



## **MEDIA RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MUMBULLA FOUNDATION GALA DINNER**

The Mumbulla Foundation's annual Gala Dinner this coming Saturday, with its theme of 'A Night on the Nile' promises to be a wonderful night of fun, entertainment and music. The fancy dress dinner and auction is the Foundation's major fund raising event for the year, raising money to give back to many community groups in grants and scholarships. It starts at 6 pm this Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the Oaklands Centre in Pambula. Bega Cheese and many other local businesses sponsor the event. To book you can visit the Mumbulla Foundation's website at [www.mumbullafoundation.org.au](http://www.mumbullafoundation.org.au).

Guests will enjoy canapés, a wonderful three course dinner, wine, beer and other beverages, an excellent band and other entertainment. They can also bid for a wide range of holiday escapes and exciting local activities donated by local businesses, including whale watching tours, kayak adventures, lazy afternoons cruising the local waterways, as well as home musical concerts and private chefs dinners. There is also a range of home improvement products up for auction which should please any home owner. Most guests really get into the spirit of this great night donning fun outfits to try to fit the theme. This year it could be Egyptian Princesses, Queens or Pharaohs, characters from Agatha Christie's Death on the Nile, explorers or Egyptians past and present.

Attending the Gala Dinner also gives you a chance to give back to our community with last year's event raising \$20,000. Mumbulla Foundation is the main charity in Bega Valley Shire, each year providing almost \$100,000 in grants to local community groups and for scholarships for local students. Since starting in 2000, the Mumbulla Foundation has given grants of nearly \$1 million to almost 100 community groups. Each year a wide range of education, community welfare and arts groups receive grants. These grants are important in supporting the activities of these groups that do so much to build our Bega Valley

community. Next year the Foundation will provide six scholarships for Bega Valley students attending the local campus of the University of Wollongong. It also will continue to support school children with end of year book awards and help families with back to school expenses.

The Foundation is a completely voluntary organisation. It has no staff, only a small number of unpaid directors. It relies on community support and involvement through donations, volunteering to be a director and supporting fund raising. Anyone interested in being a director, especially from the Merimbula-Eden area, please contact Gary Potts on 0418 720 908.

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**More information on the dinner and online ticket purchases are available at [www.mumbulla.org.au](http://www.mumbulla.org.au) or from Christine Walters on 0476 787 480.**