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Wish I'd known about this plan. Years ago I made a set of container jacks that are far safer to use. The main sliding blocks were originally in the motor shed to the side of the woodshed but I know they've been a bit hard to keep contained. The legs that go with them are still in that shed I believe.

With 4x chain blocks you can comfortably and easily lift a container a foot or two off the ground. Lowering them again needs to be carefully coordinated.

If anyone ever plans this kind of work again feel free to let me know and I'll talk you through it.

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Dear Directors and members

Natalie and myself have just got back to Sydney after spending the Easter break onsite .

One of the many jobs I worked on while on site , was looking at some of the containers sitting on the ground and other containers that were placed on sleepers last March (2020) and that have sunk a little into the ground.

Working with some of the members of the Veg Out Village and Darrylle Ryan , we used Mark's two truck jacks , DTE's two truck jacks with large bases and my own truck jack .

Placing two jacks on each corner at one end of a 20 foot container , then jacking in unison to be able to move the container and also so the jacks did not break with the stress of the load .

This was extremely hard and dangerous work , however we did manage to lift four containers , being the Veg Out container , the Asset Management container and both Ops containers - these were easier as they were already on sleepers .

The four containers are now sitting on a 2400 x 200 x 75mm Redgum sleeper with one of Scouse's 200 x 180 x 75 blocks screwed on at each end with 120mm screws giving an air gap height of 150mm to start with .

The last photo shows one of the First Aid containers with little air space left under it .

I have ordered more sleepers and look forward to conducting a mini working bee in the coming months , with the crane to remedy the current situation and ensure the longevity and usefulness of DTE assets . .

By the end of this work, we were all extremely knackered - it was very very very physically taxing and demanding work.

With love Kevin 0408 772 759
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