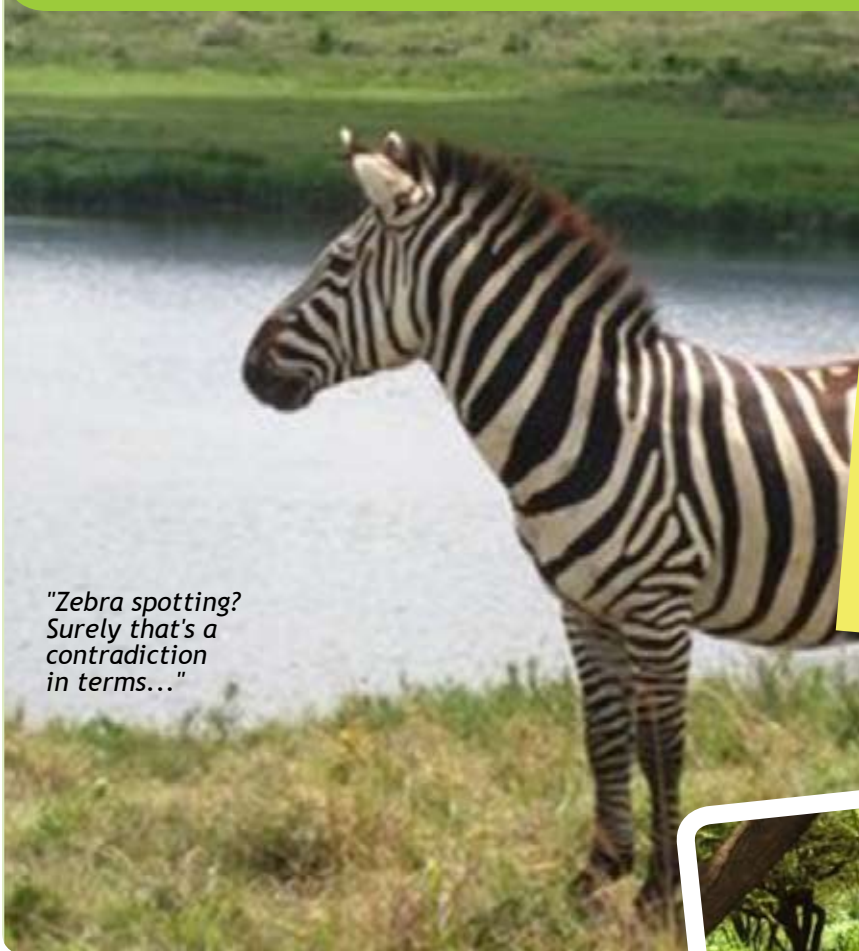


# gimme shelter

may 2009



"Zebra spotting?  
Surely that's a  
contradiction  
in terms..."

## this month's smileys...



Thanks to Kate and Marcus McNally, **fws** has reached halfway point with 25 members in our [Final Founding Fifty](#)



Our 2007-08 Annual Report is [on our website](#)



**fws** welcomes Hannah Ford as our website subeditor – she's tops and clever and is going to make our website less chunky!



**fws** also welcomes Kate McNally as sponsorship manager. She's designing a fab program for the Kesho Leo house mamas and kids called Families For Families. Stay tuned



We've got 164 **fws** members – [get in touch with the lovely Tracey](#) (who stars on page 3) to help us reach our June target of 200



Safari-ing  
is thirsty  
work! The  
Kesho Leo  
workers at  
Lake Manyara.

## get the tax man to give back!

One month till the end of the financial year. That means now's the time to **donate to get your tax-deductible receipt** in the next six weeks. Too easy. What to donate? Choice is yours but our favourite focus is the **Final Founding Fifty**. Currently it is our Final Founding Twenty Five. This means 25 **legendary fws supporters** have given a \$2000 tax deductible donation to fund the building of Kesho Leo. We love them. We want to love more of them. **Why contribute?** Because we've not yet managed to replace our irreplaceable fundraising manager Cathy McQuade, yet **we do need funds** to keep fuelling the final building and fit-out phases of Kesho. We are so close to finishing – sooooo close. Get your name on a Kesho plaque forever, **be a truly significant donor**. To help us kick this one over the line, [visit our website](#).

## safari so good

Tanzanians on safari? Not often – many can't afford it. However, the **generosity** of a **previous fws volunteer** this month saw many of our building crew set off on **their first visit** to any of Tanzania's amazing national parks. More than 40 **fws** building and farm workers piled into two rented buses to head to **Lake Manyara National Park** for a fun-filled day of zebra-spotting. They returned home to share stories with their kids and family of **not just zebras, but baboons, elephants, giraffes and lions**. The adventure has the labourers planning to organise another trip to the Ngorongoro Crater.

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## kesho leo employee profile: onesmo william



**Age: 23 When did you join fws?**  
In July 2008.

**What's an average day for you?**

I usually wake at 6am to help my mother cut grass for our cows and goats, then get to work at 8am. I'm working on the plumbing, and sometimes I help my fellow workers with their work or translate if they don't understand English.

After work I usually go around to my father's coffee farm to help out, before playing football or reading novels. In the evenings I like to tell stories and laugh with my brothers and sisters – my big family!

**Do you use the fws savings plan?**

Yes! I've bought my family a bicycle, some chicken mesh, and two bags of cement to make a sloped floor for our cattle (like the fws one). fws are doing many things a little differently to how they are usually done here.

**What have you learnt – or think is just plain crazy?**

You know, people in the village see the building we have made and they can't believe it! Now, if you show the plans of any house to the men who have been working there, they will try their best to build it.

**What are your plans for your future?**

I plan to go for further studies if I can get enough money to do that. Maybe I'll study forestry, environmental studies or eco and cultural tourism.



## what's going on: health check!

It's a **clean bill of health** all round – our Kesho Leo **volunteer nurse Karen** has been busy in recent months. Three of the children at Kesho Leo have had **small surgical procedures** at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC). Dativa (pictured above), Frankie and Haji were brave little patients and **have recovered well**. The mamas and kids have also had health checks, with some needing medical treatment for illnesses such as **malaria and typhoid** at ALMC.

## thanks for a job well done



As we move into the final stages of our building work at Kesho Leo, it was time to say a fond **goodbye to nine of our hard-working labourers**. We marked the occasion with a traditional sacrifice of two goats and a **celebratory lunch**. Guests at the feel-good bash included (pictured at left) **fws Tanzanian manager Mudi**, our **project manager Kelsey Wilson**, the **regional police commissioner** and **village elders Focus, Mohammed Munge and Nolasco**.

## king of the road



**Assistant**

**farm manager Elvis at**

Kesho Leo (above) has achieved newfound **freedom behind the wheel**. Elvis used the money he's saved from the **fws savings plan** to get his **driver's licence**. Go Elvis!



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## volunteer profile: Tracey Hartmann



**Age** 28 **Lives** Brisbane, Qld  
**Day job** Biography writer at my company, vocalart productions  
**Passions** Hearing people tell their story and helping them share it with the world; getting my hands dirty on the family property at Banana (south-west of Rockhampton in central Queensland); and fundraising.

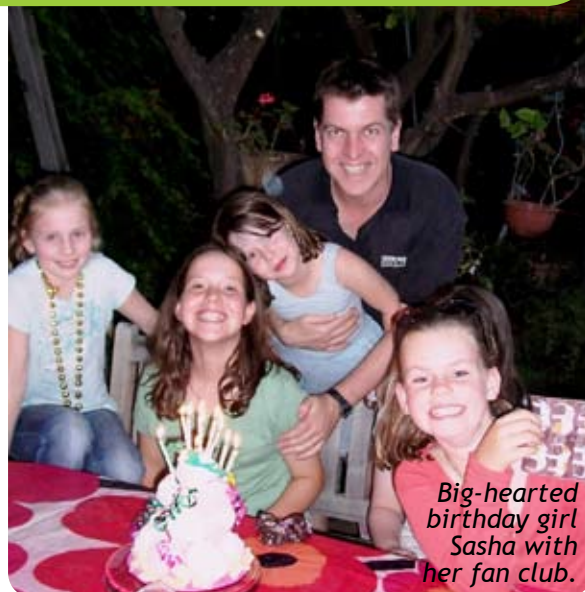
**What is your volunteer role**

**with fws?** Memberships officer

**What does your role entail?** Spreading the word about fws and encouraging people to become fws members. You know, I've been waiting for you to read this: it only takes a minute to join online and you'll be making a lasting difference for as little as \$15 a year!

**What surprises you most about fws?** That absolutely every person in the Australian fws team is a volunteer.

Help fws reach our target of 200 fws members before June 30, 2009. [Visit the fws website](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au) or contact Tracey at [membership@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:membership@foodwatershelter.org.au).



Big-hearted birthday girl Sasha with her fan club.

## fws-er of the month: Sasha

You're never too young to become an fws supporter. For her 11th birthday party, Sasha from Victoria (above) asked her friends to make a donation to fws instead of giving her presents. She raised \$175! Thanks Sasha.

## up for pizza? c'mon, you know you want it...

We like pizza too. We especially like it when it brings fws closer to our building completion date. Here's how you can have your pizza so we can eat it too. Go to our new how-to-fundraise-for-fws [webpage](#) and read all about how to host an easy-peasy pizza day at work that fundraises for fws and makes you the lunchtime office champion.



### 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](mailto:gimmeshelter@foodwatershelter.org.au)

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## did they really?

Massive thanks to Elizabeth Russo for raising \$2800 through a fantastic donation-drive at the Bosley Park Parish. On top of that splendid effort, Elizabeth donated an additional \$1000 from herself and \$500 from her mum.

[Listen](#) to fws enviro engineer Robert Cork talk about Kesho Leo's eco-topness. Corky was interviewed for The Pulse radio's Global Focus program on 94.7FM. Autographs later.

**fws on telly!** See fws's famous enviro guru: our amazing architect, Rob Watson, who'll be featured on the ABC's *The New Inventors* on Wednesday June 10 at 8pm. He'll be talking about designs he's patented for rapid-deployment emergency shelters. Sweet, Rob!

## volunteer vacancies

### Handy Person (Tanzania)

- ☛ **time:** Full-time position
- ☛ **term:** 6-12 month contract, starting September
- ☛ **where:** Based at Kesho Leo, accommodation provided
- ☛ **salary package:** \$zilch
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

**fws** is looking for a handyman or woman to keep both our volunteer village and Kesho Leo in tip-top shape through 2009. So, among other odd jobs you'll need to be able to fix things like our timber-clad children's village, fix leaky pipes, repair and replace tin roofing, re-paint walls and maybe even give the ute a bit of a tune-up.

Think you've got the essential skills that we need? Then drop our lovely OS volunteer manager, Jenny McDonald, an email at: [jenny.mcdonald@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:jenny.mcdonald@foodwatershelter.org.au)

## volunteer vacancies

### President's PA

- ☛ **time:** 1-1½ hours per day, Monday to Friday
- ☛ **term:** Minimum 12 months, ideally long-term
- ☛ **where:** Work from your home
- ☛ **salary package:** \$zilch
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

We require a super-organised, warm and friendly volunteer who can commit to replying to their **fws** emails every working day as they respond to the **fws** president's varied requests.

Skills:

- Excellent communication, especially via email.
- Ability to prioritise tasks and tick them off.
- A can-do attitude.

If you'd like to be the linchpin between the **fws** president and the wider **fws** team in Australia and in Tanzania, email: [rebecka.darling-darren@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:rebecka.darling-darren@foodwatershelter.org.au)

## volunteer vacancies

### Nurse/Doctor (Tanzania) 2010

- ☛ **time:** Full-time position
- ☛ **term:** 12-24 month contract, starting December 2009/January 2010
- ☛ **where:** Based at Kesho Leo, accommodation provided
- ☛ **salary package:** \$zilch
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

As resident **fws** nurse or doctor you'll be responsible for running the Kesho Leo health clinic, keeping an eye on the general health of the mamas and children, as well as providing first aid and TLC.

Essential:

- Medical or nursing training and qualifications.
- Understanding of cross-cultural issues.

Desirable:

- Experience in pediatrics and HIV treatment.

You'll also be working with our teachers to deliver health education to Kesho Leo residents and the wider community.

If you're interested, please send us an email at: [jenny.mcdonald@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:jenny.mcdonald@foodwatershelter.org.au)

## volunteer vacancies

### 2 x fws Literature Subeditors

- ☛ **time:** 2 hours per week (on average)
- ☛ **term:** Minimum 6-month commitment
- ☛ **where:** Work from your home
- ☛ **salary package:** \$zilch
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

We're looking for people with great attention to detail to work alongside the other **fws** subeditors and subediting manager to create and maintain a **fws** communications style guide. That done, the literature subeditors will work with the **fws** team to subedit all existing **fws** literature to **fws** style.

Skills:

- Excellent writing and subediting ability.
- Word, Excel and InDesign.
- Exceptional eye for detail.
- Great time management.
- Ability to juggle competing deadlines.

Requirements:

- Access to Adobe InDesign software.

Sound like you? Drop us a line at: [rebecka.darling-darren@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:rebecka.darling-darren@foodwatershelter.org.au)