

# Gimme Shelter

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*Just in time for winter! We've just received 30 gorgeous, bright hand-knitted jumpers. So many, we can't fit them all in the photo! One knitter, one great gift. And yes, it does get chilly in Tanzania!*

## A perfect knit!

Who knew that Gloria Ray of Cabramatta, NSW, was madly knitting 30 children's jumpers, covering every rainbow spectrum? All she needed was some kids to wear them. Snap! Who better than the **fws** to snaffle these up? But then we got to thinking...we won't be taking orphans till the year's end, so why not get the jumpers to Tanzania earlier and offer them to street kids and the orphans at neighbouring St Joseph's Orphanage? So, come our April reccy trip, we'll now be transporting more than just surveying gear! We know Gloria's jumper rainbow will be well-received and we'll bring home photos to prove it. Thanks Gloria and if you need somewhere to send your next lot, **fws'** **Kesho Leo** orphanage be ready to open in Dec 2007!



## Thumbs up!

Alex Ward for selling yummy fundraiser chocolates for **fw**!

## But wait, there's...

Izzy in Ipswich (holding a sports dinner for us) and Cindy Merkel of Kedron, Qld, also arranging a fundraiser!



## don't miss...

### Our spankin, new volunteer webpages

Prepare to be amazed by our supreme organisation (we were!). Woohoo – we've got our **"volunteer" webpages up and live**. This means that we say "thanks" to all those currently volunteering with **fws** – the talented, passionate, dedicated bunch that they are.

It also means we give you a **rundown of the volunteering jobs currently up for grabs**. And my, what a selection we've got – everything from teaching in Tanzania to researching grants from your home.

We've whacked up a list of **volunteer rights and responsibilities** so we know what to expect from each other. Makes for happy team players, we reckon!

And our **volunteer placement form** is waiting for you to fill it out. Simply, visit [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteer](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteer)

### On the topic, why not event volunteer

**fws** has some glitzy fundraisers scheduled for the next six months. You might like to **help plan, volunteer on the night, or donate something to be auctioned off...** yes? You know who to contact! Shona, Beck, Anne or Kels!

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## Hi Rob (and this one ain't a dentist!)

Okay, it's official. We've landed ourselves a brilliant eco-conscious architect – thanks to your word-of-mouth efforts. The wonderfully talented **Rob Watson of Melbourne's Watson Architecture** has signed up to draw plans for the **Kesho Leo** orphanage, to take a reccy trip to Tanzania in April with **fws** president, Rebecka, and **fws** construction foreman, Darren, and to tweak his plans as required. Rob's rundown of the design elements he will integrate into his drawings ('**in keeping with natural landscape**', '**using materials that are already around**', '**simple but clever**', '**designed for climate and aspect**') has the **fws** team cheering – we are so glad this Rob has shown his face! Naturally, we'll update you with Rob's designs as he creates them. Meantime, check out some of his work at [www.watsonarchitecture.com](http://www.watsonarchitecture.com)



*Not-a-dentist Rob does clean his teeth, but more importantly for us, he's also king of clean architecture design. We can't wait to see his polished plans for Kesho Leo orphanage!*



### Hit the road, Beck

It's off to Bathurst, NSW, for president Rebecka. Beck is to speak with Rotary's Bathurst Breakfast Club, who are sponsoring the **Kesho Leo** project and want to know all about it. We love them!

### We've a plan, Stan

We've a team, a plan...we just don't have flights. Otherwise, it's all systems go for the April reccy trip to Tanzania. We've even begun frightening ourselves by compiling an ever-expanding list of must-dos. Yikes!

*Reccy Trip... MUSTS*  
 locate and cost all building materials  
 meet & re-establish contact with hospitals → orphans  
 survey/site plan the land we're building on  
 Check all legals with 13 lawyers  
 Take photos/write/blog/etc  
 Start sourcing transport / tools eqd for building in Jun

## contact us...

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### Last call for frequent flyer points...

Anyone able to transfer their as-yet-unused frequent flyer points to us, would fast become our favourite people ever!

### Whadda we want points for?

Three **fws** team members are travelling to Tanzania in April 2007 for a bit of a reccy trip – you know, to research building materials and stuff. So, we would be eternally grateful if points were donated towards our trip. If not, don't worry, we'll pay for ourselves...Yes, we're trying to make you feel sorry for us! Izzit working?

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...but expect tears.