

## A Taste of Africa comes to Sydney – ZANE Charity Trivia Night

On 30th March, PIPC helped to raise AUD\$10,000 to support struggling pensioners and Aids families in Zimbabwe. Lindsay Sherman and Alex Reed from PIPC Australia, both originally from Zimbabwe, hosted a Charity Trivia Night, sponsored by PIPC. 150 guests, predominately from the financial services industry, enjoyed an African themed night and helped to raise funds for ZANE\*, a UK based charity that has won many accolades for their work in Zimbabwe.



The evening kicked off with a rush on the door of mad raffle ticket selling; loud, fun African music; individualised ZANE cup cakes for all and Lindsay and Alex encouraging everyone towards the Silent Auction table. The Silent Auction was supported by many wonderful donations of artwork, sculptures, books and the famous Zimbabwean \$100 trillion note - the largest denomination note ever printed.



With professional comedian trivia hosts coordinating the evening there were laughs and fun all round. We had bonus questions ranging from guessing, via an interpreting gesture, whether a film name was a Kung Fu film or a Pornography film - I can tell you the gestures were interesting (!), to guessing whether various street names in Australia were true or false ... a question our very own Peter Hutchison won! The PIPC table was hanging in the balance at the end but with some inside assistance on the Zimbabwean questions they managed to slide in ... not quite taking last place!!



The Zimbabwean \$100 trillion notes caused the most stir during the evening and eventually went onto live auction at the end of the night, raising close on AUD\$1,000 alone. The funds raised will go a long way to assisting aged pensioners and AIDS affected families in Zimbabwe.

A big thanks to all who supported the evening and to PIPC Australia for their kind sponsorship.



**\*Information about ZANE**

ZANE is a grass roots organisation working to alleviate living conditions in Zimbabwe. Their main work is with elderly people, of all races, on local pensions, or in some cases, without pensions at all. They will have lived in Zimbabwe most or all of their lives and may well have been part of the war effort in World War II. Their pensions and savings will have diminished to such an extent that they can no longer afford to live and many receive no (or very little) assistance from their relatives. ZANE have also recently started working in the city slums, supporting households headed by children orphaned through AIDS. For more information relating to ZANE or to make a donation please visit: <http://www.zane-zimbabweanationalemergency.com/>