

Gimme Shelter

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Preparing the tribute team for Tanzania...
(above, from left) Paul Hunt, Darren Pracy, Daniel Stratti, Rob Watson and Robert Cork.



Tribute team is go!

In a big-hearted tribute to **fws'** incomparable building foreman, **Darren Stratti**, eight men, who knew Daz as a wonderful brother, mate or father, have committed to flying to Tanzania to **finish building Kesho Leo** children's village. Picking up where Daz left off, the tribute team – son **Robbie**, brothers **Daniel** and **Jason**, cousin **Joel** and great mates **Nick**, **Terry**, **Paul** and **Darren** – is currently making preparations to be on the ground, nail belts a-fixed, in **September**. **fws** environmental engineer **Robert Cork** will return to Tanzania in early August, along with **fws** vice president **Kelsey Wilson** and **fws** IT manager **Ben Schwabe**, to prepare for the arrival of the pumped-up, raring-to-go tribute team. **Any builders or carpenters wanting to volunteer and see this project to fruition, contact Shona.Arneil@foodwatershelter.org.au.**

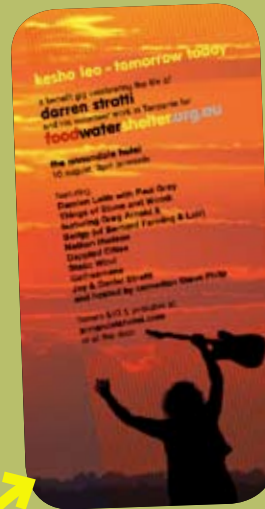


They've done it again
They popped up in our last newsletter because they had **accepted fws' grant application** requesting \$37,500 for **Kesho Leo's permaculture project**. And now here they are again.

The **Planet Wheeler Foundation** (previously known as The Lonely Planet Foundation) has very generously **offered to donate to fws** the sum of money it costs **fws** to: provide **counselling and support** to volunteers, **repair** any damages to our volunteers' village and **fly interstate** for strategic planning meetings, among other things.

Why? In order that we proceed with the Kesho Leo project.

Thanks Planet Wheeler – your contribution certainly makes our path forward somewhat speedier and **your continued passion about our project inspires us**. We are truly grateful for your friendship.



what's going on...

Giggin' it up

The Annandale Hotel, Sydney, Sunday 10 August

Musicians **Damien Leith**, **Paul Gray**, **Things of Stone and Wood**, **Nathan Hudson (Faker)**, **Dappled Cities**, **Static Wind**, **Gethsemane**, and **Jay and Daniel Stratti** will sing their guts out to **honour their mate and brother Darren Stratti**. Comedian **Steve Philp** will host the gig and **fws** will have a **raffle, donations and t-shirt table**, and give a short talk. **Time:** 3pm, 10 August. **Tickets:** \$40 (goes direct to **fws**), from www.annandalehotel.com or at the door.

fws' bare

The Stone Gallery, Paddington, Sydney, 30 August

Twenty women dare to bare for **fws**. Yes, this is an exhibition of no inhibition. Drawings by **famed artist Adrian Lockhart**. **Cocktails, life drawing, burlesque** adventures. **Time:** 7.30 to 11pm, Saturday 30 August. **Tickets:** \$50, call 0419 989 011.

Noteworthy news

Notebook: magazine's next edition, on stands mid-August, features **an article on fws' work in Tanzania** and details on how to contribute to **fws' "Let's Kit Out Kesho"** campaign.

"Odd jobs" going off!

Thanks to all who have put up their hand for a job or two on our **new "odd jobs" webpage** (www.foodwatershelter.org.au/doanodjob.aspx), which lists **one-off tasks**. **fws** apologises for any delays in getting the jobs going – we're aiming to be **more active on this** in the next few weeks.

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Meanwhile, back in Tanzania...

You'll be pleased to hear that our **Tanzanian house mamas, children and labourers** are progressing well during our temporary return home. While building is on hold, **fws** has employed our **labourers as guards** of Kesho Leo and the volunteer village. The **house mamas are still receiving lessons** (via **fws** volunteer nurse, Fran) and the **children are being taught** by Tanzanian teacher's aide, Lucas. Labourers and mamas are **still receiving their wage or allowance**, and the children and mamas are **offered a nutritious meal** each day. **fws** staff will return in early August.



Daz, doing what he loved...



Our mamas mourning at Daz's Tanzanian memorial.



Ways to donate dosh (well, you asked...)

JOIN the "Final Founding Fifty". **fws** is looking for fifty people to each donate **\$2000 (tax deductible)**, to complete the building of Kesho Leo children's village. Your **name goes onto the website** immediately and eventually onto a **plaque at Kesho Leo**.

www.foodwatershelter.org.au/finalfoundingfifty.aspx.

CONTRIBUTE to "Just Four More". Due to an influx of volunteers, **fws** has decided to bring forward its plan to **build the four extra volunteer huts** required. We are looking for **180 people** (perhaps those planning to volunteer?) to each donate **\$100 (tax deductible)** to cover the building costs of four huts.

www.foodwatershelter.org.au/justfourmore.aspx.

CONTRIBUTE to "Let's Kit Out Kesho". **fws** is looking for people to buy **bedroom, kitchen, laundry and dining supplies** to kit out Kesho with.

www.foodwatershelter.org.au/letskitoutkesho.aspx.

BECOME a "House Mama Sponsor". Sponsor a house mama for **three months, for \$90**. The fee covers a training allowance, which enables house mamas to **purchase basic food and education resources** for themselves and their children. This sponsorship program is temporary – when house mamas and children move into Kesho Leo, the sponsorship program will be amended. Meantime,

www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx.

BECOME a "fws Member". Pay a **\$40 fee first year up and \$15 thereafter**. Membership allows you to **vote at fws' AGMs** and stuff like that. Funds go towards **fws' Australian administration costs** (**fws** does not pay salaries, so admin costs run at just 6 per cent of our total costs). www.foodwatershelter.org.au/become-member.aspx.

BECOME a "Monthly Donor". Sign up to **donate a monthly amount** of your choosing to **fws** at www.foodwatershelter.org.au/donate.aspx.

contact us...

If you have any queezies, please don't hesitate to contact Gimme Shelter editor, Rebecka Delforce, at rebecka.delforce@foodwatershelter.org.au. Meantime...

Heartfelt thanks to...

All of those who sent money, flowers, cards, condolences, warm-hearted emails to the **fws** team as a tribute to Daz. **We truly appreciate your help.**

Celebrating Daz's Life

As many of you are aware, a **Celebration Of Daz's Life** was held in Sydney on July 10. Those who were unable to attend can **read some of the tributes** made to Darren by his **friends, family and fws co-workers** at www.foodwatershelter.org.au/celebratingdaz.aspx. Alternatively, please feel free to **read the comments** on – and **add your own** to – **Beck's Blog** (www.foodwatershelter.org.au/news.aspx).

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