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## Celebration Dinner for Kokoda Youth

On October 21<sup>st</sup> a celebratory dinner will be held in honour of the Shoalhaven Kokoda Youth Experience Team 2010. All interested community and business members are welcome to attend this event that will include a presentation from this year's participants.

Walking the Kokoda track is one of those unforgettable experiences that evokes strong emotions. For these young participants they learn many skills on their journey including leadership, teamwork and communication.

The walk is 96 kilometres long and takes approximately 10 days to complete. The group made up of mentors and young people are led by local trekkers and Shoalhaven Community leaders who give up their everyday comforts to be a part of this experience.

Shoalhaven City Mayor, Cllr Paul Green says "I have been fortunate enough to participate in this trek along side some inspirational and brave people and I can only encourage everyone to support such a great program. The lessons learnt on this adventure are priceless. These young adults deserve to be honoured with this celebration as they all come away from this with a sense of pride, accomplishment, and an appreciation for the sacrifices our defence forces make to protect our country".

The dinner will be held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club from 6pm. Guest speaker for the event will be Charlie Lyn from Adventure Kokoda and certificates will be presented to the participants.

Cost of the dinner is \$35 a head, and to book a place please RSVP with payment to Donna Corbyn, Councils Youth Development Officer by the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

For further information, you can contact Donna Corbyn on (02) 4429 3418.

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