

OUR BUSHFIRE RESPONSE PROVIDES COMFORT Prime Minister Kevin Rudd praises ShelterBox aid in Kinglake

ShelterBoxes containing the dome tents, multi-fuel cookers, thermal blankets, tools and other basic equipment have been gratefully accepted by many survivors of the worst natural disaster in Australia's history ... Black Saturday. Inspecting the area yesterday, the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, Victorian Premier John Brumby, Victoria Police Commissioner Christine Nixon (who will soon head up the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority) and head of the Australian Defence Force, Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston stopped to talk with recipients and ShelterBox Australia General Manager Jenni Heenan and SRT members. "The Prime Minister was keenly interested in the ShelterBox response, and praised all Rotarians for their selfless commitment and help at this critical time," Jenni said.



Kevin Rudd speaks with Rotarian SRT member Mark Mallman



A young family start again with some help from ShelterBox



"We just want to be back on our land ..."



John Brumby [L] with Rotarian SRTs Eb Friedrich (Woodend) and Mark Mallman (Whittlesea), Jenni Heenan [third from R] with Rotarians and the Prime Minister.

Deployments of ShelterBoxes have been coordinated by the Department of Human Services, in conjunction with Victoria Police and the ADF. ShelterBox Response Team [SRT] members and local Rotarians continue to provide committed assistance. The Army is taking 10 boxes to Flowerdale today and SRT Eb Friedrich will be working with them.

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More photos from the Whittlesea area. Centre: Eb Friedrich and Mark Mallman with Christine Nixon and Jenni Heenan



ABOUT SHELTERBOX

Each ShelterBox contains up to two 10-person dome tents, thermal blankets, water purification tablets, a multi-fuel stove, tools and other essential equipment.

An initiative of Rotarian Tom Henderson, a former Royal Navy search and rescue diver, ShelterBox started in 2000 as a project of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall and is supported by Rotary clubs worldwide. ShelterBox, the largest Rotary Club project in the world has raised over \$45 million and sheltered over 600,000 people in 50 countries.

ShelterBox Australia

A project of the **Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills** (Melbourne) since 2003, ShelterBox Australia is the authorised Australian affiliate of the ShelterBox Trust. With a small office in Doveton (near Dandenong Vic), **ShelterBox Australia** now has representatives in each of Rotary International's 23 Districts in Australia. Since 2003, donations to ShelterBox Australia have topped \$5.5 million.

The cost of a ShelterBox is **\$1,200** – a small price to provide humanitarian aid in the form of shelter, warmth, dignity ... and perhaps survival, for up to ten people.

Donations can be sent to ShelterBox Australia, PO Box 790 Endeavour Hills Vic. 3802 or by accessing the donation section at www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au

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