case workers and commercial partners

Susie Cole
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PRESIDENT & CEO
October 2026

ROTARY INNER MELBOURNE EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK inc

Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2026

		2026	2025
Trading Income	NOTES		
Advertising Income		3,364	3,120
Contributors - Agencies		18,245	8,850
Contributors - Rotary Clubs		24,500	26,000
Collection & Delivery Fees		7,027	100
Donations - General purposes		183,497	148,068
Donations - Online		2,343	1,150
Fundraising - Bottle recycling refunds		2,727	3,168
Fundraising - Wine Sales		-	825
Goods Delivered at Notional Value	2	782,749	617,345
Grants - Gov't & Councils		10,000	10,000
Interest		4,045	
Sales - 2nd Hand Goods		14,864	15,881
Sales - Metal Recycling		586	964
Total Trading Income		1,053,945	835,471
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Cost of Sales			
Goods Donated - at Notional Value	2	782,749	617,345
Goods Purchased		71,853	38,294
Freight & delivery		1,041	
Recycling Services		1,943	1,000
Tip Fees		401	507
Total Cost of Sales		857,987	657,146
Gross Profit		195,958	178,325
Operating Expenses			
Accounting & Audit		847	778
Advertising & Promotion		2,365	207
Bank Fees		151	212
Cleaning		187	168
Contract Collections & Management		19,869	0
Depreciation		12,450	13,516
Doubtful Debts		-	3,075
Freight & Courier		-	24
General Expenses		1,461	369
Legal Fees		1,597	
Light, Power, Heating		2,909	2,601
Motor Vehicle - Fuel		4,067	3,955
Motor Vehicle - Registration & Insurance		848	835
Motor Vehicle - Repairs & Maint		3,161	781
Motor Vehicle - Signage			0
Motor Vehicle - Tolls		3,319	2,850
Office Expenses		90	621
Printing & Stationery		2,293	1,107
Rates & Outgoings		12,858	11,791
Rent - Storage Units		13,291	9,684
Rent - Warehouse		60,950	60,950
Repairs and Maintenance		5,879	4,967
Safety Equipment		500	141
Subscriptions		340	417
Telephone & Internet		7,290	762
Training Courses		-	270
Total Operating Expenses		156,724	120,081
Net Profit		39,234	58,244

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Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Assets		
Bank		
RIMERN Debit Cards	1,139	789
RIMERN Statement Account	27,187	240,330
Cash management Account	121,854	-
Term Deposits	125,000	-
Total Bank	275,180	241,119
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	9,090	5,190
less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(3,075)	(3,075)
GST refundable	5,525	3,221
Security Deposit	14,400	
Sundry Debtors	-	274
Total Current Assets	25,941	5,610
Fixed Assets		
Computer & Office Equipment	1,460	1,460
Computer & Office Equipment Dep'n	(1,301)	(1,181)
Motor Vehicle Cost	45,455	45,455
Motor Vehicle Depn	(33,975)	(24,915)
Warehouse Equip't Cost	14,655	13,742
Warehouse Equip't Depn	(10,967)	(7,697)
Total Fixed Assets	15,327	26,864
Total Assets	316,447	273,592
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	4,457	27
Sundry Creditors	-	294
Superannuation Payable	-	515
Total Current Liabilities	4,457	836
Total Liabilities	4,457	836
Net Assets	311,991	272,756
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	39,234	58,244
Retained Earnings	272,756	214,512
Total Equity	311,991	272,756

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Account	NOTES	2026	2025
Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers	2	256,488.77	206,154.13
Payments to suppliers and employees	2	(221,081.61)	(150,109.95)
Cash receipts from other operating activities		14,501.73	13,375.00
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		49,908.89	69,419.18
Investing Activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		1,176.36	0.00
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(2,089.08)	(4,381.99)
Other cash items from investing activities		(14,126.23)	(274.00)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(15,038.95)	(4,655.99)
Financing Activities			
Other cash items from financing activities		(808.72)	0.00
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(808.72)	0.00
Net Cash Flows		34,061.22	64,763.19
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		241,118.13	176,354.94
Net change in cash for period		34,061.22	64,763.19
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		275,179.35	241,118.13

ROTARY INNER MELBOURNE EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2026

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation: The financial statements are prepared on the accruals basis and are based on historical cost. The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) . In the opinion of the management committee, Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

The organisation is a Tier 1 entity for financial reporting purposes.

NOTE 2: CASHFLOW STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

The entity's principal purpose is the collection and re-distribution of used furniture to eligible persons in need. For management purposes an attributed value is applied to the goods collected and distributed and these are recorded in the Profit & Loss Statement as 'Goods Delivered at Notional Value' in Income and 'Goods Donated at Notional Value' in Cost of Sales. The amounts are identical and therefore have no impact on the Net Profit result.

As these are Non-Cash entries in the Profit & Loss Statement they are excluded from the Receipts from customers and Payments to Suppliers and employees in the Statement of Cashflows.

NOTE 3: DONATIONS AND GRANTS INCOME

During the year, Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc received a substantial donation of \$150,000 from a philanthropic fund. This grant is not specifically tied to any particular activity but is intended to support the entity's Rent obligations and other operating expenditures over the next financial year. As the grant was received in the final quarter of the year, Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc has recorded the receipt of these funds as income in the current financial year but the expenditure of the funds will occur during the following financial year.

There is no assurance that this level of financial support will be forthcoming or continuing in future financial years

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc

Independent Review Report to the members of Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc.

Report on the Review of the Financial Report

I have conducted an independent review of the financial report of Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network Inc, being a special purpose financial report which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026, the Profit and Loss and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended.

Committee Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee Members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee Members' responsibility also includes such internal controls as they determine are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Use of report

This report has been prepared for the RIMERN Committee Members in accordance with their instructions. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the Committee for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

Reviewers' Responsibility and Scope

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. My procedures primarily consisted of an examination of a random sample of financial data to establish evidence supporting the amounts included in the financial report. This included making enquiries with the Treasurer where appropriate.

Conclusion and Audit Opinion

Based on the information provided and scope of the review outlined above, it is my opinion that the financial report of Rotary Inner Melbourne Relief Network Inc, in all material respects presents a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of the operational results for the year then ended.



Neville John - FCA

3 October 2026