

A night in Africa

A sell out crowd attended “A night in Africa” jointly run by AFADU and the ZONTA Club of the Whitsundays on October 13th at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE in Cannonvale, North Queensland.

Craig Gear, the AFADU chairperson flew in from Sydney to join fellow AFADU Board member Pam Harrison who helped to coordinate the event. They joined 130 guests, dressed in their best African clobber, who arrived to the sound of African drums beating. The drummers who came from as far afield as Melbourne, Mackay and Hamilton Island added an extra “African dimension”

The sensational 8 course, menu prepared and served by the International students at the TAFE restaurant Palmers, followed the African theme and specialty dishes were chosen from many African countries and after a charity auction attendees watched Tsotsi, the film that won South Africa its first foreign language film Academy Award.

The auction and drawing of Raffle prizes was a large part of the night and many of the guests went home as “winners”.

The night raised over \$15,000 and was split evenly between ZONTA and AFADU. ZONTA will use their profits to fund local Whitsunday projects such as equipment for a local Nursing Home and bursaries for young woman in the community and AFADU will use their share to pay for furniture and training aids for the School of Nursing being built at the Chikombedzi Hospital in southern Zimbabwe where our projects are situated.



Drummers from the Mackay group Zinzibar (front) along with drummers from Hamilton Island and Melbourne.



L to R
Nuria, Samantha, Josephine, Pam, Sharon, Donna and Annette who came over
from Hamilton Island for “A night in Africa”



L to R
Auctioneer Brad Sobott with ZONTA President, Angela Spicer, AFADU Chairman
Craig Gear and Raffle winner Samantha Sharp at “A night in Africa”



AFADU Chairperson Craig Gear presented Pam Harrison with flowers for coordinating the event.