

Gimme Shelter

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Great music, great weather, great, intimate crowd... so we've been calling it our Little Day Out. Next year, it'll be our Medium Day Out – so mark your diaries now for November 24, 2007!

Money for jam-ming!

Sydney's first **fws** fundraiser was all about groovy tunes by the water, while the sungods smiled down. To those who attended or sent cash our way, a big thanks! **We're now up \$1,300 due to your extremely generous raffle ticket buying.** Also, a **huge thanks to the musicians – Cuthbert & The Nightwalkers, Tony Dwyer, Trent Heath, Darren Stratti, Daniel Staffi and Lisa Wood, who did a fan-blood-y-tastic job, volunteering to perform. Massive thanks also to our prize donors: Lionel from Wollemi Wilderness Cabins, Blue Mountains; Veuve Hairdressing, North Sydney; magazine beauty editor, Juliette Richardson; and Pages & Pages Bookshop. We couldn't have done it without you. Stay tuned for **fws** re-run in 2007!**



Jazzie – a mascot?

She's brand new, but Jazz Victoria Walker, daughter of **fws** business adviser, Renee James, sure looks like mascot material to us!

Is Mt Kili melting?

Not if **fws** can help it – we are eco-friendly all the way!



don't forget to...

be inspired by these legends

Carol McLaughlin, close friend of generous WA members Penny and Ivan Brown, celebrates her 60th birthday this month. Happy Birthday Carol! **Rather than receive gifts, Carol has asked family and friends to make a donation to **fws**.** Thank you, Carol. We appreciate your generosity as will the kids we shelter. Also thank you to members Penny and Ivan for spreading the word about us!

The mags are pitching in. Last month, *Family Circle* mag raised \$900, this month *Queensland Style* mag raised a spiffy \$300 while Sydney's *Good Weekend* raised \$890! Thanks guys! We're getting some real momentum on the fundraising front!

Member Lali Parasurmar recently took it upon herself to raise \$700 by **nudging workplace mates to direct Christmas donations to **fws**!** Fantastic effort Lali and friends! Asante sana (which is Swahili for 'thanks heaps'!)

offer to be an event volunteer!

We've 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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Kesho eco plans? Absolute corkers!

While our legendary environmental engineer, Robert Cork, is doing great things in another developing country, Cambodia (hmm, future orphanage site?), he's been honing his ideas for our Kesho Leo orphanage. "I'm volunteering with AUSTCARE, working on the redevelopment of local agricultural land and improving access to water. My role here is to 'capacity build' the local staff and the local organisations we work with, to look at different ways of doing things. I'm learning more and more about biogas systems, aquaculture, water pumping, solar power, aquifers... all stuff that will work for Kesho." After a bit of cajoling, Corky agreed to write up his brilliant ideas for the **fws** website. We've just posted them: www.foodwatershelter.org.au/environment.html



Hey those kids aren't African! "No, they're Cambodian," explains Corky, our environmental engineer, "but let's replicate their water pump for Kesho!"



More mountaineers?

Front row, third right, sits our fearless treasurer-that-was-and-will-be-again, Edwina. Weenies is busy scaling the summits of Africa's highest mountains with the 3 Peaks In 3 Weeks team to raise funds for African charities. So far, they've raised \$300,000! www.3peaks3weeks.org

Wild about Wollemi

For beautiful, sustainable accommodation in the heart of the Blue Mountains, contact Lionel, who supported our Sydney fundraiser, at www.wollemiwilderness.com.au



contact us...

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

Calling all eco-accredited architects

Or one at least! We're after an architect who specialises in eco-friendly design to volunteer to draw up plans for Kesho Leo. This lucky, washbuckling, adventure-seeking architect, should also make themselves available for a trip of a lifetime to Tanzania early this year to do a reconnaissance on the local building materials!

Got any spare frequent flyer points?

No, we're not shy to ask for what we need to help Tanzania's orphans. Anyone able to transfer their as-yet-unused frequent flyer points to us, would fast become our favourite people ever! Two - maybe three if we find that heroic architect - we're after **fws** members are travelling to Tanzania in March 2007 and would be eternally grateful if points were donated towards their trip.

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