



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 16:
2nd volunteer tour
leave for Kenya

OCTOBER 12: Mon-
ster Trailer Raffle
drawn at Bundaberg
Beerfestabull (Old
Show grounds)

OCTOBER 26:
World's Biggest
Dinner Party

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SECOND VOLUNTEER GROUP TO MEET CATHY IN KENYA

On Saturday, September 7th, Cathy flew to Kenya to begin preparing for the next volunteer group who leave Australia on the 16th.

Cathy has been very busy in her first week in Kenya having already bought new tyres, wiper blades, a first aid kit and fire extinguisher for our van; and purchased another water tank. But as always, Cathy's patience is being tested at the time it takes to accomplish small tasks. Bad road conditions, traffic, cultural and communication problems create barriers; however, frustration is reduced by the progress she has witnessed: land surveyed, fencing poles erected around the perimeter, entry gate built, septic project completed, furniture built to be used for health clinic and the electricity connected.



Nine locals are currently cementing in the fencing poles around the perimeter of our 17 acres of land. Once the volunteers arrive they will help assist with the last group of poles, help thread the wire to create the fence, and paint and erect the front gate. The Umoja team of volunteers will also be running a free health clinic to provide check ups for the surrounding village—thanks again to the **Rotary Clubs of Mackay West** and **Gladstone Rotary Club** for donating medical supplies. The group will also be feeding children at the Kikambala Feeding Station run by the Hindu community and be volunteering at the Goodlife Orphanage in Mtwapa where Cathy volunteered before starting her own project. Through our own Umoja Safari Company, the volunteers will be able to immerse themselves in the wildlife that the gaming parks have to offer.



Umoja Team Leaders, Cathy and Katie, and the 13 volunteers will be staying at Forest Dream Eco Resort in Diani Beach (pictured above). The staff and service at this family-run resort are superb and Cathy highly recommends this accommodation if you ever find yourself in the area. This luxury resort sits in a private subtropical forest and will allow our volunteers to relax in style after a long day of work in the heat. We wish the Australian volunteers all the best for their time in Kenya. If you would like to be a part of our next volunteer trip in April, 2014, please e-mail our volunteer coordinator lesley@umojahome.com for more info.



UMOJA ANNUAL GOLF DAY

On Sunday, September 1st, Umoja held their third annual golf day at Coral Cove International Golf Course.

The weather was perfect for the three-person Ambrose competition and the smell of sausages and onions in the air invited in many hungry players for a BBQ lunch.

Congratulations to the winning team: G. Krueger, P. Green and R. Bourke. Thank you to all the players who came out for a round of golf on Father's Day and to everyone who supported our raffle and sausage sizzle.

Profits from the day will go towards our first children's home.



Jacka, Lance and Mick.



Cathy turning the sausages.

Thank you to our major sponsor **Shadow Insurance Brokers** for providing the prizes for the first place team members— and a special mention to **Dan Thomas** for all his hard work on the day. Thank you also to **Coral Cove Golf Club, Viva Italia, Inn Style Mensland, Insite SJC and Puddles Carwash.**



Dan Thomas and the winners.



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GUEST SPEAKING: BILOELA AND ROCKHAMPTON

On August 24th, Cathy and Lesley joined 200 ladies at the Biloela Convention Centre for a lovely afternoon out to raise money for prostate cancer.

Cathy was the guest speaker at **Biloela High Tea** and she was very impressed at how well the event was organised. Thank you to **Biloela Rotary Club** for their donation and to Noel and Bronwyn for their hospitality.



Cathy frocked up in Biloela.

Cathy also shared the important work that Rotarians do for Umoja at **Rockhampton West Rotary Club**. We really appreciate your generous donation to our Raise the Roof Appeal.

Cathy with Club President Kristian.



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KARAOKE FOR KENYA

Elizabeth Rotary Club in South Australia held a Karaoke night on Friday, September 6th. All proceeds raised will purchase construction materials for our fencing project. Delwyn Watts, a member of Elizabeth Rotary Club, is currently volunteering in Kenya with Cathy. Thank you to everyone who attended the Karaoke night—we hope you had a fun and melodic evening.



Isabella Greig singing 'I Want to be Loved by You' to Alun Hughes.

If you would like to fundraise on Umoja's behalf, please read our fundraising suggestions on our website under the 'Get Involved' tab or e-mail info@umojahome.com.

Please contact cathy@umojahome.com if you would like to invite Cathy or her team to speak at your club.

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

- ◇ **Clint Jensen and Dan Thomas** for helping to organise our trailer raffle.
- ◇ **Jonno Olsen from LJ Hooker Bundaberg** for loaning his shade tent for our Golf Day.
- ◇ **Carol and Maurie Gorton** for their hospitality in Yeppoon
- ◇ **Margaret Moloney** and her work colleagues for donating \$300 to our project.
- ◇ **Peter Ahern** for seeking support from businesses.
- ◇ **Rockhampton West Rotary** for donating solar lights and 2 donations
- ◇ **Annette Newshaw** for her donation of a bag of brand new clothes.
- ◇ **Mike Benfell from Syba Signs** for donating alphabet murals for our first children.
- ◇ **Tim Sayre from Augmented Reality** for creating marketing materials for us.
- ◇ **Neil and Clare Robertson, Alisa Trulson, Terri Bennet, Rita Ross and Russel Cummings** for helping the Umoja Team in the canteen at the Combined Ballet Association Dance Competition.



Russel, Elvire, Carol, Maurie, Austin and Cathy??



Trish volunteering in Kenya.

- ◇ **Russel Girle and Elvire Callahan from Thomson Adsett Architects** in Rockhampton for offering to design our children's homes in conjunction with our wonderful architect in Mombasa, David Wambua.
- ◇ **Gladstone Rotary Club** raised funds for us at the **Calliope Swap Meet**. Thanks also to **Paul Grant** for donating the tractor to the Swap Meet that raised \$1000 for our orphanage project..
- ◇ **Trish Gilluley** for raising \$900 towards her Mt. Kilimanjaro climb for Umoja.

WORLD'S BIGGEST DINNER PARTY

We have already had a lot of support for our Guinness World Record Attempt at the *World's Biggest Dinner Party—Multiple Locations*.

If you haven't heard about it, the idea is for people to **host their own dinner party on Saturday 26th October, 2013**, wherever they are, and each dinner guest makes a donation of \$20 to the Umoja Orphanage Project.

We all get to have a night out with family and friends, make a meaningful contribution to a great cause and avoid getting hit up for raffles and auctions. It's a win-win for you and Umoja.

Please spread the word about our fundraiser to your family, friends and colleagues to help us get the support we need to create the world record.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DINNER PARTY

Umoja is asking you to host your own dinner party on Saturday October 26th 2013. Support our great charity and also become part of our world's biggest dinner party attempt.

Guests to donate \$20 per person which will go to Umoja Orphanage Kenya.

Hosts to register their dinner party with Wayne Limbrick on 0402 869 304 or e-mail info@umojahome.com

umojahome.com/kenya AFRICAN ORPHANAGE KENYA

Please support Umoja Orphanage Project, founded by local school teacher Cathy Booth. All proceeds from the event will help to build the first children's home and provide an alternative to child abandonment in Kenya. Together we achieve the extraordinary.

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Attempting the world record for the world's biggest dinner party

in summary, it's pretty simple.

1. Make a commitment to have a dinner party with as many people as you can on Saturday 26th October, 2013. Early commitment would be fantastic.
2. E-mail Wayne Limbrick via wayne@limoshardware.com with how many people you have attending your party and the location of your party as soon as you can.
3. At your party, collect \$20 from each dinner guest and deposit the money into the Umoja account listed on our website.
4. After your dinner party, send a confirmation e-mail to info@umojahome.com with the number of guests who attended and some photos of the party to so we can collate the dinner parties and secure the world record.

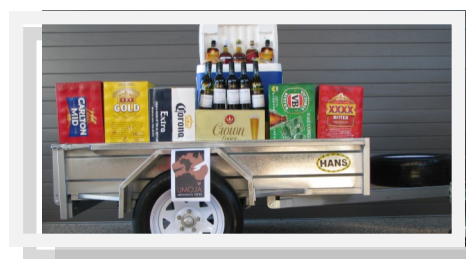
UMOJA RAFFLE AT BUNDABERG BEERFESTABULL

On Saturday, October 12th, the Umoja team will be at the gates of the **Beerfestabull** at the **Old Bundaberg Showgrounds** selling raffle tickets in our **Monster Trailer Raffle**.

Prize includes a **6x4 HANS trailer** filled with various beer, wine, spirits and accessories.

Tickets for the Beerfestabull can be pre-purchased online for \$25 (including a free drink) at www.beerfestabull.com.au or purchased at the gate for \$30.

The event runs from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm. Tickets in our Monster Trailer Raffle are \$5 each, and the raffle will be drawn on the day. We hope to see you there.



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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 17 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

Jambo Jambo from Kenya. Since arriving in Kenya early September I have been able pay a visit to the Goodlife Orphanage on the north coast, and confer with Kevin the owner and witness the continued incredible work him and his wife Mary are doing. I also took a trip to Luna Home on the north coast to visit and see how Ashleigh's work was progressing. Before this week's end I hope to return to Footprints Orphanage in the Shimba Hills where I have volunteered on 2 previous occasions, to spend some time with Kerry and the children. All owners are always busy, but always so welcoming to have me come and visit and see the children. It is always so lovely to see how the children are growing and are real children again, not to mention the joy in their faces when they see 'Auntie Cathy' come visit.

After a long journey from various states in Australia the volunteers arrived on the 17th and what a lovely bunch of people! It was a late night for them, however they were all up bright and early yesterday to go to the land after breakfast, and then orientation, and see what we have achieved and where we will start with the fencing. Professional conversations and teamwork decisions are such a part of Umoja and decisions were made and more materials purchased and delivered to the site. The dreaded trip to the bank had to happen, but the volunteers were forewarned about the wait, however getting used to the pace of things here at times can be frustrating compared to the fast pace of our lives back in Australia.

A trip to the local shopping centre for bulk water, and goodies to munch on, then a late lunch and relax. Some of the volunteers were taken to the beach by Katie, whilst I had to make another trip to town.

We start stringing the fence tomorrow so an early start and everyone is rearing to go. It takes an enormous amount of organization to coordinate a large group of volunteers to arrive here in Kenya at the same time, to ensure everything is ready for work to begin, have them fully informed with all the information they need, and accommodation is safe, secure and environmentally friendly, and able to cater for various food allergies. Volunteers pay their own way and accommodation to the project so here at Umoja we want to give our volunteers an incredible volun-touring experience.

Special thanks must go to the AMAZING Umoja Team for the tour organisation and for the work that continues back in Australia. Fundraising, coordinating, communicating, sharing of ideas, and the list goes on and on. I reflect and am in awe of what as a team we continue to do as we learn and gain experience from what we are doing, and also of the paths of people that cross into our paths, and how we are all connected in some way and the purpose of Umoja was meant to be at this time. I continue to have chance meetings with people who seem to fit into the bigger picture of Umoja either via my past, Umoja team member's past or via friends.

Umoja really is an idea whose time has come, and all paths lead to making some lives better here for a better future. Indeed we are all interconnected in some way....