

this month's smileys...

Some more wonderful Final Founding Fifty members to cheer: Craig Chapman, who is building a children's village in Kenya, and Rebecka's parents, Jill and Warren Delforce

Kesho Leo manager Kelsey Wilson and eco-farm manager Eve Archbold crack the "12 months in Tanzania" milestone

We've just a few more Kesho families for you to sponsor at a cruisey \$31 a month. Contact [Kate McNally](#) to find out how

Ten-year-old Edan of Armidale, NSW, has been selling his chooks' free-range eggs and sharing the proceeds with **fws** – awesome!

The Kesho biogas system is activated – now we just hook it up and we're cookin'

Welcome to Earth, Sammy Alual Turner, daughter born to Pip and Anne (one of the Founding Five), and also Edward Gregory Carney, son born to Elissa Wilson, **fws** OS-based volunteer officer

Celebrating a generous contribution from Kesho nurse Karen's family for table and chairs for the volunteer village

Permaculture guru Eve Archbold is quackers about her new feathered friends.



out for a duck

When Kesho permaculture pundit Eve saw the fence completed around the Kesho fish and duck pond recently, she knew the time had come ... to pop out for a duck, or six! Returning with the newest recruits to the Kesho farm, Eve conducted the induction: yep, you're cute, but like almost everyone here, you're a volunteer. So, ducks, you get to call Kesho home in return for volunteering your duckly services to the permaculture program. You up for it? They were. So the ducks have been swimming about aerating the water (great for the fish), depositing waste (which feeds phytoplankton and algae, which the fish eat) and foraging for insects, larvae, frogs, tadpoles, seeds, fallen fruit and aquatic and semi-aquatic plants. They're able to find up to 50 per cent of their own food, so we don't have to feed them much, but still get their eggs and meat, and bigger, healthier fish! Reckon those ducks'll earn their keep? We do.

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cyber mamas

First came the warning to **fws** Australia from Kesho bursar Bec: "So, we're teaching the mamas about emails today. Very fun stuff. You might get some messages from them ...". Then came the mama emails: "Mambo vipii karibu tanzania nimekumsii, from Maswai kwa wema wako." And then the bit where we had to reply: "We're not all fluent in Kiswahili!" No matter, somehow we got there and communication occurred! This is a big deal for **fws** and the mamas, as they've long-wanted to "learn computers", so beginning their first-ever IT lessons has been an exciting event. The computers were borrowed from the volunteer village, as we haven't sorted computers for Kesho yet – we first need to put up our solar power (thanks again [Golder Trust For Orphans](#) for funding that!). Even so, the mamas were very happy to share a laptop and take it in turns to write their email and press "send"!



"I do, I do, I doo... love fws"

We love sharing our inbox with you guys. Just check out this one for a corker: "Hi Kate McNally, fws sponsorship program manager. Well done on a tops job. My name is Les. I've been a long-time friend of Beck and Dazza. I love fws and help when I can (which is not as often as I'd like [though he managed to climb Argentina's Aconcagua mountain for us in 2006 and raise fws a sneaky \$10,000!]), so I was stoked when we came up with this idea. In October, I am to be married (very lucky man I am ... found me a good one). In lieu of 'favours' at our wedding, Rachel (soon to be known as Mrs Robinson) and I would love to sponsor a Kesho family. Can we?" But of course, young groom and bride. We'd be delighted, and to any other happy couples out there – or wedding guests searching for that special gift – yes, you too can [sign up!](#) We're looking for our last 24 sponsors at a mere \$31 per month.

Big-hearted soon-to-be-weds Rachel and Les.



Who knew school could be so cool?

just showing off

We always wanted the environmental systems at Kesho to be a source of intrigue, but we didn't realise how quickly they'd gather a following. From day one of building, we've been hosting site tours. Those early tours started off with as few as two people, sometimes up to 11 if volunteers from other projects came out. But today, it seems our site tour groups are growing faster than our enviro systems! We host international visitors, local NGOs and schools. This month we had two groups of 50 Tanzanian students from [Edmund Rice Sinou Secondary School](#), who heard all about fws's education programs, goals and environmentally friendly systems. The students were as keen as mustard, and kept the questions coming – with one session lasting more than three hours! We covered topics such as nitrogen fixation and companion planting, the advantages of harvesting rainwater over drilling a bore, reasons for building with timber and comparisons between composting and biogas.

mega member

Esteemed fws member Sue Chapman, 50, of Charters Towers in Queensland, works part-time with people with disabilities. She's passionate about family, travel and volunteering. So, Sue, tell us why you dig fws: "After spending two years in Tanzania and seeing other volunteer organisations in Arusha, I would say fws is one of the most forward-thinking groups in Arusha. I take my hat off to all the young Australians who volunteer their time to this project. You are 'true-blue Aussie' and the work you are doing is amazing. I'll travel back later this year to see how it is all going. Cheers, Mama Sue."



We can't wait to see Mama Sue again in Tanzania!

get up, stand up, pay up!

- Hey, awesome Families For Families Sponsorship sign-upperers – a very gentle reminder for you to wander into the happy land of pay-upperers. Yes, fws sponsorship manager Kate McNally has your email address. Yes, she will track you down like Tommy Lee Jones. But she'd prefer not. To contribute, [email her today](#). Thanks in advance!
- Gotta pay a fws membership renewal as well? Email [fws memberships manager Tracey](#).

comings and goings

Kesho bids farewell to volunteers Barry and Brenda but welcomes Paddy Nash, who's got his management brain in top gear to give Kelsey extra support.

Janey Francis has arrived at Kesho for a month to help education manager Helen in chekechea (kindy).

Permaculturist Annie Raser has just arrived at Kesho from Melbourne, to work with Eve to plant the Kesho food forest and create living fences. The gals will construct the chicken run and house and put the finishing touches on our enviro systems.

We welcome Victorian-based Lauren Jane Krnjacki (try saying *crin-jackie*) and Sandy Muir to our fws Australia team. These ladies will work with board member and grants manager Caz and the grants team, to finetune our various Kesho programs.

We also welcome Queensland-based Paul Broad as fws Aus-based volunteer manager. He has lots of experience in HR and a sound recommendation: he's mates with fws membership guru Tracey Hartmann, but we still made him jump through some hoops!

Brenda Mitchell has just signed on as our Sydney corporate sponsorship officer and is all about finding the perfect small businesses in Sydney wishing to fund stuff we require at Kesho. There'll be no rebutting or rebuking her – she's on a mission!



Janey (left), Annie and Paddy join the Kesho Krew.

fws events for the diary

Brisbane: Eighties tragics, don't miss our retro movie night with a fundraising screening of *Fame* at the Dendy Portside in Hamilton, on October 1, 7pm start. \$25 a ticket = movie, drink on arrival, homemade nibbles, chocolates, lollies and fws merchandise for sale, raffles, fun and friends. Email [Jenna Green](#) for more details and tickets.

Sydney: Take to the water with a fundraising fws harbour cruise on October 31, 7pm–11pm. \$65 a ticket = great views and company, light meal, beer and wine. Email [Bianca Hill](#) for info.

Also in Sydney, NSW FUNdraising manager Jada Bennett is putting on a sumptuous jewellery auction for fws in the next few months. Help Jada create something lavish and lucrative by contacting her at fundraisingnsw@foodwatershelter.org.au

Up for hosting an easy-as fundraising event of your very own? Check out our wicked how-to-do-it [fundraising ideas](#), or email fws public fundraiser officer [Laura Kearley](#).

ooh, down to 18 ...

We are sooo getting there! C'mon, let's sort it before the end of the year – fws is looking for the last 18 sign-ups to our Final Founding Fifty members. These are the 50 people who each contribute \$2,000 (tax deductible) to fws for the completion of the building and fitout of Kesho Leo children's village. One hundred per cent of this donation goes directly to the cause (i.e. no 20 per cent admin fee).

We whack your name on our [FFF website page](#) while we collect our 50. We then transfer all your names to a plaque that sits in prime pozzie in Kesho's foyer.



contact us...

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volunteer vacancies

Funding Manager

- ☛ **time:** 7 hours per week (on average)
- ☛ **term:** Minimum 12 month commitment
- ☛ **where:** Work from your home
- ☛ **salary package:** \$zilch
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

Working with the **fws** fundraising team and program manager, the funding manager has the overall responsibility of managing the generation of **fws** funding within Australia. This includes providing monthly reports, setting fundraising targets and identifying new initiatives.

Skills & Experience:

- Communication and strategic planning skills
- Experience in fundraising processes
- Strong organisational and administrative skills
- Ability to lead and motivate a dedicated team

For more info and a full job description, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/funding-manager.aspx

volunteer vacancies

HR Manager

- ☛ **time:** 5 hours per month (on average)
- ☛ **term:** Minimum 12-month commitment
- ☛ **where:** work from home
- ☛ **salary package:** \$zilch
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

Reporting to the **fws** president, the HR manager has responsibility for the administration of human resources policies, procedures and programs. The role deals exclusively with volunteers and their training and development, and will focus on both overseas-based and Australian-based volunteers.

Skills & Experience:

- Experience in recruiting and retaining staff
- Excellent communication
- Ability to problem-solve

For more info and a full job description, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/HR-manager.aspx

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:** \$small stipend
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

As resident **fws** nurse or doctor, you'll help establish and run 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

volunteer vacancies

Kesho Leo Project Manager (Tanzania) 2010

- ☛ **time:** Full-time position
- ☛ **term:** Minimum 12 month commitment
- ☛ **where:** Based at Kesho Leo, accommodation provided
- ☛ **salary package:** \$small stipend
- ☛ **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

You'll be working with our Tanzanian manager to oversee the running of the Kesho Leo children's village, as well as looking after the welfare of our volunteers in Tanzania and liaising with **fws** Australia. You'll be faced with many and varied challenges, sometimes when you least expect it, but the rewards will be overwhelming.

Skills & Experience:

- Perceptive decision-making
- Great team skills
- Organised and proactive

For more information and a job description, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteer-2010-kesholeo-manager.aspx

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