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Shoalhaven Mayoral Ball on 15th May

It's on again, the 2010 Shoalhaven City Mayoral Ball will be held on Saturday 15 May 2010.

Last year the Mayoral Ball raised more than \$40,000 for the Shoalhaven City Linear Accelerator Appeal and Bravehearts Inc. Money raised allowed more than 1,200 children to take part in the Ditto Keep Safe Adventure program in Shoalhaven Schools.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said funds raised during the Ball will go to the Linear Accelerator Appeal, Bravehearts and a third charity, Helping Hands.

"This year's Mayoral Ball is a great opportunity for everyone to come out, enjoy music and meal at the wonderful Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and raise funds for three wonderful groups in the city," Councillor Green said.

"This year we are extending the charities which the Ball raises funds for. The Ball was so popular last year that we were nearly completely full. So it is best that people get in early and book their seats or tables for 10, as soon as they can to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited."

Helping Hands is a volunteer service developed by Shoalhaven Mental Health Services to match volunteers to individuals living with a mental illness for support and companionship. So far the service has more than 100 clients and 60 supporters. The dream is to secure and renovate the West Street Tennis Court Complex in Nowra as a future home for the service.

The Linear Accelerator committee has been raising funds for a Shoalhaven City Cancer Care Centre. The committee has raised more than \$1 million. The centre would provide treatment for people with cancer and remove the need for patients to travel to Wollongong on a daily basis for their treatment.

"The 2010 Mayoral Ball will be one of the major social event for the city's calendar and a night where you can dress up and have fun with friends and enjoy the entertainment on the night."

Bravehearts aims to empower children to be SAFE, through the Ditto Keep Safe Adventure programme. Already over 2000 young children from the Shoalhaven area have met Ditto (Braveheart's Lion Cub) and heard his message. Bravehearts goal is to make Australia the safest place in the world in which to raise a child. This program aims to reduce the incidents of sexual assault, bullying and domestic violence that affects children.

There will be an auction at the Ball and anyone wishing to donate prizes for the auction are asked to contact Mayoress Michelle Green on 0408 865 568 or send an email to gapdesign@shoal.net.au.

Tickets for the event are \$120 each or there is the option to book a table for 10. Bookings can be made through the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and further corporate sponsorship is also still available much welcomed.

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