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# MAMA WIMBI



## E-Club of Greater Sydney is Our New Home

This month's newsletter is a little bit late, to allow time for the formalities to be properly observed before announcing our very happy news that Mama Wimbi is now officially a project of the Rotary E-club of Greater Sydney.

The club has about 40 members, 10 new this year. Even more exciting, it has 11 fabulous overseas projects! We meet online every fortnight and both members and visitors often attend from other parts of the world.

Our President is Oscar Akparanta. He is from Nigeria as is Mama Wimbi's new Deputy Project Manager Adetola Adewole. Thank you, Tola, for taking on the

Welcome to the fourth edition of our monthly Mama Wimbi newsletter!

role! The other African person in the photo is Emmanuel Musoni from Congo (he's wearing a red shirt). Lucy Hobgood-Brown (in the middle of the back row) is rather Congolese too, she grew up there and runs two RAWCS projects in Congo and has her own charity HandUp Congo, which works mostly in the West side of the country.

The photo was taken at the District Conference which was held in Newcastle. Highlights included meeting all these lovely people, including Amanda (wearing a black shirt) who has done a wonderful job as the membership officer facilitating my transfer and dancing with Tola and the others after the dinner.

## Garden Party Success!

Claire Neumeyer organized an excellent Garden Party at Zelka Heights last week.

The Party was a great success with 40 visitors enjoying the entertainment provided by Heather Jauncy, the Cooma Line Dancers, the Cooma Community Singers, and The Easter Bunny!



Other community members helped generously with delicious and abundant catering.

The event raised \$462.10 so far and there are still two raffles on-going. The first is for a beautiful original artwork by Peter Giles, which we hope will be on display at the Monaro Art Group's Gallery in Sharp St. The second is for \$200 worth of carpet cleaning - a whole house-worth! - by Snowy Mountains Carpet Cleaning. Tickets for this one are available at Under The Elms cafe, also in Sharp St. Heartfelt thanks to both of these businesses for their kind support.

The art raffle will be drawn on May 10th for Mother's Day and the carpet-cleaning prize on May 30th. The proceeds will buy fabric for the mothers to sew and will generate enough income for at least 10 children to study for a year, instead of being left out.

## Fundraising Opportunity

Do you know a club or group who would like to raise some money for its own projects by retailing Mama Wimbi buntings?

This is a wonderful opportunity to do well by doing good!

Contact Penny on 0429170739 or [penny@mondeto.com](mailto:penny@mondeto.com) if you think you might.

# Welcome Andrea & Christine!

We are delighted to welcome two new marketers to our team.

Andrea is based in South Australia and Christine in Sydney and we are so grateful for their help to get our buntings distributed and the children back to school.

## “School in a Bag”

“School in a Bag” distributes school bags full of supplies, paid for by supporters who like to know exactly who is carrying their \$40 bag of learning materials.

The founder of the charity, Luke Simon, has accepted our partnership request and sent us the list of supplies that we need to source locally and price.

Eric Baeni and Jacques Palya Salaam have translated all of the documents into French so that the Congolese team are clear about the procedures for collaborating.

Although the usual group size for a first collaboration is 50, Luke kindly agreed to include all 84 of the children we hope to support next year.



*Thank you  
Cooma friends,  
we'd love to stay  
in touch!*



Cooma Rotary Club invited us into the Global Rotary Community and started us on our way to having a team and colleagues in Australia.

After this issue I won't assume that Cooma Rotarians are interested to keep following our progress but would be delighted if you reply to this email to say that you would like to stay subscribed.

## April Kijana Wimbi Course

This is the local advertising for our second round of computer education courses in Congo.

An internet connection can help you know whether you need a doctor, how to repair something broken, how to make or market something... but only if you know how.






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# Candelo Village Post Office

The Candelo Village Festival wasn't as good for bunting sales as I had hoped - just one sale!

On the up-side, Marc from the post office took 10 buntings to sell after the festival so that is another outlet and distributor helping us out.



# April Children

Miranda and Dawn have been our marketing heroes this month and Josianne and Affra have their school fees secure as a result.

Thank you so very much!!



Thank you for reading our newsletter, we hope you enjoyed it.

Please share with your friends.

**Happy May from all at Mama Wimbi!**

**Penny Vos**