

# Gimme Shelter

December 2006

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### What went down at the AGM?

Wow, there went our fantastic first-ever Annual General Meeting. It happened on Sunday September 17 and it rocked! Supporters came and we raved on in fine style, giving a rundown of our first year in action. We ploughed through the formalities in a backyard setting – bragging, boasting and then barbecuing till the sun went down. If you missed it, check out the attached annual report or download it from on our website [www.foodwatershelter.org.au](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au) It will give you all the juicy details about the funds we managed to raise despite not actually seeking any – and all our plans for the building of the enviro-friendly **kesho leo orphanage** in Tanzania next year.



### Up, up and away

There's been fundraising and mountain climbing afoot – 6,962 metres up and a whopping 10 grand, to be precise! South America's highest summit - Mount Aconcagua – has just been conquered by a truly handsome (inside and out), young man, who calls himself Les Robinson. Finding himself in Argentina, this best mate of **fw** el presidente, clawed his way up one of the world's 'seven summits' to raise funds for **fw**. It was a gruelling 11 days – windburn in his right eye, all but frostbitten limbs... Les, we're so glad you're safe. Thanks-thanks-thanks to you and to your friends, family and colleagues who helped raise our biggest-ever donation! **\$10,500** for **kesho leo!**

**We're legit in almost every state! We've almost got authority to fundraise in every state of Australia (WA & Qld remain outstanding). Let the NSW, ACT, SA, NT and Vic fundraising begin!**

### Andrew Denton pops in to our Melbourne movie-night fundraiser

Well not really. More liked we gate-crashed his event, the launch of his **God On My Side** movie, which happened to be held at the same venue as our fundraiser. But hey, vice president Kelsey, soon located, cornered and ear-bashed him about **fw** and before you long, Andrew was forced into asking her not one – but two! – questions about our favourite-ever little charity ("What do you guys do?" And "How did you meet?"). Naturally, Kels sprouted off our story – to which he replied ponderously, "Hmmm, interesting..." before being torn away to meet his own promo obligations. Undeterred, Kels sent him three **fw** badges the next day. We're having our hair blow-dried while we await his phone call.

We'd like to thank our generous and enthusiastic sponsors for the first Melbourne fundraiser: Crystal Heart, Dendy Films, Georgie Love, Kensington Garden Centre, Little Creatures Brewery, Madman Films and Zedi Hairdresser. **\$1,200 raised. Noice!**

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### Dates to scribble down

#### The last 2006 fundraiser:

Sydney Saturday Dec 9, 2pm.  
Banjo Patterson Park, Gladesville, NSW. Bands, beach, barbie and an orphanage in Tanzania – \$25 per adult. Kids free.

#### Our terrific 2007 fundraisers:

Sydney, Friday March 2.  
Melbourne, Friday March 16.  
Brisbane, Friday March 30.

Details on 2007 fundraisers to come.

### Aiming for the skies

We are talking with airlines about the possibility of allowing passengers to donate their frequent flyer points to **fw**. These points would be used to fund travel associated with building and managing the orphanage. In return, we would support the airlines' efforts to offset the carbon emissions of our trips, by making a proportionate donation to the Australian organisation, Climate Friendly. We'll keep you posted on our progress...

### Painting the office green

**fw** has made a commitment to keeping a paperless office. Where paper is absolutely essential, we will use Evolve paper, which has the most eco-friendly qualities of all paper we've looked at. You too can buy Evolve – it's available at most stores – even Office Works. (And nah, Evolve didn't pay us for that little blurb - if only fundraising were so easy!)

### Who killed DGR?

Nobody. We're still working to secure our DGR status (that little tick-in-the-box that allows you wonderful supporters to receive tax deductibility on your donations). Like the Africans say, "When you pray, walk with your feet." So while we're putting positive DGR vibes out there, we're also taking the practical steps required to get it, as we're keen to get you the best value for your donations as soon as possible.

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### Tanks for your donations!

**fws** would like to say a huge thanks to Wilston Primary School, Brisvegas, for donating a fantastic **\$2,072** last month. When **fws** secretary Shona Arneil popped in to chat about the water tanks we'll be setting up at **kesho leo orphanage**, Year 6, who have been learning about water, decided to hold performances for family and friends and donate the proceeds to ... lucky us!

### Not-so-random acts of kindness

**Bessie Head boutique** in Brisbane sms-ed the **fws** website link to all of her clients. We love a good word-of-text! Thanks for helping to spread the message!

Melbourne-based naturopath **Spiros Atoniades** used the opening of his new healing rooms as a chance to give to **fws**. For each of the first four weeks that his practice, **Medica Complete Health** was open, Spiros donated 20 per cent of his profit to four different charities. **fws** was honoured to be one of the charities



supported by Medica. Thanks Spiros! Anyone who's in need of a Acupuncture, Chinese Medicine, Massage, Naturopathy, Osteopathy, Craniosacral Therapy, or Shiatsu treatments, would do well to give Spiros a call on 03 9381 1773.

After attending our Melbourne movie-night fundraiser, **fws** supporter **Adrian O'Brien** went away and got to thinking. How could he help out? Well, he could donate his time to snazzy up some old display panels fling them across to **fws** to use at upcoming functions. My, won't **fws** be the master of flash functions by the time Adrian's done!

When Kelsey approached her favourite on-line purveyor of beautiful crafty goods, **Sally Morrigan** of **www.georgielove.com**, about donating a prize for our Melbourne fundraiser, she wasn't expecting Sally to put in quite so much love! Not only did Sally donate two \$50 vouchers for her website, but she also advertised the **fws** fundraiser event on her blog and on her myspace webpage. Thanks Sally – appreciate your efforts!

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### Got the buzz?

Want to offer help? Tops. At the moment, we really need:

**Graphic artists** (we've a website to spiffy up and a logo to create!)

**Event volunteers** (you might like to help with planning, helping out on the night, or donating something to be auctioned or raffled at one of our upcoming events).

**Webmaster** (who will look after our fab little website when we're all in Afrique next year? Is it you? If so, please call us!)

**www.foodwatershelter.org.au**

### Contact Us

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### Website wowzers

Like all movin' and shakin' stuff, the **fws** website is always a-changing. This month's truly uplifting updates include:

**2005/6 fws Annual Report** – check it out for all the details on what we've raised, spent and achieved in the last year. **www.foodwatershelter.org.au**

**fws Governing Instrument (our constitution)** – this'll tell you exactly how we're structured and what rules we go by.

**Keep an eye on our website for xmas e-cards**, available soon (like next week, say!) to send to all your mates.

**We've added 'send to friend' icons on our favourite pages** so that you can help us spread the word. Type in your friend's email address, click send and you're done, son.

### Good-cause gifts

Naturally, we like Christmas prezzies that involve buying mozzie nets, livestock, school supplies and the like for kids in developing countries. But we also know that some rellos balk at the idea of being given a goat certificate for the third year running. Good Aussie, Gary Bigelow of **Buy For A Good Cause**, has the answer. You buy a gift from the retailers on his site (everything from perfumes to fishing maps!), and a certain percentage will go to one of three nominated causes. This fine retailing month of December 2006, **fws** is one of those causes. Happy shopping - [www.buyforagoodcause.com.au](http://www.buyforagoodcause.com.au)

### Steady on, mate

Not only is **fws** general foreman, Darren Stratti handy with a trowl, throw him a guitar and mic and he'll pump out tunes till you throw the trowl back at him. Last month's feature artist on FBI radio, Daz has just finished recording his first solo EP, *Steady*, and is keen to for you to hear it. He's giving away **5 free EPs**. To be in the running, visit [www.myspace.com/darrenstrattisongs](http://www.myspace.com/darrenstrattisongs), listen to three of his songs and email [Darren.Stratti@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:Darren.Stratti@foodwatershelter.org.au), explaining in 25 words or which song you like best and why.