



Bryhett Cobbins, left and Susan Thomson of Adelaide with dog Zachery, Jamie Ryan, Maddy Rowe and Edwina Fairminer, all of Flagstaff Hill.

ABOVE RIGHT: Paul and Hayley Thackeray enjoy a taste of Africa.

LEFT: Dorinda Hafner cooks up a storm in her African cooking demonstration.

Dorinda's African touch

Stirling experienced a taste of Africa on Sunday when *Akwaaba* came to town.

The African garden celebration raised \$15,000 for the charity Australian Sponsorship 4 African Kids, which was founded in 2006 by celebrity chef Dorinda Hafner, who grew up in Ghana.

The charity was formed in memory of Ms Hafner's mother, Elizabeth Bannerman Addy, who spent a significant part of her life helping the poor, and raising money to support

underprivileged children in Ghana.

Merilyn and Tim Kuchel of Stirling hosted the event in their garden on Old Carey Gully Road where crowds were entertained with African drummers and a children's choir.

There were craft and produce stalls, afternoon tea, wine tasting and African cooking demonstrations held by Ms Hafner.

Face painting and craft activities were also available for children.

Event co-ordinator Nikky

Downer said it was "a fantastic day," attracting 800 people.

"People just seemed to love the drummers and the children's choir," she said.

She said Ms Hafner's cooking demonstrations were very popular along with her yellow bird soup (made from yellow vegetables and mango) which sold out.

Mrs Downer said the shuttle buses which brought people from the Stirling Autumn Garden Festival were also "really great".



Janice, left, Tyler and Shyla Vandok-Somerville of Sheidow Park travelled to Stirling for the garden celebration.



Chris Best, left and Chris Baillie, both of Leabrook, have a mug of Dorinda Hafner's yellow bird soup.