

# Gimme Shelter

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## And the rain came tumbling down!

The long rains have arrived and put our rainwater-harvesting roof to the test.

## Torrents into tanks!

With just a quarter of Kesho Leo's roof up, we have filled seven tanks (35,000L) with crystal-clear, safe drinking water in three days. "I'm stoked the plumbing works," says **fws** building foreman **Darren Stratti**. "I designed the piping system as I went, and I'm no plumber, so I'm pretty happy it doesn't leak!" Daz, who has been working alongside volunteer bursar-barbeque-maker-come-builder **Nick Hirst**, recently welcomed his son, first year carpenter apprentice, **Robbie Stratti**, to the building site.

The guys have laboured long hours in tropical heat to get the roof up before the rains. Well done, fellas!

## Calling Captain Planet!

If you've **earth, fire, wind, water and heart** pumping through your veins, and dabble in **organic veggie, permaculture and eco-friendly farming**, then you're clearly Kesho Leo's next "environmental supervisor". **fws** **Robert Cork** is looking for an undies-on-the-outside, green-living volunteer who could think of nothing better than working with our Tanzanian Eco-farm manager to establish the Kesho Leo permaculture systems in 2008. For more info, visit [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteeringvacancies.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteeringvacancies.aspx)



## what's going on...

### food water shelter art - a huge success!

It started with an email from one **Cathy McQuade**. "I'd like to fundraise for **fws**," and that turned into a "300-guest, award-winning works, terrific vibed" art exhibition in the hallowed halls of **Sydney College of the Arts**. Cathy and her dedicated team raised the grandiose figure of **\$47,000!** The dosh is being transferred to Tanzania so the building of Kesho Leo can charge forward. No words could express our gratitude, team fwsa!

### Dress for fws!

Our next fundraiser, **Dresses For fws**, will be Brizzy-based and quite the elegant soiree. Frock up for **fws** on **Saturday 7 June 2008**, at the **Brisbane City Hall**, sip cocktails and nibble canapés – or get grubby as you help organise the event beforehand. Either way, contact [Shona.Arneil@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:Shona.Arneil@foodwatershelter.org.au) for more details.

### Unless four skilled volunteer labourers...

land on our doormat now-ish we're going to have to postpone our finish date till September 2008. Big building... lots of labouring involved...need some hands-on type help. So if you know **intrepid carpenters, labourers, brickies**, tell them to **pull up those low-slung shorts and get on a plane!**

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## Our house mamas need you!

Here's your last chance to help feed 8 of our 12 Kesho Leo house mamas and their kids. We've had four generous sponsors agree to pay the \$30 a month to feed our mamas and kids for the months of February, March and April. To date, fws has been covering the costs that haven't been picked up by sponsors, but we'd really love our supporters to take this on. This contribution is really the difference between these kids getting some veggies with their ground-corn (*ugali*) at night or not...just \$90 for 3 months, no long-term commitment required or expected. Visit [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx)



Daz & son Robbie build the A-frame roof with fws's labourers



Kesho house mamas visit the building site to check on progress



fws volunteer, NuNu, teaching our mamas English



Teacher aide Aileen playing Pin the Tail on the Twiga (Kiswahili for 'Giraffe')

### Final Founding Fifty profile

**Name:** Travis Rudowski  
**Age:** 33  
**Suburb:** Paddington, NSW  
**Day job:** Plumber and leak locator with Aquasearch  
**Passions:** Travelling the globe, Polish beer (well, actually anything Polish) and sweating it out in the gym

#### Q Why join the Final Founding Fifty?

"I'm happy to give money to anyone who will put my name on anything! No, seriously, I knew Beck and Daz before fws existed and knew they were tops, so I've followed fws' progress from the beginning through my partner Juliette. It's given me one of those life-stopping moments when you realise what a difference people can make. While on a different scale to the achievements of the fws girls, my contribution is my way of trying to make a difference."



## contact us...

If you've quezzies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at the rather long address of: [anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au) or on (02) 9879 3586. Meantime...

### What Is The Final Founding Fifty?

Fifty people who will each donate a tax deductible \$2,000 to fws for the completion of Kesho Leo Children's Village. **100% of this donation goes directly to the cause.** Plus we put your name on the website till we get all 50 of you listed, and then we'll transfer your names onto a plaque that sits in the Kesho office! For more info, visit: [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/finalfoundingfifty.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/finalfoundingfifty.aspx)

### Host a movie night – help Kesho kids learn

Here's how you do it. **Ring your local cinema**, tell them you want to host a fundraiser, ask for a discount on tickets to an appropriate movie. Organise friends and family to bake some nibbles, donate tea and coffee supplies. Pick a date, invite all, charge \$20 a head. You've raised \$1,500 that will pay for books, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, motor-skills games...you name it! For more info, contact [anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au)

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