

ShelterBox Australia

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Dear Mike

Welcome to our monthly eNewsletter for ShelterBox Australia



One of our new Oase relief tents being used at a Kathmandu hospital

As news of the deadly Nepal earthquake spread, ShelterBox immediately sprang into action. Response Team volunteers were mobilised and the first team was on the ground within 48 hrs. Pre-positioned aid was distributed to hospitals in and around Kathmandu as they struggled to deal with the rising number of casualties. The relief effort was soon ramped up and right now we have 5 Response Teams in Nepal, working with other aid agencies within the 'cluster system' to rapidly assess needs and get emergency aid to those desperate for emergency shelter. As always, the response from the public and Rotary has been swift and generous but we must not underestimate the task ahead. 4.2 million people are in need of emergency shelter, food and water and in 6-8 weeks time the monsoon season will make already difficult logistics even more challenging. The international community need to act fast to make sure a further tragedy is avoided. You can help by continuing your support for ShelterBox, not only with donations but by forwarding this newsletter to your friends and sharing our posts on social media.

Once again, thanks for your continued support, without it we would not be able to act so fast and effectively.

This month's quote comes from John F Kennedy, "*There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction*"

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

Many thanks for your support

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DEPLOYMENTS



Nepal - Earthquake

An earthquake measuring 7.8 in magnitude occurred between the cities of **Kathmandu** and **Pokhara** in Nepal on Saturday 25th April. Since then, several aftershocks have taken place, ranging from 5 to 6.7 in magnitude. ShelterBox has 5 Response Teams on the ground. Over the weekend a series of partnerships were agreed for **500 (UN specification) tents** each to be deployed with **ACTED, IOM** and **Handicap International** alongside an additional **2,736 Shelter Kits** and **1,754 ShelterBoxes** for use by our own teams.



Vanuatu - Cyclone

ShelterBox continues to work with **CARE International** to help people in the north east of the island of Tanna, near the Yasur Volcano. **1,000 Shelter Kits** have been sent to Tanna. The team has finished distributions in the area of Middle Bush and has now moved to the area of White Sands. A further consignment of aid, comprising **7,500 blankets, 1,500 solar lamps, 2,250 mosquito nets** and **500 tarpaulins**, has arrived in Vanuatu and the majority of this has now arrived on Tanna. The additional tarpaulins being sent will be used to repair schools. SRT members worked with DFAT and the ADF to distribute aid to remote islands.



Malawi - Floods

Successive ShelterBox Response teams have been working in Malawi, following severe flooding. 3 Australian SRT volunteers were involved in a complex and challenging deployment. **1,224 ShelterBoxes** and **650 shelter kits** have been distributed to families in total, along with **tarpaulins** and extra **solar lights**, giving people emergency shelter and the tools to rebuild homes and other buildings after the flood. The deployment is now complete.



Australian SRT Member On Deployment

Greg Moran has now returned from Vanuatu, where he worked extensively with the Australian Defense Force, particularly the crew of HMAS Tobruk. Member of Gosford North Rotary, Peter Pearce has deployed to Nepal to lead a Response team following the devastating earthquake. This is Peter's 3rd deployment this year. Peter's team is working the badly-affected region of Sindhupalchowk.



What is a Shelter Repair Kit?

ShelterBox aid is continually evolving to better meet the needs of beneficiaries. It is with that criteria in mind that we developed the Shelter Repair Kit. Designed to conform with IFRC standards the kit comprises an extensive tool kit, including shovel and hoe (for clearing rubble, digging pits, etc.); hammer; saw; machete; pliers; tin snips; rope; tie-wire; nails and two 6 x 4m heavy-duty tarpaulins. The kits help families repair damaged homes or build an emergency shelter and allow us to help more people. Shelter Repair Kits are funded by donations to the 'ShelterBox Solution'.

ShelterBox continues to work in: **Cameroon, DPRK, Nepal, Niger, Iraq, Pakistan, Philippines, Syria**

The Operations Team is motoring events in: **Brazil, Chile and Yemen**

FUNDRAISING



San Andreas - Charity Preview Screenings in Brisbane & the Gold Coast

Movie fans will get the chance to be the first to see Hollywood blockbuster disaster movie, San Andreas in 2 special charity preview screenings in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Tickets are \$20 each, with all proceeds going to ShelterBox. Keep your eyes peeled for ShelterBox tents, possibly featured in the movie! Tickets are only available online. See the links below.
Event Cinemas, Robina Town Centre: <http://bit.ly/1bwVvX3>
Event Cinemas, Myer Centre, Brisbane: <http://bit.ly/1dMmtvC>



Rotary Club of Melville, WA

A BIG THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of Melville, WA for their generous donation of \$10,000 to ShelterBox Australia! That's 10 families helped in their hour of greatest need. Picture is here is club President, David Porter with ShelterBox Ambassadors, June Wade, David Brockway and Gordon Cargeeg. RC of Melville have now sponsored 50 ShelterBoxes!

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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Support the 'ShelterBox Solution' today and help families who have lost everything to disaster. Please

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