

Shelterbags *for the Homeless Sleeping Rough in South Australia*

RC Gawler Light's District-wide Shelterbag project for homeless persons sleeping rough is finally in motion and forging ahead. Three hundred and fifty Shelterbags were recently delivered from Melbourne to the RARE (DIK) (Central) warehouse in Edinburgh where RC Gawler Light's Shelterbag Team have been busy checking the bags and stencilling them with the District 9510 logo ready for distribution to their project partner Rotary clubs.

Our quota of 350 Shelterbags was part of a full container load of 900 bags imported from the Sheltersuit Foundation in South Africa with the assistance of RC Terrigal, the initiator of their distribution in Australia. The remainder of the bags were split between NSW and VIC.

Twenty one clubs have come on board the project so far, with most of the bags having already been allocated.

The official collection day, with a barbeque breakfast provided, was at RARE on Sunday 28th April where media and photo opportunities will be used to promote the project.

It has been pleasing to note that since RC Gawler Light's pilot project some suggested Shelterbag modifications have been taken up by the manufacturer by way of tags on the zippers for easier use and a mattress that can be removed for cleaning or replacement. This latter modification significantly improves the reusability of any bags that are returned.



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The Shelterbags will be made available to homeless persons sleeping rough through whichever community organisation or outreach agency our partner Rotary Clubs have forged a relationship with in their local area. Their arrival is perfectly timed for the onset of cooler weather and the approaching winter months.

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