



**Bulletin No 36 April 5th 2018**



Guest Speaker Chris McGrath ShelterBox

Chris was introduced by Chris Bartlett who mentioned the various roles our speaker has been involved with in Rotary. He has been a Rotarian since the 70's and is an Assistant Governor. He has been involved with the electronic communications committee in the District. Chris McGrath is a ShelterBox ambassador and spoke to night on the changing delivery of ShelterBox.

ShelterBox has changed its operations in line with new demands placed upon it for a flexible system. In some circumstances governments are not in favour of the tents and so a ShelterKit is provided with all the selected items for the situation to allow repairs to houses. In the past a system which labelled a sponsored ShelterBox with a number and designated country, but might then not be needed immediately, was placed into storage for some period. To avoid this situation delivery is based on what is needed immediately.

ShelterBox is amazing in what it provides in one package. It was suggested in the past that a family of 8 could be accommodated with one box but it was discovered often 10 -15 people would use it, so the number is no longer suggested. It weighs around 80kg for a full box, yet they have been transported by all manner of means into locations across the world. A number of the individual items are what might be needed for a certain situation. So tailored delivery is now possible. Some of the individual items are shown below which all provide an effective role in supporting a homeless person.

ShelterBox asks for any donations not just a large amount of \$1000 to buy a whole box. The website is up to date at [www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au), and they have facebook and twitter sites.

**SHELTERKITS**

Our ShelterKits contain a selection of materials, including toolkits, ropes, fixings and heavy-duty tarpaulins, that can be used to make emergency shelters, repair damaged buildings and create the foundations for new homes.

We customise these kits to suit the location and the needs of each community. Sometimes they include corrugated iron to help make resilient roofing, or even room dividers and mattresses to make warehouses habitable - whatever it takes to help people recover from disaster.

Our ShelterKits don't just include tools and materials. Depending on the situation, we often add a mixture of other essentials, such as solar lights, mattresses and water containers to help people return to normality as soon as possible.

**WATER**

When disasters devastate the landscape and force families far from home, it can be hard to access safe, clean water.

By providing families with water containers and purification equipment, safe drinking water becomes one less thing to worry about.



**LIGHT**

Our solar lights can last up to 16 hours on just one charge. They are lightweight and can float in water, making them easy to carry in any situation.

Solar lights not only illuminate dark and dangerous paths, but they enable families to cook meals and children to finish their homework when it gets dark. They help create safe environments where people can pick up their daily routine.



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Club Announcements  
& Upcoming Events**

**Birthdays:**  
Alicia Cameron Apr 10  
Partners  
Josh Rimmer Apr 14

**Anniversaries:**  
Milton and Sue Williams  
April 13

**All on April 14( but not  
the same year)**  
Alicia & Luke Cameron  
Doug & Jenny Craike  
Richard & Athleen  
Harris

**Member Duties**

Just come along and enjoy the night.

**Next week:**  
International night at  
Eviva Cafe. 6.30 pm  
Spanish Theme.

Last weekend an impromptu invitation to man the Bunnings BBQ was well handled by some of our membership. The net result was a \$610 return. Thanks to Tony Todd, Chris & Judi, Phil Smith , Peter Page, Milton W. Sue W. and Warwick M.

Shannon Longhurst who was identified by our club and sponsored by the district as a peace scholar is very busy in the U.S. with her studies. This semester she took an extra subject so she could graduate with with an additional graduate certificate in public policy on top of the Master's course. The end of semester and start of summer break begins in the first week of May. During the break she has accepted a position with a group called Talent Beyond Boundaries who work to provide employment opportunities for skilled refugees. Shannon is also hoping to be involved with a week long program in London during the break so is very busy. (Information courtesy of Lorraine & Murray Nicole)



In the absence of President Kathy this week the running of the meeting was left to VP John .

At the same time as the Rotary meeting upstairs the partners enjoyed a dinner downstairs.



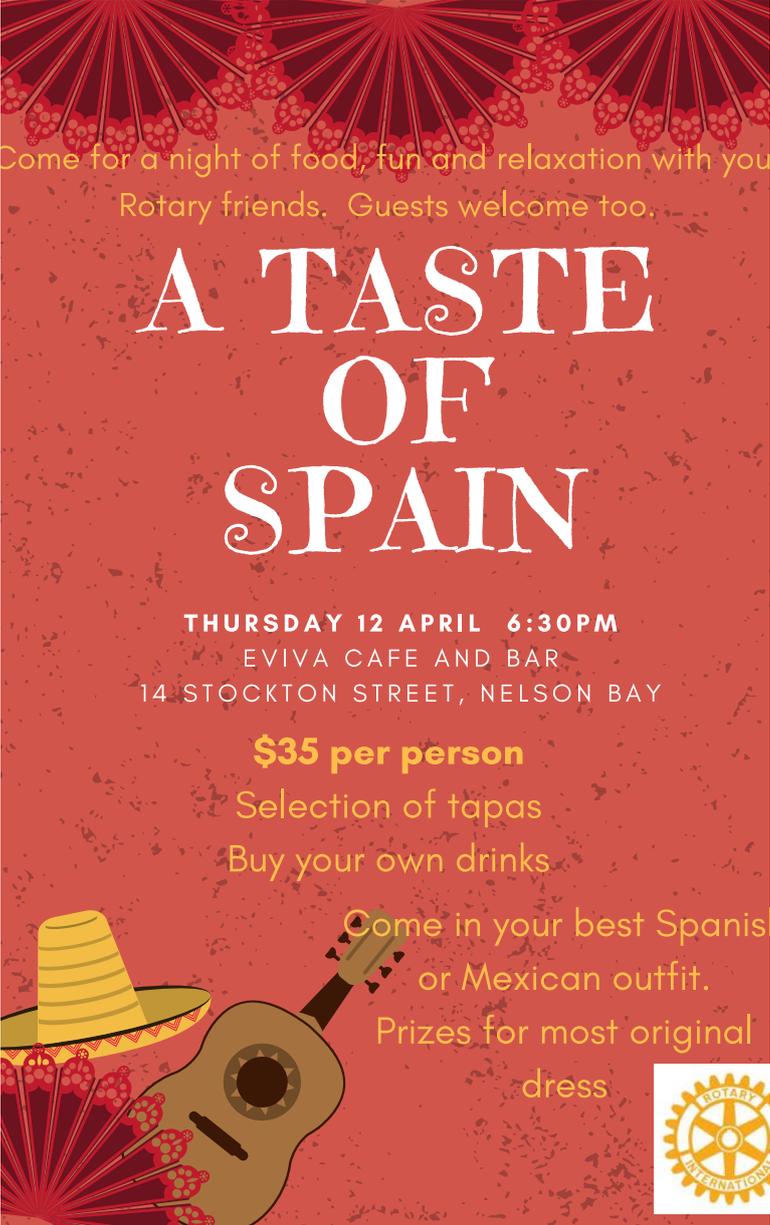
Photo of a house damaged in the recent bush fires in Tathra N.S.W.



Following the recent bushfires in southern New South Wales and Victoria the two Rotary Districts in the areas have set up accounts specifically for the appeal. Our own District have donated \$2000

**Apologies/Extras to John Crump by 12noon on Wednesday  
Ph 0401 450 239**

NEXT WEEK :  
Its not too late to attend this  
night.



Come for a night of food, fun and relaxation with your  
Rotary friends. Guests welcome too.

# A TASTE OF SPAIN

THURSDAY 12 APRIL 6:30PM  
EVIVA CAFE AND BAR  
14 STOCKTON STREET, NELSON BAY

**\$35 per person**  
Selection of tapas  
Buy your own drinks

Come in your best Spanish  
or Mexican outfit.  
Prizes for most original  
dress



*In invitation from Rotary Club of Salamander Bay*



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday April 20,  
Nelson Bay  
Golf Club

6:30pm for 7:00pm start

\$50 per table of 10 - secure your table  
now by crediting your entrance fee to  
BSB - 637000  
Account - 781751677

Join us &  
test your knowledge

Get the wheels  
turning

If you would like to  
attend this night  
check with Phil  
Smith who has been  
organising a table.  
( Particularly if your  
knowledge of trivia is  
expansive)