

ShelterBox Australia

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Dear Rotary President

Welcome to our monthly eNewsletter for ShelterBox Australia



ShelterBox is busy in Malawi, where over 200,000 have been made homeless by severe flooding

As ShelterBox sends well over one million dollars worth of aid to flood-stricken Malawi, we are reminded of the challenges of raising funds to help those affected by disaster when the disaster doesn't feature in the global media. Severe flooding in Malawi, Madagascar and even Malaysia, barely registered with news agencies around the world, and that's just this year. Last year, ShelterBox deployed aid to 23 disasters around the world but how many of them would you have heard about in the news?

The reality is that we need a continual source of funds coming in to be able to respond to disasters quickly and effectively. Working with fundraising platforms like [Go Fundraise](#) gives supporters the opportunity to contribute their time and effort by taking part in events like the [Lindfield Rotary Club Fun Run](#) (see below) and raising sponsorship for ShelterBox through their easy-to-use online platform. There are plenty of other events around the country already registered with Go Fundraise or you could organise your own. If running's not your thing, you could walk, cycle, climb, swim, jump, camp out, the possibilities are endless!

If you do decide to take part in an event, or organise your own, please let us know about it and we can help with promotion and publicity. Your efforts will truly be appreciated by those families that have lost everything but hope.

This month's quote comes from author, Rick Warren, "Time is your most precious gift because you only have a set amount of it. You can make more money, but you can't make more time"

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Many thanks for your support

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DEPLOYMENTS



Malawi - Floods

With up to 15 Response Team members in the country at one time, ShelterBox is playing a major role in the relief efforts in flood-hit Malawi. Operations Coordinator, Dave Ray is working as the Deputy Shelter Cluster Coordinator for the country.

1,000 ShelterBoxes have been deployed to the country, along with **650 ShelterKits** and **500 tarpaulins**. The SRTs are working the districts of Chikwawa and Zomba and have been

experiencing bad driving conditions, impassible roads and the risk of flash floods in many areas, including existing and potential campsites.



Australian SRT Members On Deployment

Volunteer ShelterBox Response Team Member, **Peita Berzins** has flown out to flood-hit Malawi to join fellow NSW Central Coast SRT member, **Peter Pearce**. Whilst Peter is a veteran of 16 deployments, this will be Peita's first since completing training last October. We wish them both the best of luck and look forward to hearing all about their work upon their return



Gaza - Conflict

ShelterBox is working with French international Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) to provide aid to people in Gaza, following on-going conflict in the region. The first **250 boxes** have arrived in Gaza and are currently being distributed. A further **250 boxes** are on the way. The ShelterBoxes will be distributed in the rural areas of region.

ShelterBox continues to work in: **Pakistan, the Philippines, Cameroon, Niger, Syria, Iraq Kurdistan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.**

The Operations Team is motoring events in: **Peru, Somalia, South Sudan and the ebola affected countries of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone**

FUNDRAISING

Run For Shelter



The Lindfield Rotary Club Fun Run celebrates its 20th year this year and caters for runners of all ages and abilities. Why not take part and and get sponsored to raise some much need money for ShelterBox? The run takes place on Sunday 19th April at Roseville Oval, Clanville Rd, Roseville and and you can register online

here: <https://regonline.activeglobal.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1659864> You can raise your own sponsorship via the Go Fundraise website: <https://www.gofundraise.com.au/beneficiary/shelterboxaustralia>

You can set up your own fundraising page and share it on social media, Go Fundraise will look after the rest.

If you're going to run for ShelterBox, we'd love to hear from you and help promote your fundraising. Email us at: volunteer@shelterbox.org.au



St Mary Star Of The Sea College Interact Club

Mentored by Social Justice Coordinator, Kerrie Guillaume, the Interactors of St Mary Star of the Sea College in Wollongong have long been supporters of ShelterBox. Recently, the girls held a Murder Mystery Night to raise funds for us. The girls were inspired by a ShelterBox display at their school and joined in making lolly bags, organising drinks, writing, printing and cutting out cards and it was set to be a wonderful night. Thanks to all the Interactors, Kerrie and ShelterBox Ambassador, Tim Koppel, their efforts raised enough to sponsor **a whole box!**



ShelterBox Collection Boxes

Want to help raise money for ShelterBox? Do you know of a business that would be happy to place one of our collection boxes? It could be a shop, a pub or club. Drop me an email at volunteer@shelterbox.org.au and I'll put one of our Ambassadors in touch

We can also provide promotional material to go with the boxes. Please help us raise awareness and much-needed funds. Thank you!



Socks 4 Syria

Fundraising resources for our '[Socks 4 Syria](#)' campaign are now available on the website. You can download posters, donation forms, bucket wraps and more from: <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/involved.php?page=39>

Have you held a successful fundraising event or are you planning one? Please send me the details, including images, for inclusion in the next newsletter and promotion on the ShelterBox Australia Blog at:

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