

## UPDATE DECEMBER 2024

*“Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty. It teaches children how to become good citizens. Education is not just for a privileged few, it is for everyone. It is a fundamental human right.”*

— Ban Ki-moon (Secretary-General of the United Nations from 2007 to 2016)

**Library Aid International Inc. (LAI)** is one of around 60,000 charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. We collect, check, sort, repack, and ship donated books to developing nations, supporting educators and students in underprivileged schools.

LAI is recognised by the Australian Taxation Office as a Designated Gift Recipient, allowing us to receive tax-deductible donations. For more details, please visit our [Donate Page](#) and [Financial Tab](#).

Here are some recent highlights and surprises from LAI:

- A librarian at a private school, which has donated surplus books to us, created a QR code linking to our financial donations page. She promoted LAI's mission, tax deductibility and the code to staff to encourage direct individual contributions by smart phone.
- An Early Learning Centre held a book drive during Book Week for LAI.
- LAI received a generous donation of \$3,000 from a valued supporter.
- LAI is holding regular trivia quiz nights at Railton RSL to raise funds.
- The LAI Secretary and his wife visited schools in Fiji during a holiday in October, including one that received books from our 2022 shipment. See some pictures on next page.

Now, to some fantastic news:

- Hooray! LAI's eleventh container filled with books and educational supplies left Devonport on 15 November, 2024 and is estimated to arrive in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea on 9 December, 2024. The library at the University of Natural Resources and Environment will receive 131 boxes books from Food Plants International Inc. and library shelving from LAI. The University library will distribute a private collection of 176 boxes of Christian books to a college and 611 boxes of books from LAI to schools in the East New Britain province.

LAI's yet to be purchased twelfth container will be sent to the Solomon Islands. Thirty-five percent of its contents are already sorted and boxed up by our volunteers.

For a list of **BOOK AND OTHER NEEDED DONATIONS** we can give a second life to, please visit our [Donate Page](#) and [Books Tab](#) at [Library Aid International](http://Library Aid International).

### **Donations:**

Label boxed books and educational resources and school supplies:

**Library Aid International c/- DeBruyns Devonport depot**

Deliver to a DeBruyns Transport depot (Burnie, Devonport, Launceston (Mowbray), Hobart (Moonah))

Some other arrangement may be able to be made by contacting LAI via the website [CONTACT PAGE](#).

Thanking you,



Leoni Read (President)

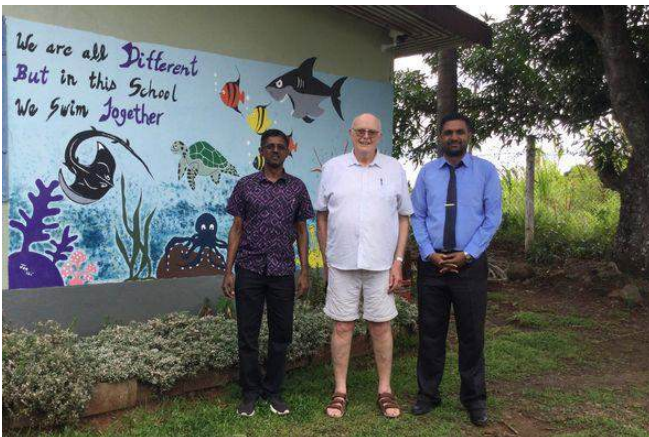
## PHOTOS FROM VISIT TO FIJI, OCTOBER, 2024



Library with limited resources at Naviti District Primary School, Naviti Island, Fiji



Non-functional computer in the library at Naviti District Primary School, Naviti Island, Fiji.



Rotary Club of Nadi President Bimlesh Kumar, Library Aid International Secretary Ian Hubble, and Vice Principal of Maharishi College Anesh Kumar



The well stocked library at Maharishi College, Nadi, Fiji that received 53 boxes of books from the Library Aid International shipment in 2022

### TEACHER'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Enable me to teach WISDOM,  
For I help to shape the mind.

Equip me to teach with TRUTH,  
For I help to shape the conscience.

Encourage me to teach with VISION,  
For I help to shape the future.

Empower me to teach with LOVE,  
For I help to shape the world.

Amen.

Source: <https://thereligionteacher.com/>



Happy children showing books and pencils given to them by cruise passengers at Sawa-I-Lau Island, Fiji

**FIJI VISIT BONUS:** As a result of the visit to Fiji, Veena Tilly of the Rotary Australia Fiji Schools Project will contact the Principals at Naviti (Primary and Secondary) District school to see what they need and how the Schools Project can support them.