



Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia

Ross' Piece A big thank you for the last minute rush of donations in June. They, together with the very pleasing response to May's Radio National Breakfast Show interview with Fran Kelly, helped us to exceed last year's total. See over for more information.

Another thank you to those who help with the Newsletter - Marianne for her design and production; Mullum Printworks for services beyond the ordinary; and the various envelope stuffers who help me avoid insanity. It all makes my life more manageable.

We now have new coloured pamphlets promoting WellWishers, thanks to a generous anonymous supporter.

One family recently funded a well in memory of their Parents/Grandparents. A young relative commented that "I think Nan & Pa would be stoked that their memory will be 'alive' through an actual project supporting the lives of those in need" ..

On a matter nothing whatsoever to do with WellWishers, we've been told to expect our first grandchild in March. Now everyone knows!

NEWS IN BRIEF

<p>Donor Offers \$60,000</p> <p>Our Friend will again match donations in 2010/11 \$1 for \$1 up to \$60,000. Donate generously now.</p> <p>\$2.00 & over donations are Tax Deductible</p>	<p>Gift Cards in Lieu of Unwanted Presents</p> <p>Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost is only \$60 and gives an average family clean water for the rest of their lives.</p> <p>Order via Website or contact Ross</p> <p>TAX DEDUCTIBLE</p>	<p>Ross to Ethiopia</p> <p>Ross will be checking out wells & meeting with villagers in October. If any supporter has any special requests, please email them by the end of September</p>	<p>Credit Card Donations</p> <p>ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers</p> <p>Wellwishers pay a small fee for donations received this way, but it can be an easy way to donate. Be assured it's a secure site.</p>	<p>AGM</p> <p>TheWellWishers Trust AGM .is being held on 9 September in Melbourne. The outcome will be published in November's Newsletter.</p>
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Wells for 2011

At the time of writing, the accounts for 2009/10 have yet to be signed off by the Trustees. They will be considered at the AGM on 9 Sept 2010. However, it is safe to assume that we should be able to match the number of wells built this year - 66. Fantastic effort.Thank You everyone.



Tax Receipt Process

Many new supports have joined WellWishers over the past year, therefore it's timely to re-iterate the donor receipting process.

Tax deductibility is given via our partner, Sydney based NCCA. To keep NCCA administration charges to a minimum, WellWishers provide donor details to them at the end of each month.

All donations received during a particular calendar month will be receipted by NCCA at the end of the next month or early the following one. For example, a donation received on say 20 September would be receipted late October or early November. The exception is December and June donations when due to NCCA workload factors, they could be a month late.

But never fear - you will receive your receipts! If, for your own purposes you need an interim receipt, Ross will provide one upon request

Mission Statement

The Trustees have recently agreed the following to briefly describe WellWishers ambitions:

"WellWishers' goal is to maximise its annual fundraising in order to quickly and effectively build as many wells as possible in Ethiopia, to bring clean water to as many men, women & children as possible, thus saving, extending and enhancing their lives."

To become a Member of WellWishers, please 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 55c stamps]. Please add your email address, if you have one.

Application for Membership of WellWishers Trust: NAME:

POSTAL ADDRESS: P/CODE:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

This Year's Construction Progress

A Final Report is not due from REST [our Ethiopian implementing partner], until late this year, after all the wells have been completed.



As of the end of August, the construction status of the 66 Wells was:

- 23 have been completed;
- 8 are 61% to 80% complete;
- 35 are 25% to 60% complete.

It's too early to know if any of the 35 wells may be dry. Overall completion date remains at 31 October 2010.

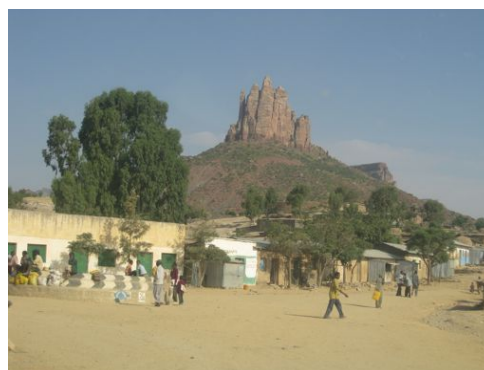
Trinity Support Group, Wangaratta

As a therapeutic exercise, this organisation recently completed a year long campaign to raise funds for a whole well. It was a very successful campaign.

One of their facilitators commented that *"the purpose of the exercise was for people to contribute to someone less fortunate than themselves. We sometimes may feel badly off, for a multitude of reasons, however, we can always be aware of and help others with their plight in life."*

"The project gave a sense of being involved in and contributing to something other than our own day to day lives."

It is wonderful that people contribute to the welfare of others less fortunate than themselves and that they do this as a way of healing themselves. How often do we hear that giving to others gives greater benefits to ourselves and our own lives. Keep up the good work everyone.



Annual General Meeting and 2009/10 Preliminary Accounts

Although the Annual General Meeting is being held tomorrow, the following information can be disclosed relevant to the 2009/10 financial year:

- ★ Total donations and interest received [to be verified at the AGM] was about \$360,000 - an increase of about 14% on Financial Year 2008/09
- ★ Number of Members was 56. So far this financial year it is 54
- ★ Number of supporters on mailing list was about 1,260 or about 40% more than last year
- ★ The cost of running WellWishers [actual administrative and marketing costs] was about 2% of income, meaning about 98% is available for the wells programme. This compares to our target of 95%

A copy of the Annual report will be sent to financial Members later this year].

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 1,000 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