

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 12

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Please ensure this information (3 pages) is available to all interested members of your Club.

- ✓ **October is Vocational Service Month.** - There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary International. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary. Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.
- ✓ From Lewis Gratton, District Vocational Service Chairman: It is Vocational Services month, the time of year we work to especially recognise this important aspect of Rotary. We are, after all, a vocationally-based service club as recognised by the vocation which is flagged on your dinner badge.  
As we discussed at District Assemblies prior to the start of this Rotary year, our Rotary International President John Kenny and our own District Governor Neville Parsons are keen for us to revitalize this important aspect of our organisation at club level.  
I do hope that the (too) many who didn't manage to make it to Assembly have read through your Vocational Service Kwickstart Manual which you should have received from your presidents after PETS (President Elect Training Session) which contains just about everything you need to know about your activities this year.  
By now you will, I hope, have organised at least one vocational visit or its equivalent during this month and perhaps organised other activities to recognise vocational service. Many clubs, I know, are conducting Pride of Workmanship awards this month and that's a great thing to do for your community.  
If you haven't already begun them, another idea is to use this month to institute brief talks by your members under the title of 'the vocation behind the badge' (some clubs know this as 'the man behind the badge') - a 3-4 minute talk by individual members about what they do at work - what their profession entails. We quite often get to hear about who Rotarians are and how they came to be where they are, but often we don't know much about the vocation the badge proclaims. How many of you, for instance, knows what an Instructional Designer does? - My boss often wondered!  
You may wish to share with your members the article by RI past President Rajendra Saboo, 'Vocational Service: The Abandoned Avenue' which is also in your Manual. My Club Bulletin Editor is going to serialise it in our Bulletin over the month and you may wish to do the same – the article is available under Vocational Service on the District website.  
I would love to hear from you about any activity that you have undertaken in the area of Vocational Service. Remember, Vocational Service in our district includes activity to support the many RYAG programs being offered. I know that RYAG Beef is a happening thing, I'm being kept posted on this by Coonabarabran Club - I'd like to hear about the other RYAG activities as they come up - especially any critical dates. That's enough for now - if this gets any longer even I won't read it!  
Remember to also keep in mind the following:
  - ✓ **Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence - a DISTRICT award for any person in your town/city/area (Rotarian or non-Rotarian) - details in the Manual and application form available from me - nominations close 29 January 10.**
  - ✓ **District Award for Vocational Service activity - a district award to the Club with the best Vocational Service project - details in Manual.**
- ✓ **Public Speaking Cluster finals by the end of October.**  
Work with your AG to have your Cluster final complete by the end of October. This will then not interfere with school programs and exams that commence in November.  
**The Semi-Finals will be held in Walcha**  
The nine candidates selected to represent each cluster will compete to select the final four speakers. This selection will take place in Walcha at this venue on Saturday, February 13, 2010.  
**Grand Finals at District Conference 2010**  
The four finalists will compete at a time to be advised at District Conference to be held in Port Macquarie in March 12, 13 & 14, 2010.

# ShelterBox deploys to Samoa, Sumatra and Manila

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## Manila

On Saturday, September 26, Typhoon Ondoy (international name Ketsana) brought a month's worth of rainfall to Metro Manila and the nearby areas in just a few hours. Initial reports suggest that close to 280,000 people have been affected and 51 people have lost their lives.

SRT members Lizzy Treglown (UK) and Peter Pearce (AU) are expected to be on the ground in less than 48 hours. Both Lizzy and Pete were part of the SRT that set up a "Shelterbox tent city" after Typhoon Morakot and have already received calls for help from their contacts in the Philippines.

Speaking before departing, Lizzy said: "After spending nearly three weeks in the Philippines just over a month ago, we're really familiar with the infrastructure and how their systems work. This will allow us to deliver aid quickly and most effectively. Our contacts on the ground have already briefed us on the situation and we are in the strongest position we can be in to make things happen. Our hearts go out to the people in the Philippines who have had to endure yet another devastating typhoon."

The worst may not be over for the Philippines with weather experts warning another typhoon could hit the region in the next three days. Keep up to date with our deployments at [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org)!

## Now for an update:

Shelterbox Response Team (SRT) members Rotarian Peter Pearce (RC Gosford) and UK SRT Lizzy Treglown are on the ground in Manila assisting those affected by Tropical storm Ondoy. It is reported that approximately 1.87 million people have been affected by this tragedy.

200 Shelterboxes landed today and this will be the beginning of our efforts to shelter those who lost everything. More reports as they come to hand.

## Samoa

Early yesterday morning a massive 8.3-magnitude quake caused a tsunami in the Pacific, killing at least 140 people in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. The wave was reported to be 8-metres high when it hit the regions. The disaster has claimed the lives of several Australians and more than 140 locals with thousands still missing or hospitalised.

Working with the Rotary Club of Apia, New Zealand SRT members Owen Smith and Walter Van der Kley have been mobilised and will assess the extent for our emergency shelter. 100 Shelterboxes will be delivered to Samoa and more will be sent over the coming days once assessed.

## Sumatra

Later the same day, a 7.6-magnitude quake hit Indonesia's West Sumatra killing hundreds of people and burying many thousands more. The city of Padang and other areas in Sumatra took the full extent of destruction with the airport closed, roads and communication towers washed away. The airport will hopefully be re-opened later this evening to at least allow shipment of emergency goods including our Shelterboxes.

Landslides in Pariaman, north of Padang have also buried many villages and cut off roads.

UK SRT Andy Holland is on the ground in Padang and will be joined within 48 hours by newly re-located SRT Mike Greenslade who now calls Australia home.

The extent of emergency shelter is yet to be determined but initial Rotary and government estimates suggest the first shipment of 500 Shelterboxes will be deployed.

With the wet season nearly upon all of these regions, the need for shelter is paramount.

**Please help if you can.  
The need is now.  
\$1200 will allow a survivor family shelter with dignity.**

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our fellow Rotarians who have called over the past 24 hours to pledge their support to assist those who have been devastated by the tropical storms, earthquakes and tsunami.

Whilst the lines of communication are either slow or down, we have included all information available at this time – we will of course update you as it comes in. Again our sincere thanks for your pledges and well wishes, especially to our Shelterbox Response Team (SRT) members. Kind regards, Jenni Heenan; General Manager.

- ✓ Join us in Montreal 20 – 23 June 2010; Register now on line at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- ✓ There are still two vacancies for RyMarine 2009 at Coffs Harbour. Contact Coffs Harbour Daybreak Club if you have any students who would benefit from a great sea side experience.
- ✓ Dates and place for MUNA in 2010 is 14-16 May at Woolgoolga hosted by the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga.
- ✓ DG Neville Parsons has made a request to assist where possible with disasters which have hit the Pacific Rim over the past few days. District Secretary PDG Laurie Barber writes:  
I have discussed Neville's request with the district treasurer, Michael Carrigan, PDG Ken Hall , the chairman of RAWCS, Rob White, and the district international service chairman, Reg Pierce.  
Although this matter will be discussed by the management committee on November 1, where no doubt a disaster relief policy will be canvassed, I am advised to let you know that a disaster account exists at the Holiday Coast Credit Union.  
District international committee Chairman Reg Pierce has contacted the HCCU office and has advised that clubs can make donations to an account, formerly a bushfire account established on behalf of the district by the Wauchope club but now a general disaster account. The account has the number 802214 100068695.  
Reg said a receipt would be issued.  
DG Neville asked that clubs be advised, urgently, on where money can be left. All district governors in Australia have been asked to respond to the need for assistance.
- ✓ Wendy Swain is our Ambassadorial scholar studying in Wales.  
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Mobile Phone: 07879357126 (my Australian no. 0428 245 006 therefore does not work now while I am in the UK).  
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I hope all is well back in Oz. I attended my first Rotary meeting today and the club was very welcoming, we even have a member named William Williams. I then had my University registration and I am very excited about my Library and Information Studies course which promises to be very interesting. I am meeting some very interesting people from all different backgrounds. Yesterday I was sitting next to a girl from the States who had Barack Obama speak at her Graduation Ceremony.
- ✓ November is The Rotary Foundation Month - PDG Harry Durey  
The Rotary International Board and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have agreed to observe The Rotary Foundation Month each November. During this month clubs are urged to devote at least one club program to the Foundation.  
As The Rotary Foundation Chairman in Rotary District 9650, I am encouraging all clubs to invite a Guest Speaker to address your club on the Foundation programs and its funding process.  
I now have a full program for November, so if you are looking for a Guest Speaker please contact PDG John Barwick (Phone:6762 7535, Email: [johnbarwick3@bigpond.com](mailto:johnbarwick3@bigpond.com)) who can suggest a speaker.
- ✓ **It's a Party** - A date to remember 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - Manilla Rotary Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be held at the Manilla Bowling Club on the Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>.7.00pm. Please pass this invitation on to your club members. And ask them to please rely by return email to Sandy – [siallan@bordnet.com.au](mailto:siallan@bordnet.com.au) or Peter – [pjdutton@westnet.com.au](mailto:pjdutton@westnet.com.au) Looking forward to seeing you (**Be there**).
- ✓ The Carnival of the Pines has been included on the calendar of events for Inbound Students and is marked as optional. This year the Rotary Clubs of Port Macquarie **have not** made arrangements for billeting and other associated supervised activities and itinerary for the students, therefore thinking of their welfare we discourage you from allowing your students to attend this event on their own.
- ✓ **RC Tamworth Sunrise Charter Dinner - ONLY 16 DAYS TO RSVP**  
**PLEASE NOTE UPDATED RSVP PHONE NUMBER** - 6764 6634 or email to [circ.ndl@ruralpress.com](mailto:circ.ndl@ruralpress.com)  
It would be appreciated if you could circulate to your members as it is often a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend an event such as this. **PLEASE NOTE THE RSVP DATE**. Payment of \$60 ph will also be required by this date and it can be made via EFT (BSB 802298 Account: 67149 Name: Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise Institution: Northern Inland Credit Union) or via a cheque. If paying via EFT please include your name in the reference field to enable us to verify. Seating is limited to 120 so please get in early so as not to miss out.  
Regards DGSR Chris Sheppard.