

Gimme Shelter

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Our wunderkind, Shona Arneil, credits the 18 months she spent volunteering at a school in Tanzania as being the inspiration for her involvement with fws.

Another one flies the coop

fws Secretary (and so much more) **Shona** is also heading off to Arusha in a few weeks. Her 'to do' list:

1. Developing positive community relationships and discussion

How? Monthly village forums – to listen to locals, learn from their ideas, generate discussion about our plans and involve the community in the process.

2. Networking with already-established orphanages

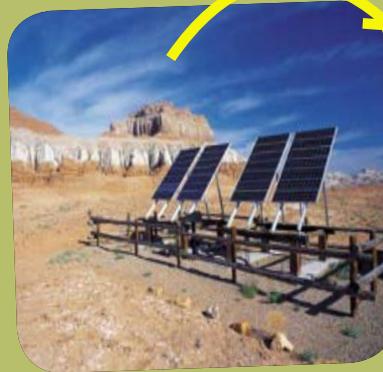
How? Visiting, talking and listening, visiting, talking and listening...

3. Staffing

How? Meeting with potential future staff and beginning training processes.

4. Re-establishing chapati cooking skills and brushing up on the beloved Swahili language

How? Just do it!



Gimme solar

We have an empty shipping container. All it needs is to be full of solar panels. Yep, free ones! Anybody have some?

Utopia, tick!

fws has hit the ground running in Tanzania – our 'utopia' block has been purchased with the money from Beck's grandpas. The contract is signed, sealed and the land delivered. Let the building begin!



don't forget...

Members, you're tops!

Thanks to all of you who've renewed your membership. Even so, **fws** needs **more financial members** and at just \$15 per year (or as member Simone Coogan put it, half a CD, a big bunch of bananas or all the ingredients needed for cauliflower soup) it's money well spent, we promise!

Giving 100 per cent

Our auditor **Mark** isn't afraid of commitment... He's getting his shots, packing his sleeping bag and flying over to Arusha so he can join the team for a few weeks and set up a **solid financial in-country plan**. Our Tanzanian future manager, Mudi, will be included in every step and so begins a **workable Tanzanian/Australian plan**.

Handshakes & pats on backs

A big welcome and thank you to **Mel Austin**, from Baralaba, and **Elizabeth Cause**, from Brisbane, who will be sharing some secretarial duties while Shona is in Africa. Also, big raps to our wonderful fundraising teams busy across Australia – that's you **Gilly, Jenna, Jan, Liz, Dione, Kate, George, Elise, Megan, Nerida, Rebecca, Anna** and **Lily!**

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A real eye-opener

Log on, click, action! Our **new-look website** is coming soon, with a cool **news page**, **photo gallery** and Beck's entertaining **blog** where she keeps telling it like it is. The passionate ramblings of our President are inspirational to read and illustrate perfectly just what goes into **fws. Ben**, our long-suffering but ever-brilliant IT expert, has invested hours and hours of hard work over the past few weeks putting the finishing touches on the inspired creativity of the Promosys-designed website. Thank you so much Ben. In the meantime, here's a **sneak peek** at some of the updated pages and the photo gallery.



Member profile

Troy Hartmann, 28: Brisbane, Account Executive and football obsessive

Q: Why are you into **fws**?
A: Because my lovely fiancée (also a member) told me to be! No, really... even though I haven't been to Tanzania, travelling through Africa made me appreciate the basic things we have in Australia that people over there just don't have. Besides the social activities (awesome), this is my little way of helping out.



contact us...

If you've queezies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au or on (02) 9879 3586. Meantime...

Fundraisers – join in or host your own

Melbourne: **Trivia Night**, Friday, September 28th. Contact Kels at kelsey.wilson@foodwatershelter.org.au
Comedy Night, Tuesday, November 13th. Contact Lily at lilith@polyglot.com.au
Sydney: **Movie Night**, Tuesday, September 11th, in association with Sudanese Education for Girls Inc. Contact Anne at anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au
Little Day Out Concert, Saturday, November 3rd.
Brisbane: **Movie Night**, Sunday, September 2nd. Contact Gillian at gillianhood@gmail.com
Perth: **Movie Night**, Thursday, 13th September. Contact Jan at jan@foodbodyandhealth.com.au

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