

gimme shelter

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This Month's Smileys...

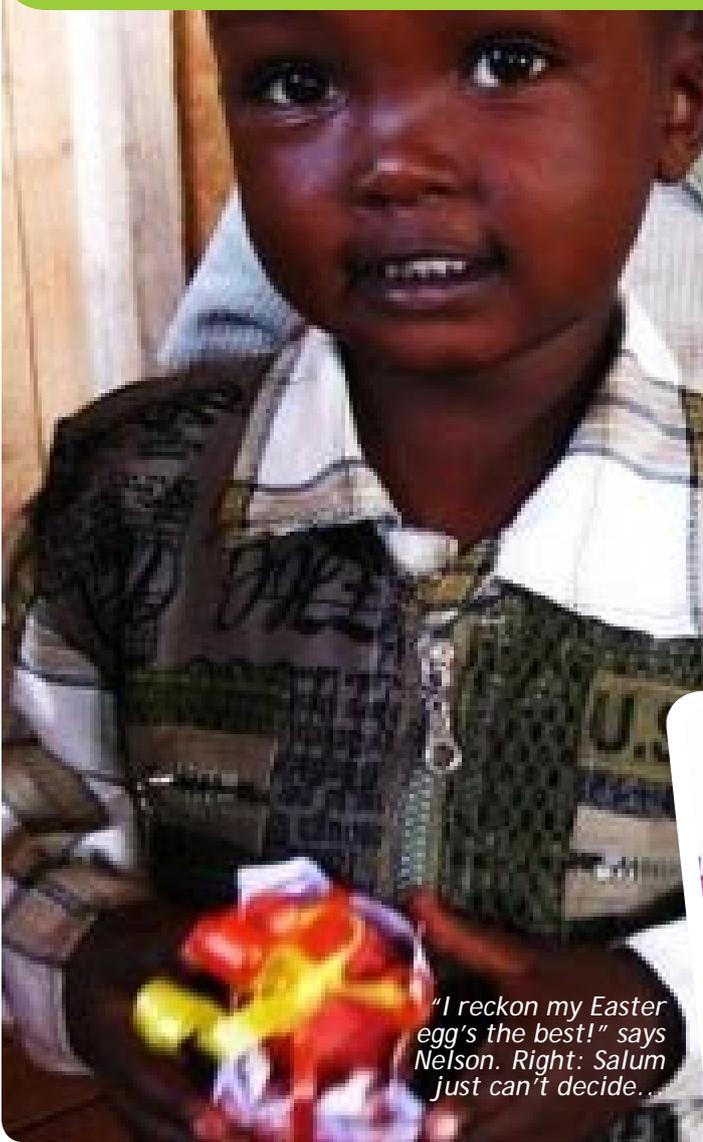
 We've raised 29% of fit-out and operating costs – just over \$100,000 to go! Want to donate? To see a table of costs [click here](#)

 We're ready to harvest our first maize crop

 Welcome aboard our newbies: Lorna Gow, Cate MacKenzie and Nikki Viravong

 **fw** held a board meeting in March, plus we got a "best report we've ever received" for our first grant report – chuffed!

 We redesigned *Gimme Shelter*. Did you notice? Let us know what you think at gimme.shelter@foodwatershelter.org.au



"I reckon my Easter egg's the best!" says Nelson. Right: Salum just can't decide...

Welcome to the new-look *Gimme Shelter*. In this issue we share just some of the highlights from the past month (there's never enough room to tell you everything that's happening). We're close to reaching the \$100,000+ that we need to complete the project. To help us reach our target, why don't you buy one of our Mother's Day e-cards, have a garage sale and donate the proceeds to us, or just donate whatever you can? Thanks for your support as always. We'd love your feedback and suggestions for what you'd like to hear more about. Drop us a line at gimmeshelter@foodwatershelter.org.au

Rebecka Darling-Darren

fws president



Easter Egg-static at Chekechea

It was a big (and slightly messy) day when we had an Easter egg-making day in chekechea (kindergarten). With the help of the mamas and volunteers, the kids learnt how to making nutritious, beautiful-looking Easter eggs. They drew their own designs on boiled eggs in crayon and then dipped their works of art in food colouring (the wax of the crayons is resistant to the food dye). Then the gorgeous eggs were packed into little handmade boxes for the kids to take their Easter presents home in. Many thanks to mwalimu (teacher) Helen for organising all the ingredients we needed for a fun morning had by all.

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Volunteer Profile: Caz Nickson



Age: 39 **Lives:** Preston, Vic
Day job: Academic researcher.
Passions: Mucking about with people, my dog, worm farms, vegie seedlings, casserole pots, books, bikes and guitars, preferably with regular doses of the Australian bush and quality beer.

Volunteer role with fws:
Grants Manager.

What does your role with fws entail?

Working with a team of Grants Officers to apply for and report on grant funding for fws. There are five of us in the Grants Team and we're all researchers working in the Melbourne School of Population Health at The University of Melbourne.

What surprises you most about fws?

The range of tasks and people involved, and the collective resilience and drive of the organisation.

What advice do you give to potential fws volunteers?

Come and help! It's really rewarding and fun. Familiarise yourself with who's who as soon as possible – and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Contact Caz at grants@foodwatershelter.org.au

If you'd like to volunteer with fws in Australia or Tanzania, [click here](#) to find out about our vacancies.

New Kids on the Block



Kesho Leo's newest resident is our German shepherd puppy, Maggie. In the short time she's been with us, Maggie has cemented her place in the family. She's also taking up rank as guard dog of our volunteer village alongside the local dog, Knuckle, who's been with us since we first arrived here. Thank you to Brother Paul at Edmund Rice for giving us first pick of the litter. We're also expecting new kids to arrive at Kesho Leo soon – our goats are pregnant!



Volunteer Manuela Masoch and the mamas get creative.

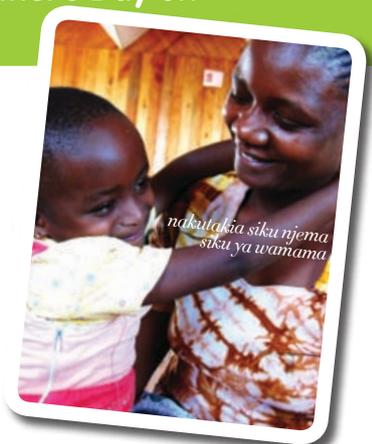
Getting Funky for Social Welfare

In Kesho Leo, the mamas have been working with volunteer Manuela Masoch on creating a range of funky purses, bags and clothes to sell in Arusha. We're hoping to sell the range in Australia, too. Volunteer social worker Loretta Crombie and project manager/training psychologist Kelsey Wilson also started to roll out social welfare programs, as part of our holistic care for the village. Loretta has continued on her travels so we are looking for volunteer social workers or psychologists to continue her great work. [click here](#) for details. Safe travels Loretta!

Don't forget Mother's Day on Sunday, 10 May

“ Nakutakia siku njema siku ya wamama...”

...in Kiswahili loosely translates as, “I want for you a good day on Mother's Day.” While the translation might not be great, the cause is. Donate \$20 or more to fws and download our fab Mother's Day e-card. Monies raised will go towards the final fit-out of the Kesho Leo village before the mamas and kids move into their new home. [Visit the fws shop](#)



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fws vice president Shona Arneil (left) with outgoing board member Anne O'Donoghue.

Comings & Goings

Sadly we say goodbye to outgoing board members: founding member and fws treasurer Anne O'Donoghue and fundraising queen Cathy McQuade. Both Anne and Cathy are taking a well-deserved rest and pursuing new projects – including a new baby for Anne! We'll miss you both. We're lucky to welcome aboard some great new volunteers including: Cate MacKenzie as grants sub-editor, Nikki Viravong as book-keeper and Lorna Gow as *Gimme Shelter* sub-editor.

Get involved

Help us to become the Final Founding 25! We only need two more people to sign up and donate \$2,000 to help us reach the halfway point in our Final Founding Fifty.

Have an autumn garage sale Clear out all your old stuff and donate your takings to fws.

Wear an fws T-shirt in yummy soft, organic cotton. Available in a range of sizes for gals and blokes, they're only \$35-\$40 (plus postage and handling) and the proceeds go to fws. [Visit the fws shop](#)



The foodwatershelter exhibition at Sydney College of the Arts.

fws-er of the month: foodwatershelterart

Fundraising goddess Cathy McQuade raised \$20,000 for fws at the foodwatershelterart exhibition last month. It featured donated works by artists including photographer Olive Cotton and Archibald Prize winner Euan MacLeod, plus an exhibit of weavings by indigenous artists from Arnhem Land. Thanks to all who gave their time and talent.

A huge thank you also to Darren Stratti's son, Daniel, and his schoolmates at Elderslie High in NSW, for raising a whopping \$1,700 for Kesho Leo children's village. The Pizza, Cake and Pancake days spearheaded by Edlerslie's teacher librarian, Theodora Zajaz, were a huge hit. fws is currently collaborating with Elderslie High about creating a Community Sports day in Tanzania for the Kesho Kids, the sporting program of which will be designed by Elderslie students. The sports day will be held annually on Darren Stratti's birthday, 26 November.

And a heartfelt thanks to Stephanie Molloy for the lovely hand-knitted blankets she sent to Kesho Leo after winning a trip to Tanzania at the fws Kujenga fundraiser. Stephanie was wonderful with the mamas, teaching them how to knit while she was there.



Contact Us...

If there's anything you'd love us to tell you about fws, please don't hesitate to contact Gimme Shelter at gimmeshelter@foodwatershelter.org.au

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volunteer vacancies

Photo Editor

3 hours per week (on average)

Minimum 12-month commitment

Work from your home or office
(anywhere in the world!)

We're looking for someone to create and maintain a cohesive visual library of high-resolution fws photographs (those of events in Australia and of progress in Tanzania) that can be accessed and easily used by the fws team.

You'll need to have an eye for beautiful photos and the ability to spot a "hero" shot, combined with a keen memory and exceptional filing and organisational skills. IT skills in the management of digital photos are essential.

For full description and requirements [click here](#).

salary package: \$zilch

perks: warm-fuzzies

volunteer vacancies

Sub-Editing Manager

4 hours per week

Minimum 12 month commitment

Work from your home or office

We are looking for a strong sub-editing leader to manage fws's existing and expanding sub-editing team. You'll be responsible for organising and motivating a team of six fws volunteers charged with the task of consolidated fws's language, look and feel across all our communications.

We expect you to have an interest in all of fws's prime concerns, be a self-starter and be able to manage a team. Exceptional sub-editing and writing skills and an eye for detail are essential.

For full description and requirements [click here](#).

salary package: \$zilch

perks: warm-fuzzies

volunteer vacancies

Sponsorship Program Manager

Average 1 hour per week (after set up)

During set-up phase (estimated at 6-8 weeks), more like 2-3 hours per week.

Work from your home or office

We need a great communicator and relationship manager to oversee our sponsorship program. You will be responsible for ensuring that all our donors' records are up to date and that donors receive friendly and efficient service and communication from fws. You will also be responsible for implementing our new Families For Families Sponsorship Program.

In addition to being a great communicator and super-organised, you'll need to be good with numbers and have the ability to work with various fws teams in both Australia and Tanzania.

For full description and requirements [click here](#).

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volunteer vacancies

PA to fws President

1 to 1.5 hours per day (Monday-Friday)

Minimum 12-month commitment, but ideally we'd like someone interested in sticking around for a long-term working relationship

Work from home

We require a super-organised, warm and friendly volunteer who can commit to checking and replying to their fws emails every working day of the week, as they respond to the fws president's varied requests. The PA will also be responsible for collating and emailing a weekly report of fws activities in Australia for the Kesho Leo manager in Tanzania and the fws management committee.

You'll need to be an excellent communicator with exceptional organisational skills and the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.

For full description and requirements [click here](#).

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For information about these and other current fws volunteer opportunities in Australia and Tanzania, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx