



**ZANE**  
AUSTRALIA

# INTRODUCTION TO ZANE AUSTRALIA

**ZANE Australia** was set up in 2012 as an off-shoot of ZANE UK which has been operating in Zimbabwe since 2002.

Zimbabwe A National Emergency (ZANE) was founded in the UK by Tom Benyon in response to the crisis developing in Zimbabwe after the 2000 referendum and its aftermath, which saw the violent eviction of farmers and farm workers from the land. In many instances this caused the break up of families – the working-age victims were forced to find employment outside the country while the elderly had to remain behind. The problem was exacerbated by the sharp deterioration in the Zimbabwean economy over the next few years culminating, in 2009, with the utter collapse of the Zimbabwe dollar and the adoption of the US dollar as the country's currency.

The elderly of Zimbabwe, many of whom were World War II veterans and had worked hard all their lives, saw their pensions and savings reduced to zero and had no way of earning a living or even surviving on a day-to-day basis – they literally became destitute overnight through no fault of their own.

Initially ZANE came alongside these vulnerable older people with urgent financial and medical relief. Thereafter they were gently assessed and means tested and finally, family members living outside the country were personally contacted to see what level of help could be brought to their assistance. From there ZANE put together an individual package for each beneficiary to ensure that their

monthly living needs could be met, where possible by family members, but often with money raised entirely from generous donors.

At about the same time ZANE entered into a partnership with the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services' League to bring grants to those who had served in the Second World War and the conflicts which followed it.

It quickly became apparent that there were huge needs in the wider community for assistance with the care of vulnerable people who were the casualties of the worsening political and economic melt down of the country.

ZANE entered into a partnership with a charity which concentrated on women and children struggling to survive the double scourge of the situation in the country and AIDS. ZANE helped to bring anti-retroviral treatment to the victims and, at the same time, worked with the women to give them skills to enable them to grow food and earn a living.

ZANE now has partnerships with several other charities: to assist with the treatment of clubfoot in children, with the assessment of audiology problems and the supply of hearing aids, with the provision of prosthetic limbs to landmine victims and with schools which reach out to children denied education through being orphaned or simply through poverty.





# What can YOU do?

Walk, run, ride or swim for ZANE in your favourite events

Organise an event – anything from a small get together with friends to a fun day on the beach to a full on golf day or gala ball!

Become a FRIEND of ZANE and work alongside us to spread the word:

- Visit our website: [zaneaustralia.org.au](http://zaneaustralia.org.au)
- Join our mailing list to receive our newsletters and other updates by emailing us on [zaneaustraliainlimited@gmail.com](mailto:zaneaustraliainlimited@gmail.com)
- Befriend us on Facebook: ZANE Australia
- Follow us on Twitter: ZANEAustralia@ZANEAustralia

Together we can make a difference to countless lives in our beloved Zimbabwe so please join us.

It is a vast and complex work being undertaken and is reliant solely on the donations of ordinary people – ZANE does not receive any sort of government funding.

The work in Zimbabwe is carried out by a team of dedicated professionals who work directly with those being supported – ZANE is a relational charity which means every individual who receives help from ZANE is known personally by at least one member of the ZANE team and is visited regularly.



Traditionally the UK has been the centre of all fundraising for ZANE but recently a branch has been opened in the US and the scope of work in Australia has been extended.

ZANE Australia has been registered as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee with full DGR (Direct Giving Recipient) status – all donations given to it are tax deductible.

With the situation in Zimbabwe still deteriorating, the work that ZANE does is vital and life saving. The teams on the ground, and those in support overseas, are tried and tested over many years. No money has ever been lost but goes directly to where it is needed.

The work is endorsed and commended by many who know first hand how difficult things are inside Zimbabwe and how efficiently ZANE is able to deliver help to the people who so desperately need it.

Any contribution you can make, however small, will be gratefully received and used to the utmost good.

Warm regards

**Nicky Passaportis CEO**  
ZANE Australia



**Jonathan Sheppard,**  
Former Australian  
Ambassador to Zimbabwe,  
Board member, ZANE Australia

There are many people in Zimbabwe who today remain in desperate need of help, through no fault of their own. ZANE is a dedicated charity devoted to providing a lifeline to these people. The ZANE team is hard-working and focused, bringing impressive results for the poorest and least advantaged, and is most worthy of our support.



**Henry Olonga,**  
Former Zimbabwe International  
Cricketer

Having grown up in Zimbabwe and after many years of involvement with ZANE I can state categorically that it is an excellent organisation. The team on the ground in Zimbabwe know each individual they help and treat the old, sick and afflicted with kindness and compassion. I have no hesitation in recommending that you support this worthy cause.



**Nick Price,**  
Zimbabwean Professional Golfer

As a Zimbabwean who has represented my country on many occasions, I am saddened by the state of my beautiful homeland. If it wasn't for ZANE, the situation would be worse for many thousands of desperate people blighted by hunger, lack of access to education and ill health. ZANE provides a lifeline to these people and its efficiency and effectiveness is commendable.

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