

Diksa estimates that more than 2,000 people have benefited from the ShelterBox containers distributed in Italy after the quake. Most of the families will rely on temporary shelter until September, he says.

District 2090, which covers Albania and parts of Italy, including the most devastated areas, has organized meetings for the next couple of weeks with the nine other Italian districts to discuss intermediate and long-term relief projects.

District officials said the district will focus on making engineers and architects available and lending any technical expertise it can to the most damaged communities. Long-term initiatives would include helping businesses that plan to rebuild.
From Rotary International website, dated 17 April 2009

Fighting Malaria

Each year there are up to half a billion new cases of malaria and as many as two million deaths globally, mostly affecting children under five years of age.

Malaria is one of the world's most prevalent diseases. It is estimated that more than 3000 children will die each night due to malaria. Just consider: Tragically, one child dies every 30 seconds



from malaria, a disease that is highly treatable and preventable.

Today, Rotary is on active duty in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and other parts of the world fighting to significantly reduce both the morbidity and mortality of malaria over the next five years.

One of the weapons being used in this battle is the program that invites Rotary clubs, private sector organisations and individuals to "Adopt A Village".

Adopt A Village is a concept that attacks all the most pressing problems of poverty in one project for a single group of people, a village. In essence, a Rotary club in the developed country could "adopt" a village and the provision of treated mosquito nets to reduce malaria is guaranteed.

The adoption of a small village may cost \$1000, a medium size village may cost \$2000 and a large village may cost \$3000.

Within Papua New Guinea there are approximately 9000 village areas available for adoption.

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Volunteers setting up a Shelterbox tent in Italy (story inside)

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Sydney Water

NEXT MEETING

28 April – Golf Day (transferred meeting)

The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

Club Notes for 14 April 2009

Julie Harris – Meeting Chair

- Welcome President Mike.
- Apologies from our speaker for tonight – Chantel Malouf.

Allan Sweet – Treasurer

- Very happy to be making a deposit to the service account this week.

Joan Wells – Club Administration

- Advertising for the markets to be approved by the Board.
- We have to have a licence if we're going to have entertainment at the markets. Referred to the Board.

Julie Harris – Community

- The markets were on last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who helped. We raised over \$200 on the barbecue, and \$880 from the stalls.
- Thanks to everyone who helped out with Bunnings yesterday. We should see about \$1500 profit from the day.
- The community awareness day at Bunnings is this Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. The Directors will man our stand, and give out brochures.

Alex Thomas – Membership / Vocational

- Pride of Workmanship nominations close next week. I have 3 at the moment, but I'm hoping for more.
 - (Terry Pedder) Will the presentation be in this room? (No, it will be held in the main room.)

Terry Pedder for Sharon Bond – Youth

- ROKing tomorrow.

Keith Roffey – Public Relations

- Raised \$45 on the weekend at the markets. It was a good response.
- I've been approached by a media teacher at Randwick TAFE. He has a group of homeless people who are looking for opportunities to work in the community for a series on tv. I'd like to find out more before committing the Club.

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 27 / 43 or 62.79%

- Apologies from Jeiji & Maurie Abbott, Sharon & Warren Bond, Cliff Dailey, John Earls, Charles Garcia, Frank Katalinic, Garry Metcalfe, Veronica Necyporuk, Frank Pezzimenti, Peter Spanos, and Jo-Anne Wallace.
- I picked up some books and took them to Ranfurley House.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Lauren Christie

- Read a poem about RAM.

Terry Pedder

- Some members don't know what is going on in Rotary. Can a different director get up, once a fortnight, and talk about what their committee does?

Allan Sweet

- We need players for the Golf Day.
 - (Kay Trappett) Could we advertise in golf shops? (OK)
 - (Lauren Christie) Have we put up some posters? (Yes)
 - (Tony Blazek) Is \$100 too much to ask from players? (No)
 - (Colin Duff) How much sponsorship do we have? (About \$3,000. We should cover costs, but not much else.)
 - (Peter Townsend) Do you want anything on the website? (No)

Chair Julie Harris – Thought of the Week

- Buying a book about making money is the first step in generating wealth for the author.

Shelterbox at Work in Italy

Hours after a powerful earthquake struck central Italy on 6 April, killing nearly 300 people, a team of ShelterBox volunteers reached the affected areas to distribute 245 containers of relief supplies to hundreds of displaced families.

The quake, Italy's deadliest in nearly three decades, left tens of thousands homeless, and damaged or destroyed at least 15,000 buildings across the mountain city of L'Aquila.

In the chaos after the disaster, the ShelterBox team worked with local Rotarians and Italy's Civil Protection Agency to set up five tent camps in the nearby village of Assergi.

"The situation was quite critical in the first couple days," says John Diksa, a ShelterBox volunteer and president of the Rotary Club of Grenoble-Grésivaudan, Isère, France. "Our quick advancement in affected areas helped families stay together. Italian Rotarians were extremely helpful in identifying the areas in most need."

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, provides boxes that contain a tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.