

# Gimme Shelter

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Clare



It ain't heavy, it's our Kesho roof

Actually, it is incredibly heavy, but the second half of the roof for the early learning centre at Kesho has started. We can hardly keep up with Darren and his building team – amazing work guys!



Lily



Warren



Daz & Robbie take a well earned break from roof building

Get your fill of photos! Check out our updated photo gallery at [www.foodwatershelter.org.au](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au)

## don't forget...

### Dress for fws, 7 June, Brisbane City Hall

Get glamorous with an exclusive crowd of only 250. Enjoy canapes, special guests, fashion and fantastic prizes. Tix are \$100. Contribution you'll make to our Kesho Kids – priceless!

### A huge thank you

to our supporters sponsoring a house mama for 3 months. Remember, if you haven't yet, it's \$30 a month, no long term commitment, just long term impact.

### Eco merchandise on sale now

at [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/eco-merchandise.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/eco-merchandise.aspx)  
Place your order now and know the profits are supporting your favourite children's village! Organic cotton tees and shopping bags, sought after Maasai blankets, and more to come!

## People Power

Thanks to recently returned home vols **Lily**, **Warren** and **Clare** for their contributions over 3 months. Lily sorted loads of policy docs for us, Warren befriended every supplier in town in his purchasing role, while Clare established an excellent early learning program for the children of our house mamas! She's left this in the capable hands of **Lucas** for now, but we need a teacher keen to come and further develop our education programs for 2009. Go on, you know you want to!

WELCOME to **Liz** and **Rebecca** who arrived last week to start their contribution to Kesho Leo village. Stay tuned to hear what they get up to!

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## Eco Employment

Terrific news! We've employed a farm manager to work with our enviro engineer, Corky. **Njau Fidelis** is Tanzanian and has worked as a primary school teacher for 10 years, worked with a few NGOs, developed a mushroom farming project with one, a juicing type project for another. He's currently studying law by correspondence. Hmm, haven't we scored! For now, Corky plans to teach Njau the Kesho eco-systems: biogas, rainwater harvesting, fishpond, etc. They'll also work together to educate the children, mamas and community on our eco-farming.

Njau says...*'I feel lucky to have this opportunity to work with fws. I'm committed to working hard in this challenging role. One day when I was in primary school, my mother seemed to be full of thought. I enquired "Mother what's wrong?" With her cheek on her palm she said, "I really wonder why some people seem not concerned when others are suffering". Now Food Water Shelter is concerned with our suffering and it is my duty to join hands to help.'*

Thank you Njau, we are proud to have you on board!



## Help Corky get home!

We have quite a few volunteer vacancies, but most crucial now is the **Environmental Volunteer**. **Corky** has done an amazing job for us (and before that in Cambodia) and wants to hand over to someone equally passionate before going home for a well earned rest.

If you're skilled, passionate and free to volunteer from mid year, check out <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteeringvacancies.aspx>

Applications close April 30th – don't miss out!



### Meanwhile, back in Oz...

The Aussie based girls had a productive, animated AGM last month, with a small but classy roll up of members. Lots of info shared and laughter had – who knew AGMs could be so much fun?!



### Ed just can't keep away!

Our travelling board member Edwina dropped in to check out the progress of Kesho Leo (and distribute some gorgeous clothes while she was at it). She's arming herself with info so she can do a bit of fundraising for us back in London.

## contact us...

If you've quezzies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at the rather long address of: [anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au) or on (02) 9879 3586. Meantime...

### Volunteers

Shona is standing by for all you talented types to send in your Volunteer Placement Form (from the website). Right now, we'd love to hear from carpenters, enviro guys or gals, teachers and anyone skilled at HR and PA work, in which case you can help from right here in Oz.

### Fundraising is fun!

Big ones, little ones, fat ones, skinny ones - your fundraiser could make all the difference to our twiga tally. Give Anne a buzz if you'd like some ideas on how to get started [anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au)

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