



*Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia*

**Ross' Piece** *Save yourself and others from unwanted gifts. It's been said that 72% of Australians receive nearly \$1 billion's worth of unwanted Christmas presents each year! The attached flyer gives a super idea to solve many problems. Imagine how many people in the world could access clean water for the \$1 billion spent on these unwanted gifts!*

Thanks to Chris, Tracey, Cathy & Philip for their work in successfully organising a fundraising dinner in Adelaide in September. A fun night at the Abyssinian Restaurant attended by 71 people, raised nearly \$9,000. Great work by you all.

Also in September, the wonderful Gemma orchestrated the 3rd Annual Melbourne Dinner at Harambe Restaurant resulting in \$14,000 more for our wells programme. Thanks Gem - and thanks for putting your hand up for next year!

For the benefit of new supporters, I've attached details of our 4 major Ambassadors. We are grateful for their ongoing support and confidence in the WellWishers cause

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Donor Offers \$60,000**

*Our Friend will again match donations in 2010/11 \$1 for \$1 up to \$60,000. Donate generously now.*

Donations \$2.00 and over are **Tax Deductible**

**Supporters Visit Ethiopia**

Last month, 8 "WellWishers" visited some recipient villages. Impressions in the next Newsletter



**Credit Card Donations**

[ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers](http://ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers)

**WellWishers** pay a small fee for donations received this way, but it can be an easy way for you to donate. Be assured it's a secure site.

**Tax Receipts**

My apologies, the receipts for October donations will be delayed due to my having been in Ethiopia. So, October & November's receipts should both be issued late December or early January.

**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 word about **WellWishers**.

**Wells Progress**



Due to welcome, but short lived heavy rains, the 2010 programme's completion is due next month.

**Support from Singapore**

The Year 8 Humanities class at The Australian International School in Singapore, has recently undertaken a 10km "Walk for Water", to gain perspective and understanding into what Ethiopian women go through daily, in their quest for water. The kids have been sponsored so far to the tune of \$10,000!!!!!! Fantastic effort by them and their teacher Samantha Power - and many, many thanks to all involved.



**Dangerously Poetic Press Supports WellWishers**



Max Ryan

Last week, in a small country hall near Byron Bay, a wonderful ensemble of local talent delivered to a delighted packed audience some fabulous entertainment - a capella; blues and folk singing; poetry readings and bush poetry recitals. All artists performed for free. DPP is a local community group seeking to encourage, publish and promote poetry in the Northern Rivers region. We are honoured that they selected WellWishers as recipients of the evening's proceeds - an impressive \$1,410.

One performer, Kristina Olsen [at right], one of the most entertaining artists on the international folk circuit, commented that it was an honour to be part of the evening in support of such a worthy cause.



To become a Member of **WellWishers** complete this form and return it to the address below with the Annual Membership Fee for 2010/11 of \$1.10 [payable with 2 x 55¢ stamps]. Please add your email address, if you have one.

Application for Membership of WellWishers Trust: NAME: .....

POSTAL ADDRESS: ..... P/CODE: .....

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

# ETHIOPIA 2011 - RECORD BREAKING NUMBER OF WELLS

Trustees Robyn Beetham and Ross Allan were thrilled last month to advise REST [Relief Society of Tigray], our wells implementing partner, that *WellWishers* will be funding 115 wells next year. Over 40,000 additional people will access clean water. [More details next Newsletter, when the Agreement has been finalised]. Many more scenes of joy and gratitude as per the photos, are to be expected.



This abnormally high number is the result of prudent management of our financial position given the volatility of international currency over the past 2 years and the unexpected, but very welcome accumulated currency gains due to the prolonged strength of the Aussie dollar against the US Dollar.

Our policy is to seek currency value predictions from at least 3 firms dealing with foreign currency and to take a suitably conservative approach in formulating our annual wells programme.

The average prediction made last year for December 2010 was 80¢USD. Currently it is about 100¢, an under-estimate of 25%. However, it is anticipated that within 12 months, the Aussie dollar will depreciate by about 11%. Very volatile indeed.

As Trustees, it is incumbent upon us to act prudently and responsibly in the interests of our supporters. I am sure you will agree that this prudence has given us a very pleasing result for this year.

## RAFFLE RUNNER REQUIRED

*We'll be in Wales all of March/April next year, for the birth of our 1st grandchild and it will be difficult to run the 4th Annual National Raffle. I'm looking for volunteers. It's not a difficult job - just a head for numbers and an ability to update a simple spreadsheet. I'll have it all set up before we leave. This is an important fundraiser, so please, please, please; can anyone help?*

**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 within Australia, are Tax Deductible.**

**DONATIONS:** \$6,000 provides 1 Well - The Friend's 1:1 donation (up to limit of \$60,000) gives 2 wells, helping up to 900 people

Please tick Square **ONLY** if an interim receipt is required (you will automatically receive one in the month following your donation)

Enclosed is my Donation of \$ ..... (Cheque/MO attached - in favour of *WellWishers*)

**Address** (incl. postcode) .....

**OR:** Debit my Visa or 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)

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

**OR:** You Can Donate Online (Secure Site): [www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers)