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A welcome fundraiser



Merilyn Kuchel and Nicky Downer. A cooking demonstration by Dorinda Hafner will be a highlight of the day

Their garden, Winterwood, is described as two inspiring acres of mature trees, shrubs, roses and perennials with a productive orchard, vineyard and vegetable garden.

"Merilyn's garden is just so lovely," chief organiser Nicky Downer said.

"The different areas really lend themselves to this type of event."

Dorinda will be presenting cooking demonstrations at 11am, 1pm and 3pm and once you have a taste for the delicious spice and exotic flavours, venture along to the African food stalls where you can purchase delicious products. Other stallholders will be at the garden selling hand-made dolls, gifts and produce.

Children will be entertained by facepainters, story tellers and there will be other activities for children.

"I think everybody has been quite touched by this cause and are looking to help out as much as they can," Nicky said.

"I have been inundated with offers from people to donate their home-made preserves, sauces, pickles and jams. Beerenberg owners, the Paech's, have donated jars for us to use and Petaluma's winemaker Peter Harvey has agreed to run our wine tasting."

All proceeds from the event will benefit the charity Australian Sponsorship 4 African Kids, who will be donating the money to a children's education centre in Chorkor. The charity was founded in 2006 by Dorinda Hafner in memory of her mother.

Entry to Akwaaba is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family. The garden is located at 50 Old Carey Gully Road, Stirling and will be open from 10am-4pm.

Translating from the Ghana language to mean welcome, Akwaaba is also the name of the African garden celebration being held in Stirling on Sunday, April 18. Featuring cooking demonstrations

by Dorinda Hafner and performances by African drummers and the African Children's Choir, the celebration is the major fundraiser for Australian Sponsorship 4 African Kids. The event will be held at the garden

of Merilyn and Tim Kuchel, and Tim has been busy planting extra vegetables this year so Dorinda can harvest them straight from the garden to cook up some spicy Ghanaian recipes.