

Gimme Shelter

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Belsey arrives!

Our first Kesho Leo managers – **fws** IT manager Ben Schwabe and **fws** vice president Kelsey Wilson (who happen to be romantically linked) – **have arrived** to look things over before moving here next year. Ben immediately set up our **internet connection** to enable access for more than one computer at a time, helped Daz **build banana-leaf showers** and looked into a **piloting job**. Kels visited African mamas with Shona to help **shortlist house-mums**, began the long dull process of **arranging a USD bank account** for **fws** (less currency fluctuation) and caught up with old friends.

Corky has now put walls, doors and windows on the huts, begun building compost loos, put in three permaculture banana circles (to filter our grey water) and planted macadamia, pomegranate and peach trees.

Volunteer village huts nearly finished

Last issue, he hesitantly unveiled his nascent **chicken-scratch plans for a few mud huts** that would be the beginning of our volunteer village. If you were impressed by that, check out **this issue's far more impressive photographic evidence** of the incredible **progress** he's made...

Yes, **fws** environmental engineer **Robert Cork** might have surreptitiously commandeered Daz's entire team of Kesho Leo labourers (and eventually Daz himself) to the job, but the resultant fact is that we have **volunteer huts coming along very nicely** – and not a moment too soon. We're expecting our first wonderful-to-see-you-but-you-don't-fit-in-the-house **volunteer to arrive next week!**

what's going on...

Fanton of the fundraiser

Artist **Peter Fanton** was quick to offer support via his "**Art For Orphans**" fundraiser in Brisvegas last month. With the help of some **fws** volunteers, a **hefty \$1275 was raised**.

See us in Good Weekend mag?

If you missed the **story on Anne our treasurer**, download it at <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/media.aspx>.

fws welcomes new recruits in Oz

Lots of **enthusiastic volunteers** have contacted us: **asante** Cathy, Hattie, Randi, Anna, Andliese, Naomi and Gayatri.

We're legit in Tanzania!

Thanks to a cast of thousands, **fws** finally has its **legal status** as an **official NGO (non-governmental organisation)** in Tanzania. Our certificate is being framed this week!

Robert does Rotary

In his evenings, Corky has been visiting Tanzanian Rotary Clubs to **explain Kesho Leo's water harvesting systems**.

Kesho kitchen commences

We've raised the **education centre walls** and laid the **kitchen foundations** – check out our **weekly progress** at <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/news.aspx>.

Sausage sizzle success!

A huge thanks to **Bouldercombe Primary School** in Central Queensland for **raising \$120** at their sizzling fundraiser!

Elke and the chocolate fundraiser

Year 11 student **Elke Pierce** raised **\$307** via a chocolate drive for **fws!** A big thanks to Elke and all her choc-lovers.

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Final Founding Fifty profile

Name: Jason Stratti (Jay)

Age: 32

Suburb: Maroubra, NSW

Day job: Management accountant, St George Bank

Passions: Surfing, singing, guitar, my dog Mishka, running and Tai Chi.

Q: Why join the Final Founding Fifty (FFF)?

"Cause **fws** needs money. I wouldn't want to have a conversation with Darren where he tells me the project has slowed because of funds, while I'm off surfing in Hawaii, eating Cadbury chocolates and recording albums that lazily don't leave my top drawer..."

Q: What should the FFF plaque look like?

"I don't reckon you should have a plaque – you should have chickens, name them after each person in the FFF and dye them different colours. Mine is purple."

What Is The Final Founding Fifty?

A chance to show off. The FFF is 50 people who will **each donate \$2,000** (tax deductible) to **fws** for the completion of Kesho Leo Children's Village. **One hundred per cent** of this donation goes **directly to cause**.

There's **lots of glamour** involved – we're putting your **names on the website** till all 50 of you are listed. Visit <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/finalfoundingfifty.aspx>. Then, we'll **put your names on a plaque in the Kesho admin** (we'll have to think about the chickens!).



*Can you see yourself as a **fws** Final Founding Fifty member? (Dressing up like Jay, above right, is optional!)*

So this is Christmas... don't be a spectator

After 15 years in Tanzania working as the **fast-thinking, quick-talking, forward-moving headmaster** of Edmund Rice Secondary School Sinon, **Brother Frank O'Shea**, an Aussie we've learnt so much from (notwithstanding the advice of getting "a bit of mongrel in us or going home!"), is **finally calling it quits**. At a recent address to the local community, he called for everyone to **have the courage not to be a spectator in life, and actively get involved**.

Frank has certainly led his life by this creed and inspired many around him – including us. **We're going to miss** his brash, offhand, spot-on advice, and his friendship. **Farewell Frank** – go safely – and consider returning to Sinon soon!

Frank and Daz having a laugh.



contact us...

If you've quezzies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at: anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au or on (02) 9879 3586. Meantime...

Four days to go!

If you've left your **Chrissy shopping a little late** this year, we can help! **Donate to fws** on your friend's behalf and **download** our **safi little Christmas card** from the website. Visit <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/donate.aspx>

Fundraisers – join in or host your own

We still need **more dosh** to finish building. Help us get there by supporting a fundraiser, holding a **barbie** and charging people \$10 to come, having a **trivia night** at the pub and donating funds to **fws**, or organising a **movie night** and charging people \$20 to come – **too easy** (and fun)!

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