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Where are we going?



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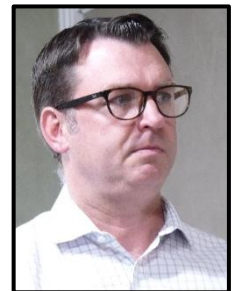
Macarthur Group, District 9675

Wednesday, 31st October 2018

Solis Ortus (Sunrise) - Campbelltown 5:55 am

LAST WEEK – SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides temporary shelter and lifesaving supplies to displaced families. We were given a presentation by Anthony Keating from ShelterBox Australia.



ShelterBox was founded in 2000 in the town of Helston, Cornwall, UK. That same year the Rotary club of Helston-Lizard adopted it as its millennium project. Tom designed a tent, researched suppliers and, through trial and error, developed the Shelter Box.

Each ShelterBox typically contains a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive after a disaster. The contents of a ShelterBox are tailored to the nature and location of the disaster.

ShelterBox Response Teams distribute Boxes on the ground, working closely with local organisations, international aid agencies and Rotary clubs worldwide.

The first consignment of 143 Boxes was sent to victims of the 2001 Gujarat earthquake. Over the next three years the project matured and by the end of 2004 nearly 2,600 Boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters.



The company significantly expanded its work in response to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. Denys was the Commonwealth of Australia Medical Co-ordinator for this incident and asked the Indonesian Government at Banda Aceh what they needed. The reply was “Water, shelter and food in that order.” Denys contacted the Australian Army Engineers and arranged for their portable water purification plant to be despatched. Then Denys, as

a Rotarian knew about ShelterBoxes and contacted the organisation and arranged for 500 Boxes to be sent. Australia did not have anything like that number of Boxes but arranged for England to provide them. For the food, Denys contacted the Salvation Army and they immediately responded.

The Banda Aceh organisers also told Denys that he was the only one to ask what was needed. The airstrip used to get two flights a day but was then receiving five flights an hour. The aircraft had provided ten containers of toys! Other material, filling just about all the space at the airfield, was also of no use following the disaster. Denys suggested that they empty the containers and use them as shelters. He was later congratulated and thanked for his work.

One of ShelterBox's largest responses was the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti in 2010. ShelterBox provided shelter for 28,000 families or approximately 25% of all tents delivered in areas surrounding Port-au-Prince.



In 2010, the Australian and Canadian branches of ShelterBox split from the main organization and formed new organizations called Disaster Aid Australia and Disaster Aid.

After the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan, ShelterBox provided assistance to about 1,600 families in the disaster region.

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Each Box is 57cm wide, 84cm long and 60 cm deep. The weight is between 50 and 60 kg, which if you have to carry it, is quite heavy. The Box also can be used to store water and will hold 185 litres.

Each Box is designed to cost \$1 000 Australian Dollars. That is just \$100 per person and this is often what saves their life.

We learned a lot from Anthony and, in recognition for the support provided by ShelterBox Australia, we, as the Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise, donated two boxes.

We don't know when our boxes will be used but we will be provided with the Box serial numbers and will be able to see where and for what incident they were used.

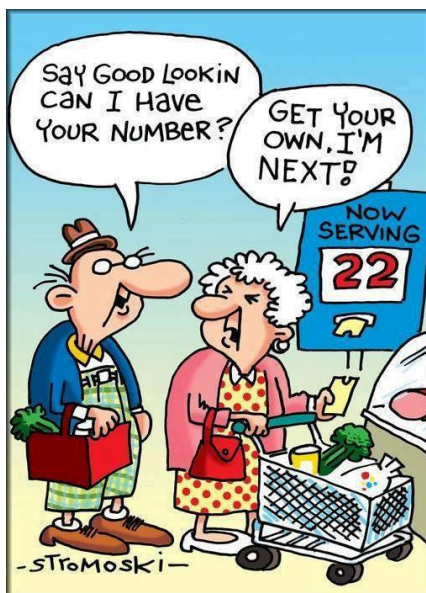
Anthony expressed his thanks for our interest and, most importantly, for our support.

JUST FILL-IN STUFF

This week, like last week, we have no anniversaries to celebrate. Next week we do have a couple but until then it becomes a case of finding something to fill up the space. Here is some humour borrowed from the Rotary Club of University Sunrise.

Little Tim was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was up to, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Tim?" "My goldfish died," replied Tim tearfully without looking up, "and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was concerned. "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" Tim patted down the last heap of earth, then replied, "That's because he's still inside your cat!"



A woman phoned her dentist when she received a huge bill. "I'm shocked!" she complained. "This is three times what you normally charge." "Yes, I know," said the dentist. "But you yelled so loud, you scared away two other patients."

COMING UP

Please check the **GREEN BOOK** for what is coming up and tick to say if you are coming or not and also if you are bringing anyone with you.

Date	Event
Sat 3 Nov	Fisher's Ghost Festival Parade – 7:00pm Queen Street.
Mon 5 Nov	Evening Meeting with Campbelltown Rotary
Wed 7 Nov	No Meeting
Sat 10 Nov	Discobility 10 th Anniversary
Wed 14 Nov	Board Meeting
Fri 16 Nov	Bunnings BBQ
Sun 18 Nov	Harmony Walk for Unity
Wed 21 Nov	Our AGM*
Sat 1 Dec	Sugarloaf, Dressage
Sun 2 Dec	Sugarloaf, Dressage
Wed 5 Dec	White Ribbon Day Breakfast, Camden 6:45am
Wed 5 Dec	Club Christmas Party at Melaluca House, 6:30pm
Fri 14 Dec	Bunnings BBQ
Tue 25 Dec	Merry Christmas
Wed 26 Dec	No Meeting
Tue 1 Jan	Happy New Year
Wed 2 Jan	No Meeting
Wed 9 Jan	Business as usual. Venue TBA
Fri Sat Sun 15-17 Mar	District Conference Bankstown Sports Club 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown, NSW 2200

Nomination forms for the AGM have been e-mailed to members. Think about whether you can be on the Board.

Return to Secretary Denys.

