



Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia

Ross' Piece

Planning is now underway for construction of this year's 124 wells. All Agreements with our Ethiopian partners are in place and we hope to give you an update in the next issue.

In the "Donations Box" this issue, there is an option for you to publicly declare your donation. Your annual efforts will be put on the web-site each year and will be shown in varying brackets such as \$0-99; \$100-200; \$200-500 and so on. Don't be shy, it could prompt further donations.

Did you know that BHP Billiton's annual pre-tax profit is about the same as Ethiopia's total annual GDP?!

Through Ian's effort, the Bayside Bushwalking Club from Melbourne has raised enough funds to build a well this year. Great effort and thank you. Will your club/group aim for a similar feat and have a well named in your honour?

This is your Newsletter. Do you have any thoughts on what sort of articles or format you would like published - regular or one-off? Should this Newsletter have a name? Suggestions and ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Brighten up your neighbourhood by adding terrific stickers to your Wheelie Bin thus helping WellWishers. It's easy to design your own. Start the trend in your street - log onto www.yourwheelie.com for fun, inexpensive ideas. WellWishers receive \$1 for every sticker sold. How many bins in your area?

Gift Cards in Lieu of Unwanted Presents

Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost is only \$60 and that gives clean water to an average family and their generations to follow.



TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Order via Website or contact Ross

Spreading the Word

Many of you ask "what can I do to help?" If you could encourage just 1 or 2 people to register for the Newsletter [no obligation to donate], that would be terrific. Please see what you can do to spread the work of **WellWishers**.

The Beginning



In the next Newsletter we will include a story of how **WellWishers** began and what drives Ross and Marianne to expand this cause

Tax Deductability

All Australian donations are Tax Deductible. Over 95% of donations goes direct to the programme

Fun for Children

Visit the following raisinghappykids.co/groups/wellwishers-well-donations

This costs nothing but it helps **WellWishers**.

Add the link to Facebook, have all your friends add it.

Spread the Word.

Will you Help Every Month?



Quite a lot of our supporters prefer to donate annually, or some donate several times annually. An alternative way is to donate monthly. This way your chosen donation is in place and you can forget about organising it. Monthly donations also seem to have less impact on the household budgets.

We have enclosed with this Newsletter, an easy-to-follow [we hope] card to help you on the way. Please consider this way of donating to help bolster our funding ability and please tell everyone who may have expressed interest in helping **WellWishers**, about this method. There may be many of you who just have not yet got around to donating, but have always meant to. This could be that start.

We hope that monthly donations are of interest to you. It will also reduce our administrative time and costs, allowing us to focus more on other activities.

Please become a Member of WellWishers. Complete this form and return it to the address below with the Annual Membership Fee for 2011/12 of \$1.20 [payable with 2 x 60c stamps]. Please add your email address, if you have one.

NAME: EMAIL ADDRESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS: P/CODE:

RECEIPTING

It's a mundane topic but one that affects every one of you. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, *WellWishers* have now received tax deductibility status in our own right. We have also just been recognised as a tax exempt entity. Hoorah!



We would like to publicly thank NCCA for their help over the past three and half years in issuing receipts on our behalf, it being greatly appreciated indeed.

Receipting for all donations made after 1 January 2012 will be done by *WellWishers* and sent by email where we have your email address. Please let us know if this is not acceptable to you. It does reduce our costs.



Regular Donors Recognised

About 10 of the wells being built this year, have been funded by people who have donated over a period of time. Having reached \$6,000 this year, a well will have a plaque put in place recognising their support.

Regular donations soon add up. You may be closer to the \$6,000 mark than you think. Please contact me if you would like to know and are interested in having a plaque in your, your family or organisation's name.



Annual General Meeting

Last December's AGM saw Trustee Robyn Beetham re-elected for another term. Robyn's input is very much valued. The meeting also agreed to increase the number of trustees - more on that later.

The audited accounts were approved and a copy can be found on the website www.wellwishersethiopia.com.

Members will shortly be receiving a copy of the Annual Report for 2010/11. In broad terms, the audited figures for Financial Year 2010/11 are:

Surplus carried over from Fin Year 2009/10	\$5,727
Revenue [donations, raffles, dinners etc]	\$370,205
Expenditure [raffles, dinners, newsletter costs etc, excl depreciation]	[\$15,893]
[4.3% of Income]	
For Disbursement to Ethiopia [by NCCA]	[\$351,154]
Surplus to carry over to FinYear 2011/12	\$8,885

Please note that Donations are to be in favour of "*WellWishers*" and posted to the address at the bottom of this Newsletter. Over 95% of funds raised go to the actual Wells projects. There are no pastoral activities related to this project. **All donations over \$2.00 by Australian taxpayers, are Tax Deductible.**

DONATIONS: \$6,000 provides 1 Well helping up to 400 people

Please tick Square if you're happy for your donations to be made public

Enclosed is my Donation of \$ **Postal or Email Address** (incl postcode).....

OR: Debit my Visa : MasterCard - **Please CIRCLE** your card type (automatic periodical donations can be arranged)

Name on Card: Signature:

Card Number: Expiry Date:/..... CCV(last 3 numbers on back of Card)

OR: Donate Online (Secure Site): www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers

Name for Receipt Purposes **if different** to bank account or card name:

Please send me information about making a bequest to *WellWishers*