 Scaling great heights
Skinners push the limits to raise money and hope

MONTVILLE’S mountains have nothing on Africa’s highest peak, Mt Kilimanjaro.
Narrow’s Escape resort owners Mark and Joanne Skinner had to muster all their strength to hike up the 5,895m peak.

The couple raised $23,000 to help out in the world.

“We’re doing their bit to make the tasty treat from scratch,” Mr Skinner said.

“TERRIFIED.”

The self-funded Mt Kilimanjaro trek was Skal’s biggest fundraising initiative yet.

“We figured it wasn’t un-achievable,” Mr Skinner said.

“All nerve and heart was reaching the summit.”

The chosen route for the group’s journey started from the northern end of Kilimanjaro National Park along the Rongai trail, a path less travelled by visitors.

“On a trail without mountain huts, the group had to camp out for the night in tents and sleeping bags in freezing temperatures.

“Your going through a lot of climatic zones along the way.”

However, Mr Skinner said the hardest aspect of their ascent was the last 1200m, the climatic zones along the way.

“Starting in desert-like conditions to -15ºC degrees at the peak,” Mr Skinner said.

“We've already known about it,” he said.

“All money raised from the climb will go towards The Grey Man’s dedicated efforts to stop human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children in south-east Asia.

“We've already known about their efforts for years, and they’re really doing a great job,” he said.

“They're doing their bit to help out in the world.”

Indulge a passion for chocolate
SWEEET toothed who attend the Kind Living Cafe’s Raw Chocolate Making Class could be forgiven for thinking they stumbled into Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory.

The cafe is holding the workshop, complete with choccy expert Andrew Driscoll, to teach people how to make the tasty treat from scratch.

“The workshop will take place at the Maleny Community Centre from 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday, October 26.

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All nerve and heart

PEAK VICTORY: Mark and Joanne Skinner wave the Australian flag among the group of Skal International members who reached their goal, the top of Mt Kilimanjaro.

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