



News Release

New emergency shelter system set to change lives

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A new, emergency shelter system has been launched in South Australia today, offering better, safer accommodation for refugees worldwide.

Called the 'Humanihut', the robust shelter system uses an innovative pop-up design to provide accommodation as well as bathroom, laundry and community facilities.

Launched by South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill, the Humanihut was the result of three years' research and development by its inventor, Neale Sutton.

"The Humanihut is an all-in-one, out-of-the-box solution that provides accommodation, toilet and showering facilities and integrates necessary services such as fresh water, sewerage disposal and power," said Mr Sutton.

"It is a cost-effective, innovative solution that has the potential to save international aid agencies millions of dollars.

"By providing clean water and shelter, the Humanihut helps prevent health problems such as malaria and water-borne diseases that kill thousands of refugees every year.

"The company has brought together a group of like-minded Australians who want to do the right thing to support those worst affected by the global refugee crisis."

Offering 'Shelter, Dignity, Delivered', the Humanihut is the only all-in-one, out-of-the-box emergency shelter system of its kind in the world. It can also be used to support communities in Australia in the event of natural disasters.

The robust system combines humanitarian and military experience, design expertise and manufacturing know-how.

Mr Sutton has thirty years' experience as an Australian Army Officer and has worked in conflict zones. He has also worked as a consultant to the United Nations.



“The Humanihut is an example of the kind of innovation needed to transform our State's economy,” Premier Weatherill said.

“The State Government supported the development of the Humanihut by providing a total of \$77,000 through the Innovation Voucher Program.

“The Innovation Voucher Program supports innovation in the State’s manufacturing sector by partnering businesses with organisations that have research and development capability.”

Humanihut has already secured orders for its sister product, the ‘Cargohut’, and will begin manufacture of the emergency pop-up shelters in March 2016.

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