**Flood Response Update**

Whilst the flood waters have receded from the towns in the flood affected areas, the recovery effort is ongoing and there is still a need for assistance. With winter coming on there is a need for winter warmth packages; electric fan heaters, blankets doonas etc (queen size preferred).

Some of the items that have been donated to the area:

Kerang

* Garden supplies; plants, ornaments etc.
* Fencing supplies; Blazeaid has been in the area for 8 weeks.
* People have been sponsored to “Camp Getaway” for a break away from the flood areas.
* A car dealership has provided tickets to AFL matches

Rochester

* A few people are getting back into their homes, but there is still a shortage of trades people.
* Community breakfasts have been supplied.
* A social bus trip has been held for the men in the town.
* $500 debit cards have been distributed

Shepparton, Maroopna, Tatura

* Shepparton has received a Rotary Disaster Response Grant that will be used to provide 140 grocery cards valued at $250 and to provide some pub meals which help with day to day expenses and provide some social contact.

RAWCS $500 Flood Relief Debit Card Project

* To date $750,000 has been distributed through Rotary Clubs in the affected areas.
* The cards are to be distributed by Rotary Clubs to families that they deem to be truly eligible for the card with one application per household.
* In some areas there is to be a second round of cards distributed.

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