

ShelterBox Australia

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Dear Mike

Welcome to the April 2016 eNewsletter for ShelterBox Australia

The response from our supporters to events in Fiji has been swift and generous and I wish to thank all those that have donated in recent weeks. Remember, we are 100% donor-funded and your donation is fully tax-deductible.

The State of Emergency declared by the Fijian Government will come to an end on 19th of April but the road to recovery for those affected by Cyclone Winston will be long and hard. Earlier this month Cyclone Zena brought heavy rains to many affected areas, washing away freshly-planted seeds and causing flash flooding. As this emergency phase comes to an end, ShelterBox is looking at other ways we can help those in need. Tents become less appropriate and the provision of shelter repair kits, tarpaulins and other aid can help those affected construct transitional shelters and start rebuilding their lives. Rest assured, with your help, ShelterBox is doing all it can to make sure that no family goes without shelter.

Fiji, like Nepal, relies heavily on tourism for employment and foreign exchange. Your donations enable us to help families in the hour of their need. However, if you're looking at holiday destinations, the people of Fiji and Nepal will benefit greatly if you chose to spend our tourist dollars with them. You can expect a warm welcome if you chose to visit either.

Here's this month's quote: **"It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars."** ~ **Richard Evans**

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

Many thanks for your support.

Mike

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ShelterBox stands ready to respond to earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador, if requested

DEPLOYMENTS



Fiji - Cyclone Winston

ShelterBox Response Teams continue distributions and assessments in Fiji, following Cyclone Winston. Working in several districts, including Lomaiviti, Cakaudrove, Lau, Ba and Ra, the team have distributed **491 ShelterBoxes; 201 relief tents; 87 Shelter Kits; 283 tarps and 1003 solar lights**. More distributions are planned this week and assessments are being conducted with the **Red Cross**. You can read the latest blog from Fiji here:

<http://bit.ly/1VoXUbi>



Nepal - Monitoring & Evaluation

ShelterBox Australia General Manager and Response Team Member, Mike Greenslade recently returned from an evaluation trip to Nepal. The team conducted in-depth interviews with ShelterBox beneficiaries that received UN-spec tents or Shelter Repair Kits in the aftermath of last year's earthquakes. Keep an eye on the blog for stories and images from some of the **13,000 families ShelterBox helped in Nepal**.



Turkey - Syria Conflict

Dubai-based Australian SRT member, Megan Graham, recently returned from her first deployment. Megan deployed to Gaziantep, Turkey after more than **75,000 Syrian Refugees** crossed the border. The refugees were fleeing an offensive on the city of Aleppo by government forces, backed by Russian air strikes. The team coordinated with partners, **Hand In Hand for Syria** and the NZ-based **Relief Aid** to arrange delivery of custom-made shelter kits and UN-spec tents. Megan said, 'it was such an interesting first deployment, and quite different to the natural disasters that we are mainly trained for.'

You can help by donating to our [Syria Refugee Appeal](#)

FUNDRAISING



Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Inala & RC of Jindalee

ShelterBox were invited to erect a display at the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Inala, QLD on Sunday 20th March. The Sikh community have been generous supporters of ShelterBox in the past and presented ShelterBox with a cheque for **\$8,000 toward relief efforts in Fiji**. Members of the RC of Jindalee helped erect and man a display at the temple and also presented ShelterBox with a **cheque for \$5,000**. Thanks for the fantastic support!



Kandos High School SRC

An awesome effort by the students of Kandos High School, NSW. The Student Representative Council organised a series of fundraising events including discos, raffles and a movie night. Their efforts raised **\$2,000** for ShelterBox! Pictured here with the SRC are ShelterBox Ambassadors, Peter & Lorraine Croft. A big thank you to all involved!



Sandridge Primary School & RC of Williamstown

The Rotary Club of Williamstown (D9880) partnered with Sandridge Primary School as part of their community relations program. ShelterBox Ambassador, Steve Crosling took his demo box to the Williamstown Yacht Club and erected one of our relief tents. Children and parents alike were very interested to learn more about ShelterBox and the event raised \$1,200! A great effort all round.



RC of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise recently hosted the annual **Anne Summerland Quilt Retreat** in Blackheath. Between the club and the quilters they raised **\$4,000!** Enough to sponsor 4 ShelterBoxes. Thanks to all involved!

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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