

# WELLWISHERS' AMBASSADORS



**David Boon**

[*Australian Cricketer*]

“I’m just asking people to consider adopting this cause in some way because we can all make a difference to the life of someone else. Women in Ethiopia often get up at 5 in the morning, work until 11 at night and spend an average of about 3 hours collecting water 365 days a year”



**Melinda Schneider**

[*Award winning Country Singer*]

“It’s horrific to think that one in five children in Ethiopia will die before the age of 5, essentially because of dirty water. Most rural Ethiopians are living on less than 5 litres of water a day. Anyone can make a difference. I’m asking people to adopt this cause because more has to be done.”



**Di Morrissey**

[*Australian Author*]

“We can all make a difference to someone else’s life. What is so impressive about this project is that it’s all about positives. Every donation makes a difference to the overall goal of saving lives.”



**Matt Welsh**

[*Olympic Swimmer*]

“Polluted water is a significant cause of ill health and malnutrition and one of the reasons so many children die. Building a well changes all that. *WellWishers* is an astonishing project.”

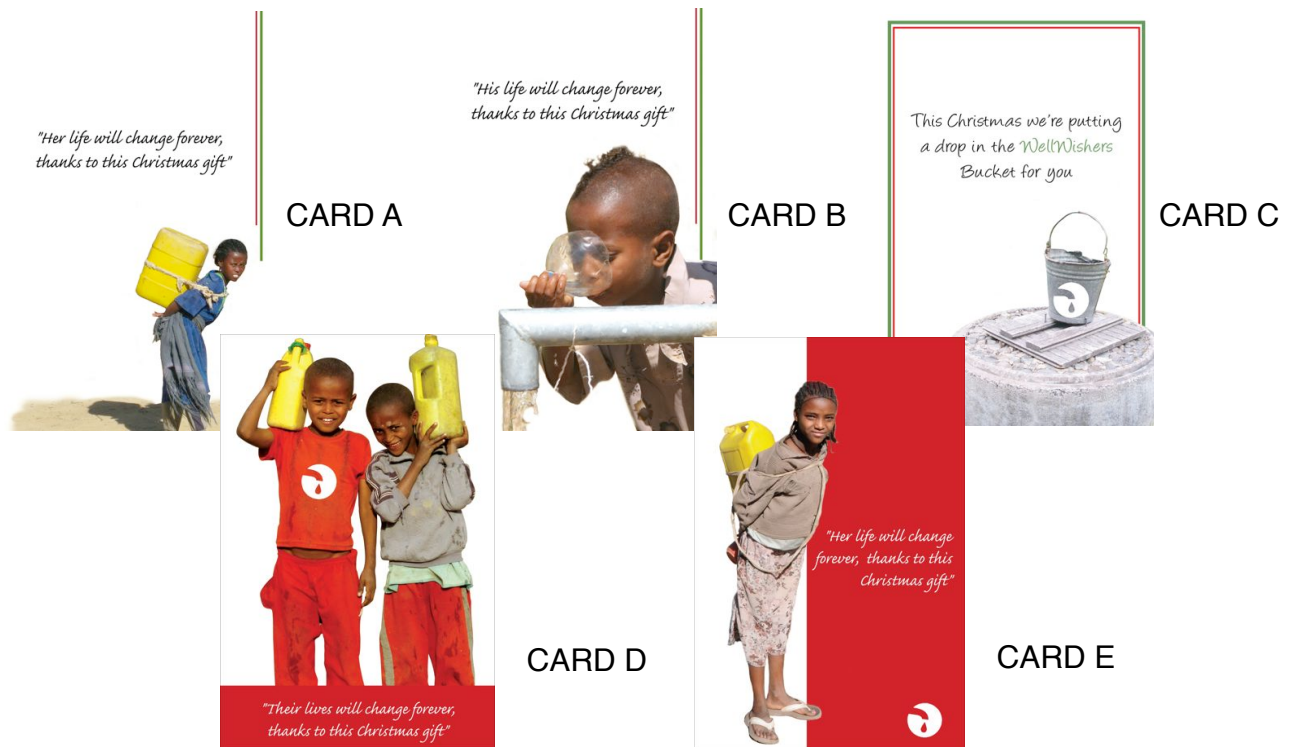
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS?

# CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Why not give Gift Cards this Christmas and help those less privileged in the world at the same time?

SEND FRIENDS & FAMILY A WELLWISHERS GIFT CARD! THEY ARE SELLING FOR ONLY \$60 [Tax Deductible]. THIS AMOUNT GIVES AN AVERAGE SIZED TIGRAYAN RURAL FAMILY CLEAN WATER FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES!

Choose your type and place your order [with money] by 28 November 2009 - cards will be posted to you on 3 December.



[If you have previously purchased these cards, we do have a record of they type you selected.]

### Please Send Me the following Cards

- A. Girl Carrying Water ..... Cards @ \$ 60 = .....
- B. Boy Drinking Water ..... Cards @ \$ 60 = .....
- C. Bucket On Slab ..... Cards @ \$ 60 = .....
- D. Two Boys ..... Cards @ \$ 60 = .....
- E. Girl with Water (Red) ..... Cards @ \$ 60 = .....

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_ Attached

Make cheques Payable to *WellWishers* [Tax Deductible]  
Post to PO BOX 670, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482

Name: ..... PostalAddress: .....





## Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia

**Ross' Piece** Save the world from unwanted gifts. I read recently that about 65% of Australians received nearly \$1 billion's worth of unwanted Christmas presents last year! The attached flyer gives a super idea to solve many problems. Imagine how many people in the world could get clean water for this \$1 billion. If we sell 100 cards, what a wonderful Christmas present we can give a village of up to 500 people - a new well, with clean water!

As many villages are now moving from the "Emergency" to "Development" phase, the average number of people in a village for which we're providing a well, is now about 400. \$15 per person for life is still very cheap for bringing clean water.

The integrity of WellWishers grows. On the attached sheet are photos of and words of support, from our 4 major Ambassadors. We are grateful for their support as they do not commit to such causes lightly.

A reminder that Membership fees for 09/10 are now due. Being a member entitles you to vote at the AGM [on 19 November 2009] and elect Trustees, etc. The cost is \$1.10, payable by 2 x 55c stamps [see form at the bottom of the page].

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Order Gift Cards

Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost is \$60 and gives an average family clean water for the rest of their lives.



TAX DEDUCTIBLE

#### Credit Card Donations

[ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers](http://ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers)

Although Wellwishers pay a small fee for donations received this way, it can be a convenient method to use. Be assured it is a secure site.

#### Melbourne Dinner

The August Dinner, attended by 78 supporters, was a great success. \$12,000 was raised - enough to build 2 more wells. FANTASTIC!

A huge thank you to Paul Carney & friends

#### Adelaide Quiz Night February 13th

An Adelaide WellWishers Support Group has been formed to put on this function. For more information, please contact Darren at [darren.kurtzer@deewr.gov.au](mailto:darren.kurtzer@deewr.gov.au) Ross will be attending.

#### Spreading the Word

Many of you ask "what can I do to help?" If you could encourage just **one** person to register for the Newsletter [no obligation to donate], that would be terrific. Please see what you can do to spread the word about **Wellwishers**.

#### Donor Offers \$60,000

A Friend is matching donations in 2009/10 on a \$1 for \$1 basis up to \$60,000. Take advantage by donating now.



All Donations Over \$2.00 are TAX

### Turning 'Wine Into Water'

What a fantastic thing - for less than the cost of a glass of wine [\$5.50] you can download 3 beautifully arranged classics performed by Tony King. Go to [www.winemusic.biz](http://www.winemusic.biz). Thanks, Tony.

### Our Future Bodes Well!

Imagine our delight when Luna [from Brisbane] contacted us to see if she could raise funds for WellWishers via her 21st Birthday!! Luna very unselfishly asked all her friends to donate to WellWishers instead of buying her presents. The result? \$2,000 was raised. Thank you Luna, for being such a caring young lady.



And thank you also to 13 year old Lachlan from Sydney, who took the time to email his congratulations on the work done by WellWishers [that's you - our supporters].

Yes, with people like Luna and Lachlan, the future of the world is in good hands.



### DID YOU KNOW?

In Australia, a shower, plus 3 trips to the toilet each day by **ONE PERSON**, uses about 60 litres of precious clean water.

That is **3 TIMES** the daily amount an entire Ethiopian family has available to use for cooking, drinking & washing!



### 'Swinging Bridge' WineOffer

Purchase affordable wines and assist Wellwishers.

The family-owned Swinging Bridge Estate, Central Ranges, NSW, will donate \$30 to Wellwishers for every case ordered online at [www.swingingbridge.com.au](http://www.swingingbridge.com.au)

Please mark **ALL** your orders Wellwishers to ensure WellWishers benefits from this very generous offer.

Please become a Member of WellWishers: all you need to do is complete this form, return it to the address below with the Annual Membership Fee for 2009/10 of \$1.10 [payable with 2 x 55c stamps].

Application for Membership of WellWishers Trust: NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....P/CODE: .....

**WELLWISHERS SECOND AGM**

This will be held at 5.00pm on 19 November 2009 at 132 Leicester St, Carlton, Melbourne. **All supporters & members are most welcome to attend.** The Chairman's [Ross Allan] Report for the year to 30 June 2009 will highlight the following:

- \* A nett amount of about \$315,000 was raised during the year [audited accounts will be tabled at the meeting].
- \* After deducting raffle and costs of the Melbourne dinner, the cost of administration & marketing equalled 2.1% of net income received.
- \* After adding retained funds [from foreign exchange gains] and interest, we have sufficient funds available to build 66 wells next year.
- \* 140 wells have been built since 2002, including 3 this year from donations from people from the US and from the United Arab Emirates. About 80,000 people have benefitted since 2002.
- \* Over 900 people now receive our quarterly Newsletter.
- \* Thanking the Trustees for their wisdom and support during the year.
- \* Finally, thanking all those who supported **WellWishers** including individuals, groups and those who organised their own fundraising on **WellWishers'** behalf. There are too many to name, but without them **WellWishers**, could not exist nor support those in need in Ethiopia.

The other important piece of business will be electing a Trustee. David is standing down and being eligible, is making himself available for re-election. There are no other candidates nominated at this point, although it is not too late to do so.

**Ross in Ethiopia**

Ross's visit to Ethiopia last month, was a solo one and he covered a lot of territory in Tigray in 4 short days, being on the road very early each day to cover the long distances on the rough dirt roads & tracks. He was however, very impressed with the changes he saw over the last 12 months. In particular, the huge improvements in Health and Sanitation, a programme that goes hand-in-hand with the building of wells - many more pit toilets in most villages and a great coverage by Health Extension Workers on a regular basis to these rural areas. More details in our following Newsletter.

He held meetings with WellWishers' Ethiopian partners in Mekele (capital city of Tigray) and Addis Ababa. REST (Relief Society for Tigray - our Tigrayan implementing partner) will start building the first of 66 wells next month - a huge increase over the last lot. Everyone was ecstatic about this.

The picture below shows a simple way of washing hands after a visit to the toilet - and everybody does it!



Gerry cans lined up at a new well.



Please note that Donations are to be in favour of "WellWishers" and posted to the address at the bottom of this Newsletter. This ensures we take advantage of the before mentioned **\$1 for \$1 extra donation**. 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 by Australian taxpayers, 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 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](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers)