

# ZANE Australia

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## NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2019

2019 has been a busy year for ZANE Australia.

In May we took the legal steps necessary to become a fully independent charity in our own right – we have grown up and been set loose by our parent charity ZANE UK though, of course, the UK teams continue to support and encourage our endeavours - for which we are extremely grateful.

The situation in Zimbabwe has continued its ever-increasing downward spiral and the new normal for all the ZANE beneficiaries is an almost complete lack of electricity, massive shortages of water, food and medicine and a money system that is beyond comprehension, exacerbated by rampant inflation.

All of us involved with ZANE find ourselves heartbroken by the suffering of ordinary fellow Zimbabweans and deeply committed to the on-going work of ZANE. We are also awed by the resilience of the ZANE teams in Zimbabwe who somehow gather the strength to cope with all the stresses of everyday life themselves, and find it in their hearts to continue to walk alongside the many folk who simply have nobody else to turn to in their desperate need.

2019 has been a great year for the “I am Totally InZANE” initiative and we have seen some truly magnificent “InZANE” fund raising efforts:

### February:

Mistral Watson, Cathy Millar, Brendon Lear and James Dodd from Perth - Rottneest Swim



### April - September:

Mike Passaportis from USA - Pacific Crest Trail



June – August: Mark Johnson from Buderim - Old Legs Tour Harare to Kilimanjaro



September: Jason Steed from Sydney - Sydney Marathon



October: Ana Passaportis – Melbourne Half Marathon

These endeavours raised a total of over AUD45,000 – an absolutely superb effort by all of them. It is enormously encouraging for the fundraising teams around the world to have this kind of enthusiasm and support and a huge boost for those in Zimbabwe to know that people outside the country care enough to undertake these amazing feats – thank you all very much.

If you would like to get more involved with ZANE Australia please contact us at: [zaneaustralialimited@gmail.com](mailto:zaneaustralialimited@gmail.com) we would love to hear from you.

Thank you again to all our wonderful ZANE friends and donors – we wish you a joyous Christmas and the very best for 2020.

Warm regards

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