



BCC Africa Inc is a registered Australian charity which provides support to the Bethlehem Community Centre (BCC), an organisation that provides a home and education for children orphaned or destitute as a result of poverty, HIV/AIDS or conflict

## Exciting Developments for BCC Africa - DGR status achieved

The beginning of 2017 has been a very exciting time for the team at BCC Africa. After a lot of effort and much paper work completed by the management team, they were duly rewarded by a call from the ATO informing that BCC Africa Inc. successfully received 'Deductible Gift Recipients' (DGR) status effective 25th Jan 2017.

What does this mean? BCC Africa Inc now has the ability to provide tax deductible receipts to donors directly for any gift or donation. Having achieved DGR status means that we are able to work directly and more closely with Bethlehem Community Centre in Kenya making it administratively simpler and more cost effective to send our funds directly to BCC Kenya.

BCC Africa Inc. is now honoured to be a completely stand alone registered DGR charity and is looking forward to continuing the good work of supporting the disadvantaged children of BCC Kenya, whilst providing an added benefit to all our generous supporters.



Re-painted entrance gate



Back of the girls dormitory



Office / reception



Mwea children

Building Restorations have now been completed at BCC Mwea after the fire that destroyed a section of the girls dormitory. Solar panels and batteries were also lost in the fire but unfortunately have not been replaced due to restricted funding. After the traumatic night fire these new works have been a welcome sign of renewal for the home. A special thanks to all those that contributed to the cost of work, we were able to send \$5,000+ through your generosity.

## Schedule of Events for 2017:

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| <b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>                    | <b>Governers Boat Cruise</b> |
| A special eveing on the historic MV Egeria      |                              |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>                    | <b>African dinner</b>        |
| This was a sell out last year so register early |                              |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | <b>Quiz Night</b>            |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                       | <b>Open Garden</b>           |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                      | <b>High Tea by the Sea</b>   |

### Friends of BCC membership

Keep informed and help our cause. Receive news and special invitations to our events.

100 members is enough to cover 5 children through high school for one year.

\$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family.

Includes a calender at the end of the year.

Contact [chris@bccafrika.com](mailto:chris@bccafrika.com) to become a member.