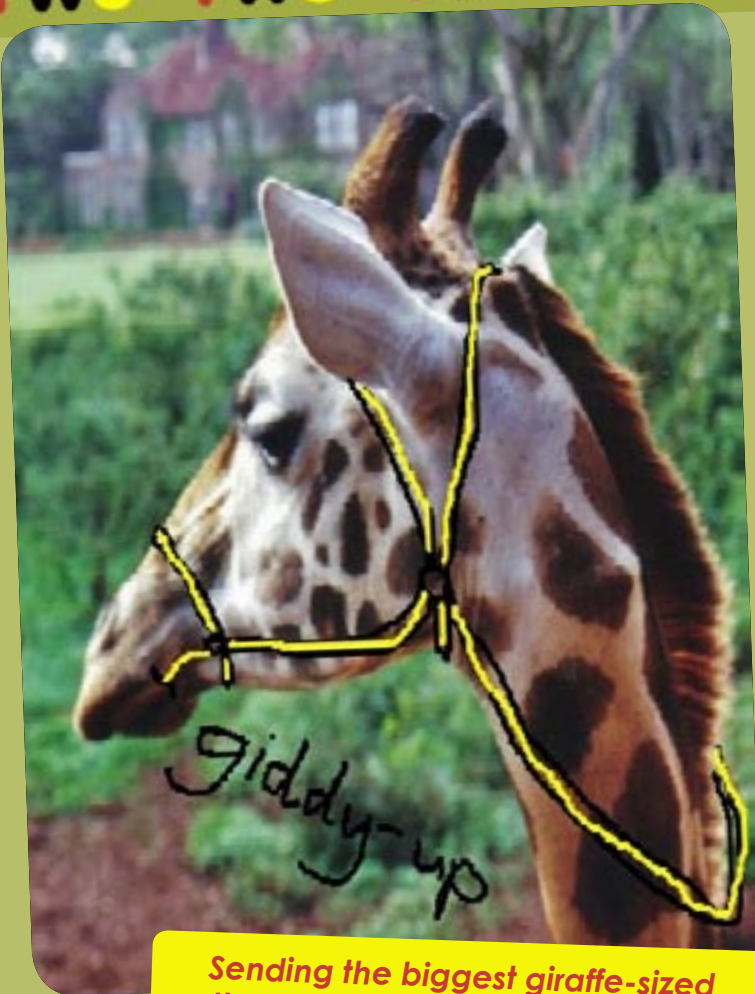


Gimme Shelter

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Sending the biggest giraffe-sized thank you... to Frank O'Shea for his truly divine intervention.

One block down, dream-block to go

It's all good news from **fws** president Rebecka: 'We've signed and swapped contracts and paid the all-important mula for Father Tom's land. Yes, the volunteer/office block – three acres, including a house with electricity and piped water, and gorgeous thick, dark soil for the crop fields. Our soil would make Australian farmers weep, says Rob, who informs us that his wife Jen has just completed some fancy-pants degree in soil studies. Every expert we need at our fingertips! So much so, it's getting a bit spooky.'

Major thank yous to **Nolasco**, **Mudi** and **Felician**, our Tanzanian friends whose knowledge, language and support have MADE this happen. Also to Frank O'Shea – if he hadn't stepped in at a crucial time, **fws** couldn't say "we have a farm in Aaaaah-frika"!



Calling all cotton...

Carol Brunello of Maroochydore, Qld, has offered to make clothes for the Kesho kids. If you can help with suitable cotton fabric, email shona.arnell@foodwatershelter.org.au Awesome way to give Carol!

Bags one of these!

Our **fws** bags and shirts are being printed so expect to see them on the street soon!



don't miss...

Melbourne wants... YOU

Or your loaded mates who'd love to throw some money our way! There's plenty to tempt at next week's 'Kujenga' fundraiser: **Layne Beachley's rashie**, **Kirk Pengilly's guitar**, **tennis with Todd Woodbridge**, and **Kate Ceberano's** burning-up-the-dance-floor company and soulful singing. Contact megan@12parasols.com.au **ASAP** for an evening with a difference where you'll also make a difference.

The really amazing race is on

To raise the money to get Kesho Leo built, of course. So don't miss our **Brisbane event – the XXXX Gold Doomben Race Day, Sat 19th May**, featuring Jimmy Barnes. Come and support the **fws** trackside marquee – \$150 per person includes awesome Djembe entertainment, food, beverages, private tote, live auctions and surprise guests. For details, contact shona.arnell@foodwatershelter.org.au or cindymerkel@hotmail.com Get in quick, there's only room for 200 punters – tax deductible and too much fun!

Lent-gend

No new shoes this Lent for **fws** member (and poor uni student!) **Caitlin Weston**. She decided to donate 10% of her part-time job income to us, instead of buying any luxuries. \$197 of true giving. You're gorgeous Caitlin!

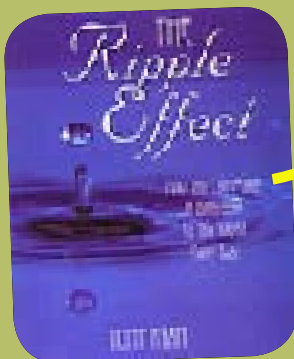
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We love this ripple effect!

Qld BETA (Beginning and Establishing Teachers' Association) is interested in showcasing where teaching can take people (to Kesho Leo perhaps?).

To this end, **fws** (represented by the lovely Miss Shona Arneil) has been invited to the BETA Ideas Expo on May 6th at the Hilton Brisbane Hotel, where author Tony Ryan is keynote speaker.

Tony consults to educational and corporate bodies throughout the world on innovative thinking and lifelong learning. All proceeds from his book *The Ripple Effect* are donated to registered charities that cater for disadvantaged children; and this time **fws** has been nominated as the recipient! For more about Tony, visit www.tonyryan.com.au



We're official!

Here's the Tanzanian Prime Minister Mr Edward Lowassa practising his speech for when he opens Kesho Leo in December. Just kidding, but the PM has recently acknowledged **fws** after receiving news of our work through our Vice President Kelsey and the Tanzanian Honorary Consul, Nana Laxman. Nana, your support is enormously appreciated!



Rebecka meeting and greeting our soon-to-be neighbours! Not sure how much kicking up of the heels has really been going on – our gang in Tanzania (Beck, Daz, Edwina, photographer Luke and architect Rob) have been working their tooshes off.

contact us...

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Blog blog blog

For full hilarious, poignant and juicy details of Beck and Daz' African land-buying adventures, check out the new blog page on our website: foodwatershelter.org.au

Any Johnny Bio-Diesels out there?

If you've been reading the blogs, you'll have heard Beck waxing lyrical about biodiesel. You'll also have gathered that she's not quite an expert on it yet. Apparently there's a plant called japhrota over there that could be the answer to many prayers, but there's plenty more research to be done. So if there are any biodiesel brains about, we'd love to hear your thoughts on the matter.

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