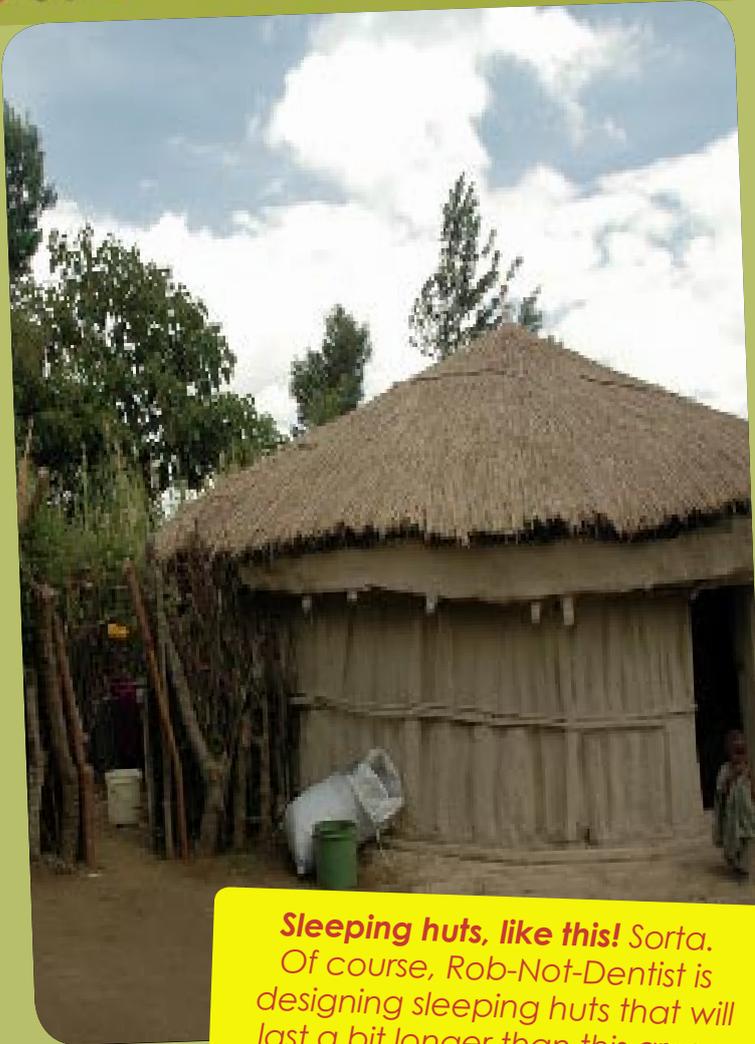


# Gimme Shelter

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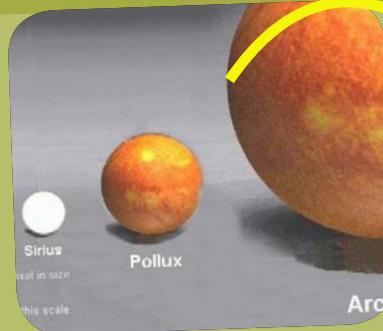
**Sleeping huts, like this! Sorta.** Of course, Rob-Not-Dentist is designing sleeping huts that will last a bit longer than this grassy number, but you get the gist and, no doubt, feel the village vibe!

## Let's become a village, people!

Beck's visit to Bathurst Daybreak Rotary Club last month was a ripper. First, Beck fell in love with them all, and why not? They were full of support and ideas:

**First, Rotary suggested we try a more family-villagey format for Kesho Leo.** We thought it over and came up with: yes! So now small groups of children will share hut-style accommodation, and a house mum, instead of dorm rooms. More mums per kid. More local in feel. More wholistic in general!

**Secondly, Rotary offered us eco-friendly transport ideas.** They've donated two refurbished bikes for Beck and Daz to use on the reccy trip, and will send over another 40 for the **Kesho** kids early next year. We really do think you're tops, Rotary!



## What stars!

Romy asked friends to give to **fws** for her 30th and mate Tamy Starr gave \$100! Stellar!

**We won't look...** this gift horse in the mouth! Joan and Jim Grimes of Banana, Central Qld have donated profits from a horse sale! Go you, good thing!



**Tanzanian horse race**

## don't miss...

### C'mon, own up!

Special request: if you are so kind to drop some money into the **fws** bank account, **we need to know who you are** for our accounting but also so we can thank you! Don't be shy. If any of these were you, please let us know: 15/9 \$29, 19/9 \$40, 10/10 \$100, 13/12 \$50, 8/1 \$40, 25/1 \$30, 25/1 \$50... anyone? anyone? Bueller? Bueller?

### Ready to reccy & roll?

Almost! TodayCorp have donated flights through their frequent flyer program so Beck, Daz and Rob-Not-Dentist don't have to swim to Africa. Thank you so much TodayCorp! We like swimming but maybe not that much... Our land purchase will go ahead during the reccy trip - there are three blocks to choose from! Big thanks to Brother Frank who's on the ground in Tanzania, sourcing this land for us...and patiently awaiting our arrival!

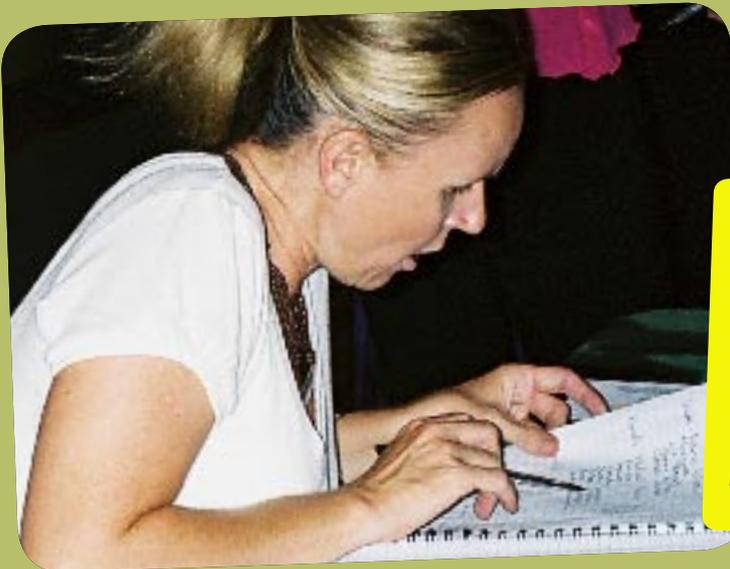
### Volunteering voltage!

Thank you to all those wonderful warm-hearts expressing interest in (and practically booking flights) to come volunteer with us in Tanzania. We're in the process of appointing a local volunteer manager who will be able to sort all your queries. We just have to get young Jono signed up with an email address, so stay tuned...

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## Sold out! No really!

Queensland **fws** held a fantastic movie night on March 20 (not a spare seat in the house with 195 guests rocking up!) thanks to the hard work of Cindy Merkel (see below for photograph evidence of her dedication and commitment on the night) and her team of volunteers. Also thanks to Domenica Tisdell for her generous donation of a week's stay at Camelot Cottages, Benarkin, Qld, as the door prize. Together, the team raised a huge \$3,500 – brilliant effort girls!



*Shona fws secretary and fundraiser extraordinaire calms her nerves while Cindy Merkel pours over RSVPS at the Queensland movie night. The result? \$3,500!*



## Next big thing?

It's gonna be huge actually. Think Kate Ceberano performing her soulful, sexy stuff, three-course meals, posh drinks, auction prizes galore. It's our Melbourne fundraiser. If you can donate a prize for us to auction off, we'd love to hear from you real sooooooon!

## Tanzanian feedback

We've had contact from Nolasco (a local elder in Sinon village, where we are building **Kesho**) and Gertruda (who will be our volunteers' Swahili teacher in Tanzania). The translation reads: "Shona, I want to thank you very much, for the email which we received from you all. Myself, Gertruda and the children are all very happy that you are coming again to Arusha with your commitment to **fws**. We want to thank you and say we are very happy that you intend on helping us. Thanks, Nolasco." We can't wait to begin helping these people!

*Shona,  
Nashukuru sana kupata barua ya e-mail toka kwako. Tunefurahi mimi na Gertrude na watoto kusikia kawamtakuja tena Arusha kwa shughuli za Food, Water Shelter. Tunashukuru na tunafurahi kwani mnatusaidia sana.*

*Thanks,  
Nolasco*

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## Please and thank you...

Anyone able to donate prizes for Melbie or Brizzy fundraisers would be sooo in our good books! Recent fab donations include:  
**Stella King of FocusArtefacts, who is donating two fantastic Maasai necklace artworks** to be auctioned off at the Melbourne do. Stella launches her inagural exhibition at Art Moment Gallery in Bondi, NSW on May 10, 6-9pm. RSVP essential – phone 02 9365 4999. **Maggie Alderson, famous and fabulous writer, is donating a 'character name' in her next book** to the highest bidder at the Melbourne auction. Now there's a nifty, little set-in-print-forever prize!

So a big thanks to both these generous ladies. **Anyone like to show them up by donating bigger, better?** Contact us!

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