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Omaruru here we come..... and,

Word is just in that our #3 container arrived in port at Wavis Bay, Namibia recently and has now been released from Customs. This container will become a new Bicycling Empowerment Centre in Omaruru, central Namibia.

Omaruru is in the Erongo Region of Namibia. The town has 14,000 inhabitants and owns 352 square kilometres of land situated near the Erongo Mountains, on the usually dry Omaruru River. Omaruru grew around a mission built in 1872 by Gottlieb Viehe, a Rhenish missionary. The town is known for its annual festival where the Hereros commemorate their past local chiefs, its winery and for the dinosaur footprints at nearby Otjihenamaparero.

Michael Linke (Bicycling Empowerment Network, Namibia) reports that he has visited Omaruru this week to make detailed plans for the establishment of a new Bicycling Empowerment Centre adjacent to the Catholic Church. There he met with Selma, the leader of a home based care group for Catholic Aids Action, who will run the project. Selma already coordinates a soup kitchen that's been sponsored by the Lions Club in Windhoek. A Lions Club contact has spoken very highly of Selma and her group, so it is with confidence that we wish Selma and her group every success with the new BEC.



Selma and Pauline outside the Omaruru Church



BEC site adjacent to the Church

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Omaruru BEC will be the second new BEC set up by B4H (WA), in addition to the seven that we resupplied during 2012 – helping to change lives in nine Namibian communities in just 18 months of operations.

To see how the BEC at Noordoewer is working check out the short video at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Slcb8YLPRw&feature=share&list=UUBE03rpEn2ClOmXOScZk4Pg>

.....Work to start under Government of Western Australia Community Grants Scheme – Project Cycle Recycle

A cheque from the Department of Environment and Conservation representing the first tranche of funding under the Grant has been banked this week. This will allow us to get cracking on purchases to support the much needed upgrade to our bike storage and workshop facilities at High Wycombe. This involves purchase and set up of two containers as fully equipped workshops, purchase of work-stands and tools and the erection of a large shade-cloth sun-protected work area between the containers. In conjunction with the implementation of a professional OH&S plan this will enable us to expand our volunteer base, including corporate community support programs.

It is planned to have the new workshop in place to facilitate the scheduled shipment of container #4 by the end of April.

Again.... a BIG thank you to all our sponsors and supporters, and especially to WA Waste Authority.

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