



bricks + cartwheels raised more than a sweat

The bricks + cartwheels team ran like the wind on Sunday August 10 in Sydney's **City 2 Surf**. It was a fantastic day and we all finished the 14km race from Hyde Park to Bondi Beach. Thank you to everyone that ran, walked and crawled with us and also a huge thanks to our generous sponsor **Laing O'Rourke**. The b+c girls are still smiling and we have all been so overwhelmed by how much everyone has raised! We are soooooo happy to announce that **we raised over \$7,000** and money is still coming in. With news like this - there is no denying that the aching in the muscles the next day was all worth it!

A big congrats to **Alex Nagle** - shopping trolley demon - who was the first b+c runner to cross the line. In an amazing 65 minutes! and of course Steve Sheridan for finishing the race with his two bricks still in hand.

Congratulations needs to go to our biggest fundraisers. Thank you **Mel and Seelan Naganayagam** for raising \$1220!! You both are amazing.

Special mention should also go to **Lisa Robbo** (\$700+), **Ciaran Connolly** (\$550), **Flea Wabitsch** (\$535) and the **Cross family**...and to everyone who raised money - b+c has a truly amazing fundraising team!

An enormous thank you to Katie, Harriet and Lachie for making sure the beer was cold and snags were sizzling when we all finished the race + the best brownie makers this side of the moon - Bronny and Andrea. xo

Two of our most animated supporters Kath & Suepie graced the pages of The Sydney Morning Herald in their designer b+c outfits - 'Pretty in Pink - DANCING TO THE FINISH!!' As you can see by the photos - we all had so much fun that we can't wait for next year's race. So, if you missed out this year, stay tuned for City 2 Surf 09.





school site on google earth!

So excited- **Google Earth has just been updated and we now have access to fantastic aerial photos of the site for the new school for girls in Katolo.**

We're in the final stages of procuring the site, emailing and phoning back and forth between here and Kenya to ensure the correct legal frameworks are in place for the ownership of the land by the Community Based Organisation (CBO) and held in trust by TEMAK - our Kenyan partner. In the next newsletter we'll have more photos and confirmation that the site is all ours (fingers crossed)! A full survey of the site will follow, in preparation for Stage One construction commencing in January.

You can see the site on Google Earth Community placemarks - Earth Browsing.



let us introduce...

WASHINGTON WYCLIFF

Washington is one of the many bright young stars of Katolo. He grew up in Katolo, the eldest of 8 brothers and sisters and is currently living in Kisumu (the nearest major town to Katolo - on Lake Victoria) whilst completing his commerce degree. He's interested in community development, art, drama and is a budding poet! Washington works on the Executive Planning Committee of TEMAK and also helps the **bricks + cartwheels** team with information for the school as well as liaising with the Katolo community on the progress of the project. He is passionate and committed to see **'sweeping changes for my village on economy, education, water and access to electricity.'** At only 25, Katolo is sure to reap the rewards of Washington's drive and ambition in the future.

bricks blog

As some of you might know and some of you might- not **bricks + cartwheels has a blog.** It's updated almost daily and is full of excellent bits and pieces. **Art, photography, architecture, friends, travels, exciting news, Amber's Dove adventures - basically anything that inspires us.** It's a great way to keep up to date with what we're doing and also see some things you might not usually find yourself. It's packed with cool finds and well worth the click.

www.bricksandcartwheels.blogspot.com

save the date - NOVEMBER 1ST!

Get the diary out - the b+c charity ball will be held on November 1st this year. We are very excited about the event and are currently planning something unique at an innovative venue.....details to come! We'll be emailing invitations next week so look out for one in your inbox.

We are still on the hunt for companies who may be interested in participating in the ball as a **corporate sponsor.** It would be a great opportunity for your work or company to support bricks + cartwheels and the Katolo community and to create some great publicity also! **email harriet@bricksandcartwheels.org**

orange launch 08

bricks + cartwheels headed to Orange NSW for some fundraising fun on June 14. The cold weather did not deter our 100 guests as they wined and dined and listened to the dulcet tones of Rosie-Jane Stone followed by Nashville starlet **Susannah Stone + band** who blew the roof off the Parkview Hotel!

The day was a HUGE success! **We raised a massive \$5000** - we are now well on the way to raising the funds for Stage 1! Fantastic effort! We were blown away by the generosity of all who attended.

There were prizes galore - thank you to all our sponsors and supporters! Just to name a few - **Ross Hill, Fuse Music, Rosto, Rosby, Cumulus Wines, Ashcrofts supa IGA, Bowen Legal and Shoal Bay Resort + Spa.**

Thank you to **Richard Stone from RLF and Frank Johnson from Team Financial Advisers** for the bubbly - what a treat! Also to the Parkview Hotel for all their hard work in making the event the success it was.

It was so lovely to see so many familiar faces and to share the work of bricks + cartwheels!

want to get involved?

If you have some spare time and are interested in sharing your skills, we'd love to hear from you! At bricks + cartwheels, there's always an odd job here and there that we could use a hand with. This would be perfect if you're keen to help, but can't quite commit long-term. A little effort goes a long way!

At the moment, we're particularly in need of the following:

Grant Finding/Writing - Research relevant grants and write a draft template for bricks + cartwheels. If you have a flair with words and have some tips for us, please get in touch!

Time required: 3-4 hours per week for 6-8 weeks

Deadline: December 2008

Charity Ball Event Coordinators - Harriet is our head planner, but she needs your help! If you have an interest in event management, or something more specific like music, performance (lighting, sound etc.), searching for auction prizes- there are many ways you can help out.

Time required: A few hours per week for the next 8 weeks

Deadline: November 2008

Researchers/architects/planners - We're in the masterplanning stage of the design process and are looking for some assistance with researching precedents, innovative building technologies, sustainable design and building methods. We'd also welcome anyone to come to our planning days- dates to be confirmed in Sept/Oct/Nov.

Time required: From a few hours to 3 months.

Deadline: December 2008



kinross wolaroi school coin trail

Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange NSW held a coin trail in aid of bricks + cartwheels on June 11.

Students of the secondary school scrounged around at home and collected bucket loads of coins and laid them all out for an inter house competition to see who could make the longest trail. **It was a massive success with the total value of coins amounting to an amazing \$1400!**

It took accounts 3.5 hours to count ALL of the coins. The houses had a fantastic time - loud and organised chaos but very orderly as well we hear!

Congratulations to all the staff and students for raising such a huge amount!

On behalf of bricks + cartwheels and the community of Katolo thank you to Kinross Wolaroi for their support and their fantastic donation.

This is just one of the many fun and interesting ways school students can assist bricks + cartwheels. We are putting the call out - if you think your school would be able to follow in the footsteps of Kinross Wolaroi let us know!

Email harriet@bricksandcartwheels.org



the boy and his bricks

Steven Sheridan ran the City 2 Surf carrying two bricks and joined the 45+ team of bricks + cartwheels. The gesture repaid a school boy prank he played on his sister many years ago. Steve secretly placed two bricks in his sister's backpack prior to a multiple day hike and later found out that his sister had not found the bricks until 100km and three days in to the hike.

After hearing about bricks + cartwheels Steve decided to take up the City 2 Surf challenge with two bricks! Steve definitely got many strange looks along the way but finished the race with determination and a big smile! We hope Bianca was impressed as much as we were. Thanks Steve!