

Newsletter July 2008



On June the 27th volunteers got to work at Keith Seeds to pack our first container bound for Uganda. This seemed such a daunting task at first, but with the help of some fit, energetic young guns it soon came together, with two tractors, various implements and lots of clothing being packed into every spare space. Looking back it was an amazing effort with numerous people owed a great deal of gratitude.

Our next container will go in April, with two more tractors as well as building supplies for the medical centre. For this we need an amazing amount more clothing. These clothing bundles are a very important part of the packing and we didn't have enough for the last container, so please could you get everyone you know collecting clothing. I can arrange for it to be picked up.



Joseph is about to leave for 2 weeks in Uganda to pave the way for the arrival of our container which should be about the end of August. As soon as we know it has arrived Ian Windybank and Keith Goodall will depart for Uganda to help educate the people of Joseph's village Atirir in the use of the machinery, repairs and maintenance.



This first visit from our volunteers is a vital part in planning the needs of future visits, as we have a number of people interested in going over. We look forward to Ian and Keith's feedback. I am sure they'll have a number of cultural bridges to cross and some fascinating stories to tell!!

There are two young ex Keith Area School pupils who will travel to the Katakwi district in December who will follow up the gifts school children have sent to the school whilst finding out what further help is required. This will be an important ongoing link between the schools in the two countries.

These partnerships that we build up will be life long and a valuable experience for both countries. Australians that have so much helping the people of Uganda who have so little is a rewarding experience.



Our application for Gift Recipient Status was turned down by the ATO and is at present being reapplied for to have Aus Aid endorsement before going back to the ATO. It is a horrendous procedure but the document is almost complete. It is vital we have this but we have been warned it takes many months. Fingers crossed.

The purchase of the container, expenses in freight, purchasing various tools etc, has depleted our account and we need to keep fundraising to ensure the next container is able to go in April. Any ideas or help let me know.



We are having a fun run/ride/walk at Keith on the 17th August ending at Mount Monster for a BBQ lunch – Bring a Friend. A great occasion to get out amongst the community and friends whilst supporting a good cause and gaining fitness at the same time. Peter Stone will run a shuttle bus for the day so feel free to start at Keith or Warrawee Park corner, achievable for young and old.

