



IMPORTANT DATES

August 31: Umoja stall Multicultural Festival–Bundaberg

September 25—Cathy flies to Kenya

October 1–31 : World's Biggest Dinner Party

October 19: Umoja Golf Day—Bargara

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SPIRIT OF AFRICA GALA DINNER RAISES \$10 000

On Saturday, 19th July 130 people attended Umoja's 3rd annual Gala Dinner at Brothers Sports Club. This year's theme embraced the community spirit of all pulling together for one cause, known as *Harambee*—the official motto of Kenya. By pulling together during the last 12 months volunteers and supporters have helped us to establish self-sustainability, secure the land with fencing projects and offer training and employment to Kenyan locals. Cathy and Shanyyn were excited to share the progress with our guests and give an insight into what it's like to be an Umoja Volunteer in Kenya. It was special evening celebrating all of our hard work with the Bundaberg community, Rotarians and 10 of our past volunteers.



There are many individuals and businesses who helped to make our night a success, including many who donated their time and services. A big thank you to:

- **Penny Teske** from **Encore Agency**, **Chris** from **Picture Perfect Decorators**, **Susan** from **Tropical Paradise Nursery**, **Pete** from **Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre** and **Alana** and the staff from **Brothers** for creating the perfect setting for our gala dinner
- **Shadow Insurance Brokers** for supplying the welcome drinks and **Dan Thomas** from Shadow for hosting our event for another year
- **Nola** and **Nicky** for greeting our guests and selling tickets in our raffle and brick board
- **James Steele** for taking welcome photographs and creating a video presentation
- Auctioneers **Robert Ephraims** and **Jonno Olsen** and our generous auction contributors
- **Gaye Limpus** for baking the delicious treats on our dessert table and **Sweet Surrender Cakes** for creating the stunning five-tier African cake
- **Encore Dance Studio**, **Matthew Farthing**, **The Bucketseats** and **Electric Banana** for providing the entertainment throughout the evening

We would also like to show our appreciation to everyone who attended our dinner and supported our raffle, brick board and charity auction. It was great to have the support of so many Rotary Clubs from QLD, including **Bundaberg**, **Bundaberg Sunrise**, **Gladstone**, **Biloela**, and **NextGen E-Club**; and the interstate clubs **Shepparton Central (VIC)**, **Lara District (VIC)**, and **Ulverston West (TAS)**. All funds raised from our dinner will help to build our first children's home, which will be underway very soon. Thanks again for supporting out annual fundraiser and we look forward to doing it all again next year.



**RAWCS Project No:
51/2011-2012**

RAWCS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM POSTPONED FOR SEPTEMBER

It is with much regret that we have to postpone the upcoming Volunteer Tour to Kenya in September.

Due to ongoing threats of terrorism in areas of Kenya, we are suspending any further Volunteer trips to our project **until 2015**.

While we have never felt unsafe in Kenya and authorities have increased security measures in Mombasa and Nairobi, we feel it is necessary to follow the travel advice of the [Australian Government](#).


It's a must see destination.

In our experience, Kenyans are peaceful and friendly people; so it deeply saddens us that travel warnings may create a sense of fear, which will have long-term effects on the tourism industry.

Many businesses, especially in the Diani Beach region where we stay during volunteer tours, rely on tourists to survive.

The safety of our volunteers remains our number one priority, so we will continue to keep you updated on the changing situation in Kenya.

We have had many expressions of interest for our Volunteer Program and we look forward to being able to continue taking Australians to the project in the near future.

Future tours are planned for January and September in 2015. More information on these tours will be provided later in the year. E-mail info@umojahome.com to find out how you can be involved.

ROTARY GUEST SPEAKING

Spreading the word of the Umoja Project to Rotary Clubs across the country is a big part of our continued success.

Last month Umoja Team Members Cathy and Gaye travelled to South Australia to attend two changeover dinners for **Elizabeth and Brownhill Creek**. Cathy was also invited to speak at **Victor Harbor RC** and the **Rockhampton Sunrise** changeover dinner.

It is lovely to see past volunteers and Rotarians from also guest speaking on our behalf.



Thank you to **James Steele, Ron Watts, Wayne Limbrick** and **Stephanie Templeton** for sharing their experiences and the progress of our work in Kenya.

Cathy's Rotary Club, **NextGen E-Club** are also very supportive of our work, inviting Cathy to share her story online in July.

Cathy also caught up with past volunteer Margaret Maroney whilst guest speaking at **Ginninderra Rotary Club**, Canberra.



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ROTARY DONATIONS

We are very thankful for the ongoing interest in our project from Rotary Clubs and the financial support we receive from many clubs across Australia. Thank you to the following Rotary Clubs for their recent donations to our project:

- **Biloela RC**
- **Mackay West RC** and **Ian Ritchie**

- **Rockhampton Sunrise RC**
- **Gladstone South RC**
- **Brownhill Creek RC**

We would also like to make special thank you to **Victor Harbor Rotary Club** in South Australia. Even after two Victor Harbor Rotarians travelled to Kenya as volunteers, their club continues to show their support

for our project. Their club made a very, very generous donation, which will help us take another step closer to building our first house. Thank you once again.



The Umoja team wish to thank the following people for their support:

- Past volunteers **Brian & Pam Huffen, Ron & Delwyn Watts, and Deane Michelmore** for hosting Cathy and Gaye in South Australia.
- The wonderful **Sood family** for hosting Lesley & Cathy in Canberra
- **Tamara Limpus** for purchasing a sewing table for Rachel Mattasa in Kenya
- Graphic designer **Alicia Whetton** for making our Golf Day flyer
- **Selina Ferrais** from **Scribbly Inc** (and **Bundaberg RC**) for donating her time to work on a variety of promotional projects for us
- **Donna Munroe** for holding Umoja Writing Competition and setting up a Chuffed donation page <https://www.chuffed.org/project/umoja-orphanage-kenya>
- **Deb Lawrence** and **Rhiana Booth** for purchasing a mattress for a little boy and his family in Ukunda to sleep on in their mud hut
- **Ros Stafford** for purchasing guttering and a water tank to allow us to harvest water from our cow shed
- **Shalom College Rice House** for their donation
- **Dean Michelmore** for his donation to the project



- **Heather Yarker** and the knitting ladies from **Rotary Club of Coomera River** for donating knitted jumpers
- **Tony Chandler, Denise Daday** and **Jason Ramsay** for their part in organising two 40 foot shipping containers to be delivered
- **Father James** from **Manchester UK**, for interviewing Cathy on his online radio program *Heaven's Road*. <http://www.spreaker.com/user/5168380/australia-calling-with-cathy-booth>
- **John & Nance Davies** for purchasing a motorbike for the project

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

It's time to get together your team of 4 for our **Charity Golf Day**, which will be held on Sunday October 19th at Bargara Golf Club.

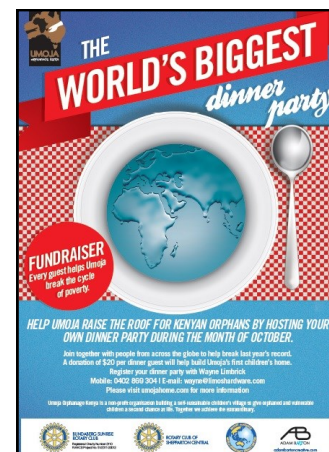
We are still seeking a few hole sponsors for \$100 each if your business would like to donate.

It will be a great day of fun in the sun with a BBQ lunch and some great prizes in our raffle and Ambrose Competition.



Perhaps you would prefer to share a yummy meal and a few drinks with friends instead (or do both). Help us raise money and break last year's Umoja Record by participating in the **World's Biggest Dinner Party**.

Simply host your own dinner party during the month of October and collect \$20 from each guest. Visit our [website](http://www.umojahome.com) for more information.



ITEMS WANTED

With the support of **Tony Chandler, NQX Freight** and **ANL Logistics**, we have secured 2 x 40 foot shipping containers, which we will send to Mombasa when they are full.

We have been storing many items for our future children for a long time and we are looking forward to adding to these items. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

What we do need —in good condition

- Furniture and appliances for our first house; eg. beds, white goods in good condition
- Generators
- Linen & bedding
- Building and farming tools
- Plastic storage boxes

What we already have a good supply of and don't need

- Baby clothes
- Children's shoes
- Books, paints, toys
- Toiletries, toothpaste
- First Aid supplies

Thank you also to **Scott Bath** and **The Doorkeeper** for storing the containers.

If you would like to donate items or money to purchase items to put in the shipping containers for the first children's home, please contact cathy@umojahome.com.

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Umoja Orphanage Kenya will offer a real alternative to child abandonment. Through a holistic care approach, we will give children a second chance at life and help break the cycle of poverty.

On 15 acres of fertile land in Ukunda, we are building a children's village to accommodate up to six children's homes and a small school. We hope to be self-sustainable by sourcing our own food from fruit and vegetable gardens, a piggery, and chicken and dairy farms. We also have our own safari side-business, which will generate profits back into the orphanage project. Donate to Umoja today and help orphaned and vulnerable children reach their full potential.



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CATHY'S CORNER

I would like to tell you about the Flemings, a very generous Bundaberg family who have been supporting the Umoja Team from the beginning of the project.

I first met Cliff and Lee Fleming when I was 17. I had recently moved from Charleville in Western Queensland to Bundaberg and I was looking for work. Cliff and Lee, along with Cliff's mother and father, owned Electra Breweries—a bottling and fermenting business now known as **Bundaberg Brewed Drinks**. I was lucky enough to gain employment in their office for several years.

What struck me from the outset was how hard the family worked and how much they valued their employees. The Flemings fostered such a wonderful workplace environment, which encouraged the staff to work equally as hard to meet the daily challenges. This family still runs the brewery and continues to value teamwork and quality.

I eventually moved on and had my own family. We lived overseas for many years in Papua New Guinea, and it gave me enormous pleasure to see their company grow over the years both locally and internationally. Their products were now being sold abroad and the brewery was being recognised as a leader in non-alcoholic beverages. All the Flemings' hard work had finally paid off.

I am so grateful for my long-term association and friendship with Cliff and Lee. Since I started the Umoja Project I have often asked Cliff for his advice, and I still value his wisdom like I did back when I was 17. I would like to publicly acknowledge the financial support the Fleming family has given the project over the last three years. Their assistance has allowed us to grow and continue on the path to our dream of opening a children's village in Kenya. Who would have thought that day I sat in front of Cliff for a job interview that his family would be supporting my dream nearly 40 years later?

I am immensely proud of the work that we do for orphans and vulnerable communities, and I know that my strong work ethic and ability to push past the daily setbacks can be traced back to my early days working with Electra Breweries. I witnessed their hard journey towards achieving their dreams and I get to achieve mine with their help. I am a firm believer that people come into our lives for a reason. Thank you for the opportunity you gave me all those years ago and the values you have taught me.

Together we will achieve the extraordinary.

