

Rotary Matters

March 2021 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

Lyn and I have continued visiting clubs within our District travelling to our furthest part in Alice Springs where we were well looked after when visiting the 3 Alice Springs clubs. A big thank you to Area Governor, Ron Saint for sharing some generous Rotary fellowship with us.

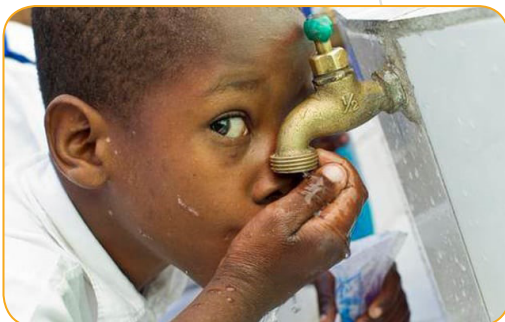
February 12th, Lyn and I had the pleasure of attending the **Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards** at the Berri Hotel. Now in its 38th year and brilliantly hosted by the Rotary Club of Berri it is the largest event of its kind held in regional Australia. It was a fabulous example of Rotary emphasising the importance of Vocational Service and supporting young people to strive to do exceptionally well in their chosen career paths. Covid only allowed 200 to attend but was well supported by local sponsors and businesses. Congratulations Madison Lailey, Apprentice Chef at the Barmera Hotel Motel and Jakob Johninke-Milich, Apprentice Fitter and Turner at TWG Loxton, who were awarded joint winners of the 2020 Apprentice of the Year.



Kathy & Bruce Richardson (Berri), joint winner, Madison Lailey, President, Mary Hansen (Berri), DG David & Lyn Jones

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) seeks to have Rotary Clubs identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills which is important in any voluntary organisation.

RLI was conducted on **5th-6th February** for **19 Rotarians** from D9510 at Charles Campbell College (see later report). A big thank you to the program's facilitators, PDG Wendy Gaborit, PDG Euan Miller and co-ordinator Damian Leach for imparting their valuable knowledge over many topics such as membership, running clubs, Rotary Foundation, projects, public relations and leadership.



March: **WATER AND SANITATION** Month March 22 is World Water Day

The Rotary theme for March, **Water and Sanitation**, asks us to focus on the life changing improvements that we can make through international projects to provide a more readily available and healthy supply of water to all people. Clean water is a basic need for human beings.

When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for Rotary to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

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From the various water projects in which Rotary has participated, we have come to know the obstacles that many people across the globe face when it comes to some of the basic necessities of life. We tend to take for granted the clean and generally safe and plentiful water sources to which we have access.

Through Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) members have engaged in many Water and Sanitation projects.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

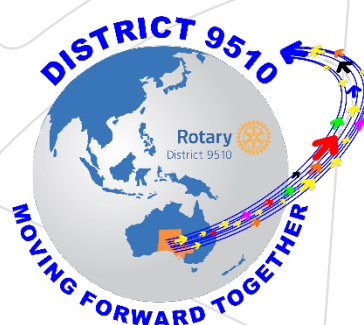
DISTRICT CONFERENCE 16th-18th APRIL 2021

Registrations for District 9510 Conference held at Westminster School at Marion are continuing. Don't miss this great opportunity for learning and fellowship. The Conference Dinner will be held at the Convention Centre and includes a 3-hour drinks package. The Gala Dinner will be a celebration of the Centenary of Rotary in Australia.

New Keynote Speaker at Conference - Isobel Marshall, Young Australian of the Year for 2021



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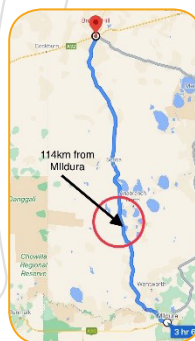
RUSSELL'S VIRTUAL RIDE TO CONFERENCE UPDATE

Russell Green from the Rotary Club of Regency Park is continuing his Virtual Ride to Conference.

Broken Hill - Mildura - Renmark - Berri - Loxton - Nuriootpa - Gawler - Adelaide - Conference - total distance of 750km. Currently 114km from Mildura. Russell is raising money for Australian Rotary Health's research into Mental Illness.

You can sponsor Russell by clicking [here](#).

You can also ride with Russell or create your own challenge to gain sponsorship using the same link.



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DROUGHT RELIEF OUTREACH PROGRAM

As part of RAWCS commitment to the Drought Community Outreach Program (DCOP) with the Federal Government, clubs have been offered a role in coordinating planned outreach events. Clubs who choose to be involved, cater for a free barbeque style lunch or afternoon sausage sizzle and assist the RAWCS team in distributing \$500 debit cards to eligible drought affected farmers and farm related workers.

DCOPs were recently conducted in Cowell, Cleve, Elliston Wudinna and Kimba, Thanks to Pt Lincoln, Whyalla and Whyalla Norrie clubs for facilitating these outreach programs. A total of 151 debit cards were issued totalling \$75,500.

Next schedule of Outreach Programs is over the page:

Date	Location	Venue	Club Hosting
Monday, March 1, 2021	Quorn	Quorn Town Hall	Pt Augusta
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Peterborough	Peterborough Town Hall	Peterborough
Wednesday, March 3, 2021	Burra	Burra Town Hall	Clare
Thursday, March 4, 2021	Robertstown	Peace Institute	Kapunda
Thursday, March 4, 2021	Eudunda	Eudunda Town Hall	Kapunda
Friday, March 5, 2021	Waikerie	Waikerie Institute	Waikerie

The Drought Agency is now proposing an itinerary for the week starting the 15th March with DCOP events proposed for Pinnaroo, Karoonda, Tailem Bend and Keith. A big thanks to PDG Bob Cooper for his work.

YOUTH EXCHANGE DEBRIEF

Part of the responsibility of the Youth Exchange Committee is to provide our returning outbound students a debrief session to share their experiences and concerns as they settle back home. On Saturday 20th February, 6 students, their parents and counsellors attended such a session. There were mixed emotions with 3 students returning early due to COVID-19 while 3 remained to their full term returning in January albeit to quarantine for 2 weeks. Youth Exchange was an opportunity that gave them many valuable experiences while Covid-19 taught them how to accept uncertainty and disappointment but develop a resilience they will no doubt use going forward. Congratulation to our return students.



DGN Paul Thomas (D9510 Youth Exchange Chair), **Justine Denny** (Italy - RC Mitcham), **Renee Chamberlain** (Germany - RC Gawler Light), **Ella Dixon** (Denmark - RC Port Augusta), **Lara Holdsworth** (Denmark - RC Mount Barker), **Genevieve Mitcham** (Germany - RC Mildura Deakin), **Paige Thorpe** (France - RC Broken Hill) **DG David Jones**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Rotary International at its November Board meeting took the difficult but necessary decision to suspend both short-term and long-term Rotary Youth Exchanges until at least 30th June 2021.

Yours in Rotary
DG David Jones



During the COVID-19 crisis,
continuing research into mental health
is more important than ever.
DONATE NOW.



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Coast Park Trail

for Australian Rotary Health

Join Sarah to walk or ride a section of the 70km Coast Park Trail along the metropolitan Adelaide coastline from Sellicks Beach through to North Haven. Or sponsor Sarah in aid of Australian Rotary Health: one of the largest independent funders of mental health research in Australia, a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and supported by Rotary Clubs. Or walk independently on a date of your choice.

Monday 8th March:	Sellicks Beach to Port Willunga	9.1km
Sunday 14 th March:	Port Willunga to Maslin Beach	4.1km
	Maslin Beach to Moana	4.3km
Sunday 21st March:	Moana to Port Noarlunga	6.5km
	Port Noarlunga to Port Stanvac	3.6km
Sunday 28th March:	Port Stanvac to Hallett Cove	2.5km
	Hallett Cove to Brighton	8.8km
Monday 12 th April:	Brighton to Glenelg	4.2km
	Glenelg to Henley Square	7.5km
Tuesday 13 th April:	Henley Square to Grange	2.0km
	Grange to Semaphore	7.6km
Wednesday 14 th April:	Semaphore to North Haven	7.2km

- * \$25 registration per person to join the trail.
- * Raise money for ARH or your own nominated charity
- * Sponsor forms available at rotary9510.org/ or from swalsh921@gmail.com
- * Return transport provided to your starting point.
- * Please contact Sarah Walsh at swalsh921@gmail.com to register your interest and for more information.



The club Insurance Renewal questionnaire must be returned to District Insurance Officer, John Rix, by (next) Friday 5th March.



Notice Board

The **Rotary Club of Clare** invites all Rotarians and friends to
AFTERNOON TEA to celebrate
100 years of Rotary in Australia & 10 years occupancy of the
Rotary Shed in Clare

Date: Sun March 28th 2021
Venue: Rotary Shed- Melrose Park Clare
Time: 1.30pm to 4pm

- History of the Rotary Club of Clare on display
- Guest Speakers
- Afternoon Tea provided
- Model Trains will be running (Thanks to the Clare Model Engineers)

Meet your neighbours...

An ongoing series introducing the clubs in the District

Clubs are invited to submit a story about themselves of around 200 words and a photo.
We would like to include as many clubs as we can throughout the year so please keep
them coming. (The Editor - Euan Miller) email: euan@gdaysa.com.au



Send your Rotary Classified to
secretary20-22@rotary9510.org

by **7th** of the **month**

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District is looking for more leaders

Leaders are not born – they are trained. The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is the training all Rotarians have available to them to help them to become effective leaders. The skills practiced and learnt on the two day course are not just for the benefit of Rotary, they can be applied to any leadership role in both work and the community.

A RLI course was held over a weekend in February at Charles Campbell College. 19 Rotarians from across the district graduated from the course. Through 18 interactive sessions, many in small groups, Rotarians learnt effective leadership strategies, how to influence people, how to prepare and use a strategic plan, team building benefits, the importance of integrity and ethics and effective communications.

All this in a Rotary club setting where you gain knowledge of the Avenues of Service, how to develop and complete successful projects, how to take advantage of the Foundation Grants, how to boost the clubs public image and building a stronger club.

Another course is scheduled for this year – keep an eye on Rotary Classifieds or indicate to your President that you are interested in attending RLI. The club will pay the registration fee.

DG David presenting framed certificates to the graduating Rotarians at the end of the course



Names & Club of Graduates

Margaret Beare

Mignon Clark

Anne Day

Denise Dinham

James Hawker

Kevin Hill

Julie Irwin

Peter Jarvis

Karina Jimenez Arzamendi

Kim Lawes

Lachlan McLaren

Karen Nolan

Kevin O'Neil

Garry Pash

Julie Perkins

Phil Pfeiffer

Florian Ploeckl

Ian Rowley

Olivia Sorre

Campbelltown

Salisbury

Holdfast Bay

Campbelltown

Mount Barker

Campbelltown

Victor Harbor

Berri

Mitcham

Salisbury

Mitcham

Mount Barker

Campbelltown

Morphett Vale

Adelaide Parks

Morphett Vale

Adelaide

Morphett Vale

McLaren Vale



Meet your neighbours...

Rotary eClub D9510online, Australia

Our formation and story began early in 2014 as an 'e-Club' with a difference.

The structure of our eClub ([D9510online, Australia](#)) enables us to communicate online via ZOOM with anyone throughout the world, and our membership at the moment includes New Zealand and Australia to Ethiopia.

We meet using ZOOM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and communicate a lot with email. This arrangement suits Members who travel a lot, or live in remote areas, and cannot attend regular meetings.

If you do not have a computer with ZOOM, that's not a problem, as some members use their Tablets or Mobile Phones with ZOOM, we provide a lot of IT support. Also if you don't drive, or don't like to drive at night, or may have a disability or work long hours, **then.... our eClub may be a perfect solution for you to continue your Rotary journey.**



Our Members sometimes have a specific community service project or cause they wish to support and as a Club we endeavour to support a project as much as we can. Our projects have included food parcels for the isolated community of Patle, in Nepal, and the [Vinayak Shiksha Niketan school](#) in the rural area of Nepal, an ongoing support project. One of our guest speakers, Sally Charlton from Hands on Project, enabled our Members to assemble two mechanical hands for a person in Cambodia.

With a Club Member in Ethiopia we are assisting the [AFAR Community](#) with funds for urgent needs like water and food supplies. We also financially assisted Parks Rotary Club for a special chair for the Spinal Injuries unit at Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre, and assistance with our short term Youth Exchange Student.

Our Members also manage two main Club Projects. [Food For Health](#) which is a partnership with SA Health and was created to provide valuable information on healthy food choices and a healthy lifestyle. Marketing and management of [Voice of Rotary](#) website and Facebook page. This project is marketing District 9510 Rotary Club Projects and Programs. This media is particularly aimed at Public consumption in creating an interest for volunteering with Rotary.



The Club also manages a range of 'on-line services' that helps to provide a small fundraising activity, which enables us to fund Community Humanitarian projects. These services support Clubs and the District with secure backend website IT Services including hosting and email support. This is managed by eClub Members under '[IT Management Services](#)', and takes the stress out of understanding backend IT.

In addition to backend services, the eClub also manages an event & merchandise My Booking Manager. This is a service for Clubs and Rotary Programs, which can be setup for events to take online bookings or registrations. My Booking Manager is linked via a secure payment gateway for Visa Cards using Stripe, which is processed at a low competitive rate.

We have several other IT based services being reviewed to enable a service to Clubs and Rotary Programs – so as you can see we can take the stress out of your IT.

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Rotary eClub D9510online continued

If you have a Computer IT problem then our members are able to assist because of the experience and skills of several members – just call us the ‘help desk’ – *(and we are based in Australia)*.

If you like what we do, send email or give us a call and you can attend one of our fun meetings or even become a Member!

web: <https://rotary9510online.org/>

Email: graham@rotaryclub.org.au

Contact: Graham 0412 694 461

Regency Park

Following a very successful year in 2019/20, in which our club gained a Gold Citation, we are continuing the momentum.

Our major event Corolla Capers was delayed from July to October due to Covid19, however ran successfully with a record number of participants (45) including 12 Corollas and 11 4x4s. We travelled to the far north of the State (Murnpeowie) over the course of a week. Overall, \$15,000 was raised to support the club's many initiatives.



Rather than move to fortnightly meetings, the club has opted to continue meeting weekly, and indeed it could be argued that we actually meet twice a week because every Friday morning we gather for a walk followed by tea/coffee at a local café (and Rotary business continues to get conducted there). The walking group has grown to 15 and includes members of two other clubs and Friends.

Bunnings BBQs continue under the new regulations and are a big source of our funding. Our own BBQ trailer has been refurbished and is already in use within the community.

We ran a successful joint collaboration with Eastwood Club at Victoria Park to stage our inaugural Hat Day Walk supporting Australian Rotary Health. Again our BBQ trailer was in use and we were able to show off our new club Gazebo. Planning is in place for next year's event.

Our members supported the Hutt St Centre's 'Walk a Mile' raising funds for them. Members also support the annual Bicycle Network's Bike Count, which raises funds for our club. One of our members has negotiated hundreds of pairs of reading glasses which will both generate funds and also benefit those in need. Another member organised with a winery to supply wines at a very good price, with funds raised supporting our club. We support the Ridley Grove Community Garden both with funds and administratively. We assist running the Semaphore Carousel and we support the connection with the tall ship, the 'One and All'. We continue to support Meals on Wheels. All our members continue to support the club and with some active at District level, Rotary Action Group participation and Rotary Fellowships. We have hosted a student for NYSF.

We have recently recruited a new Member for our Club lifting us to 17. Following an initiative to hold a promotion at nearby Bowden Green, the club has now been joined by Prospect Club and Walkerville Club to promote the supply of packs of essential items for both the victims of Domestic Violence and of Homeless Youth for which our Club jointly with Prospect Club has received a District Grant. The Bowden promotion was followed by the Club's annual Monster Swap Meet at Regency Park TAFE.

Russell Green

Membership and Public Image

Mobile Billboard fosters road safety in Sunraysia

The RC Robinvale/Euston has had a mutual relationship with the TAC and Victoria Police, in addressing Road Trauma. In 2015, funds and approval were sourced for the construction of a Mobile Billboard, with a road safety message displayed, for placement on the side of the road.

This billboard was different in that the message was multi lingual. This was done to address the numerous ethnic cultures that visit the Sunraysia/Riverland areas for Harvest.

Road trauma touches the lives of everyone within our community. Whether you be the loved one, relative, Emergency Service Worker or the unfortunate person who comes across an initial accident scene - your life is "touched" and changed forever.

Our community is no different. In order to raise awareness of this scourge, and address one of the many drivers of road trauma, the Club, in conjunction with TAC, set about to address this issue.

With the current harvest on our doorstep, it is the responsibility of all of us within our community to act and behave responsibly when out on the road.

The "grass roots message" may be as simple as a contractor or farmer saying "drive safely".

We hope that this harvest rewards all who have toiled throughout the year, and most of all, we remain safe.

This project was made possible with the assistance and co-operation of Kelly Saunders, Senior Traffic Officer, Department of Transport, Loddon Mallee, and Nardia Brancatisano, Media Coordinator, Public Education Transport Accident Commission.



**END
POLIO
NOW**

Polio Update

Our campaign to end polio has faced many challenges in the last two years, not least the impact of the Covid pandemic. Cases of wild polio jumped in Pakistan and cases of 'circulating vaccine derived' polio became a serious problem in equatorial Africa.

These setbacks were related to issues such as political distractions, Taliban resistance and virus mutations following the use of the 'mOPV2' vaccine. Great progress has been made with these issues:

- governments have refocussed and there were zero cases in Pakistan in December
- discussions have commenced with the Taliban
- a new vaccine, 'Novel OPV2' was introduced in October, and it is dramatically less likely to mutate.

Eradicating a disease is no easy task but we are now back on track. Download presentation on this link:

[Download POLIO Update PowerPoint presentation](#)

M-L Lees Chair The Rotary Foundation

David Dridan Dinner for Arts Scholarship

Recently RC Strathalbyn conducted an event to raise funds to establish an annual Arts Scholarship in honour of David Dridan. Invited guests of note included our DG David and his wife Lyn and our club was delighted to see them attend. We were able to attract a plethora of local and State politicians and quite a large contingent from the local arts community as guests for the evening. The event took place at the award winning Wedding Venue "Woodburn" situated at Angas Plains near Langhorne Creek. Guest of Honour David Dridan is touted as Australia's most famous Landscape Artist and he was interviewed by Peter Goers as part of the evening's entertainment.

Peter Goers provided the crowd with an exceptional and very humorous warm up comedy act to get the evening underway. Throughout the evening musical entertainment was provided by singers from the State Opera and to finish the evening a young 14year old girl of exceptional talent was given an opportunity to sing in front of a crowd for the first time. Needless to say that the evening proved a financial success and the Club has acquired sufficient funds to establish the Scholarship Fund.

Craig Maidment President



Peter Goers interviewing David Dridan

More Australia Day Honours

Two more Rotarians received Honours in the Australia Day awards:
Dr Roy Frederick Scragg OBE received an AM. He is a member of the RC Adelaide
Robert John Sloane OAM. Bob is a member of the RC Barossa Valley

Also

- The Flinders Ranges Council awarded the Drought Muster event at Hawker in October the Australia Day Event of the Year.
- Rotarian Karen Richardson from RC Waikerie was awarded Waikerie citizen of the year by the DC Loxton Waikerie

Because of lack of space in this issue we have held over the citations for Wendy Gaborit and Peter Rostron who both received OAMs primarily for their work with Rotary. They will appear in the April issue.

Meet your neighbours...

Rotary Club of Broken Hill

We here in Broken Hill Rotary have been like every other Club throughout Australia, trying to function normally in abnormal times. NSW has been very strict and these restrictions have made it very difficult to operate at all.

In July, the Broken Hill Musicians Club, where we had been holding our Monday night meetings for the past 3 years, informed us that under NSW Club rules we could not conduct our meetings there until the COVID19 restrictions were lifted. We were worried that long absent periods may convince members to request leave or worse resign. So with that in mind I approached the Junction Hotel where Hotel rules differed from Clubs. We were allowed to have tables of 10 people up to a maximum of 30 in an area not frequented by other diners. This solved the problem.

We continued in this manner through the next 4-5 months until the Musicians Club approached us in December to welcome us back.

Our Major Fundraiser during this period was our Christmas Raffle which consisted of a 6x4 Trailer filled with Toys, Engel Fridge, Television and many other great gift ideas. The tickets for this raffle were sold mainly at Woolworths at Centro Plaza and at Coles at the



Broken Hill Village Complex. Members were greatly assisted in the selling of tickets by various service clubs here in Broken Hill (who got 50% of the value of tickets sold. Total sale of tickets exceeded \$25,000.

Our only other income has been derived from 3-4 Community BBQ's.

Three of our major fundraisers - Agfair, Silver City Races, and Carols By Candlelight in the Park were all cancelled in 2020, and unfortunately Agfair which was hoped would run in 2021 has been cancelled again due to the tough COVID-19 restrictions.

We, like all Rotarians hope that the World soon gets back to normal and the lifestyle most of us enjoyed pre COVID19. This will allow us all in 2021 to celebrate 100 Years of Rotary in Australia.

Geoff Blake President

Port Pirie also receives an Award

RC Port Pirie has been granted the IFSR Youth Service Award as a result of an article published in the local newspaper, the Port Pirie Recorder. The club promoted the value of the Scouts and Guides Movement.



The IFSR, International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, is a Rotary Fellowship promoting service to Youth through Scouting and Guiding. IFSR is composed of over a thousand Rotarians in 45 countries that work to promote Scouting and Guiding through their membership in Rotary. They have a website: ScoutingRotarians.org and a Facebook page.

Steve Henning IFSR

Council of Governors' Meeting

Every year past Governors are invited to a meeting to hear the half year progress report from the Governor and the priorities for the following year from the Governor-Elect.

This year the Past Governors met on the 19th February to hear **DG David's** report as well as **DGN Jeff's and Jenny's** introduction of RI **President Elect Shekhar Mehta** and his theme and priorities for 2021/22.

This was the first time the DGsE were unable to meet in person for their training and Jeff and Jenny had to endure Zoom presentations each morning for more than a week from 12.30 am—2.00 am as well as small group breakouts each afternoon.

DGN Paul Thomas also presented a short report.

PDG Bob Cooper was also invited to give an overview of the Drought relief program which has been extended into a new area with further funds allocated to the District by the Federal Government. This extension is testament to way the relief program has been so well administered by Bob and many 9510 clubs.

A full report will appear in the April issue of **Rotary Matters**.



DGE Jeff and Jenny Neale making their joint presentation to the Council of Governors

\$10,000 anonymous donation to Shelterbox

The RC Stirling holds an annual sculpture exhibition at Stangate House as a major fundraiser for the club. It includes a Shelterbox display each time. In the past this has attracted \$500 and \$1000 donations but this year, one of the visitors was so impressed with the work of Shelterbox that this donation was forwarded.

The exhibition is now in its fourth year and all club members are involved over the 9 days it is held.

Shelterbox thanks the Rotarians who managed to sell the benefits of Shelterbox to the anonymous donor.

Shelterbox has recently consolidated its equipment in a shed owned by the RC Stirling.

Stirling, on the SE Freeway is well placed to transport items in an emergency anywhere in the State.



Erection of shelving and completion of the consolidation of Shelterbox emergency equipment and supplies at Stirling.

Dan Edmonds
Area Coordinator, Shelterbox

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