

## **WALK A WHILE NEWS - May 2014**

### **People are volunteering to help!**

On a trip to Africa late last year, one of Ken's travelling partners, heard about Walk a While helping to raise a cross in central Australia. This man offered to help by bringing his helicopter along to lift the cross into place when the time is right. This donation of time and expertise has the potential to save around \$30,000.

It's tremendously encouraging when people offer things like this. And we'd like to thank a few more people for giving their time and talents free of charge.

We are extremely grateful for this generous offer of help. But he's not the only one.

We are also thankful Graeme Thitchener, and his wife, Jenny. They have given up their time to prepare the engineering plans for the cross and negotiate with Central Lands Council, and they've been out on trips with Ken to check out the site. They have not billed Walk a While for any of this – they are doing it all free of charge – and this again would have cost thousands of dollars. Graeme is also on the Walk a While Board of Directors – again on a voluntary basis.

And we also want to thank Dennis Woodward, Project Manager for the cross, and his wife Virginia who have made site visits to central Australia with Ken. Dennis is providing his considerable expertise in the construction industry as he liaises with the contractors in Alice Springs. He is doing a fantastic job of pulling together the various aspects of the construction of the cross.

A survey has been done so we know where the track will be going and what will be involved in its construction.

The plan is to do as much as possible in preparation for building the cross, so we can move quickly once we have all the required funds.