

ZANE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friend and Donor of ZANE Australia

I would like at the outset to thank you for your contributions to the cause of the pensioners in Zimbabwe and to apologize for the gap in my communication this year.

As you are all aware we have been privileged for the last 20 months to channel our donations through RSL Community Care Ltd. which has been the depository for ZANE's fundraising in Australia. They agreed to provide tax deductibility for our donors and remit the money in batches to ZANE UK. The Total income in Australia according to figures supplied me is as follows:

Income	
July2009- June2010	68,643.64
Other income	3,095.89
July2010- June2011	46,214.02
Total	117,953.55

This is a magnificent effort and has made a significant difference to the lives of pensioners in Zimbabwe. Thank you the donors and particularly the organizers of fundraisers in Sydney and Tasmania this year. In February 2011 it was agreed that this arrangement with RSL would end as soon as ZANE Australia could stand alone. Since June 2011 I have been investigating the options in order for ZANE Australia to achieve this. The bureaucracy has been complicated and daunting.

As it stands I am communicating with two possible partners, but the process is tortuous and with no result yet. If you want more details of this, please get in touch with me.

The bottom line is that I need to ask you to halt any regular donations you are currently making to Zane via RSL Community Care. I was very much hoping when I sent you this letter I would be in a position to give you an alternative process to follow. I am sad to say I am not yet able to do that. There is no doubt we will lose some momentum as a result of this disappointing situation.

On the positive side - a huge thank you to Leanne Bray for agreeing to co-ordinate fundraising in Australia. She lives in Perth and has a number of creative ideas. One of these is to sell Christmas cards to raise money for ZANE. If you feel you could sell some of these on our behalf please contact her via me, Michael Carter at ZANE on email info@zane.uk.com and make the subject "Australian Christmas Cards". Any money raised will go through a temporary informal account.

Thank you to Vera Taylor who hosted a successful evening to fundraise for ZANE in Tasmania on September 15th at which people paid to watch a film about the Zimbabwe situation and eat a delicious meal. Helen Tilbury wrote:" It was a wonderful evening and a great turn out. Owen and I drove back to Launceston with a warm sense of community spirit - a place so far away from blighted Zimbabwe but with hard working farmers

coming out in force to support a cause. Your cause was their cause.”

Another initiative described by Dianne Tosh: Now, hold on to your hats.....it sounds like a hackneyed idea but it will be very tastefully done. It is a calendar of nude golfers at the Boomerang Farm. There will be no full montys. Most of the shots will be show-casing the beauty of The Farm rather than the nudes.....
Good luck Dianne.

Yours Sincerely
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