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SNOWY HYDRO SOUTHCARE CELEBRATES WITH CANBERRA

Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service is celebrating another year of success with the help of some of Canberra's biggest names. Attendees to the celebration will include representatives from all levels of government, as well as business and community leaders from the ACT and surrounding areas. Guests will gather for the cocktail reception at the Lobby Restaurant, at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, 1 November.

In addition to being a celebration of Snowy Hydro SouthCare's Service, the evening also marks the retirement of Director John Braddon, who has served the Fund since its start in 1998, and the launch of the 2008 Celebrity Ballroom event. The program will begin with paramedic Paul Brooke detailing some of the rescue missions he has performed and a former patient who will share her story about being transported from Canberra to Sydney to receive urgent heart surgery. Then, Terry Charlton, Managing Director of Snowy Hydro Limited will reinforce his company's commitment as major and naming-rights sponsor to the Helicopter Service. After that, representatives from the Canberra City, Belconnen and Hall Rotary Clubs will present ACT Emergency Services Agency Commissioner Gregor Manson with their generous equipment donations; a brand new Propaq patient monitor and a Ruggedized toughbook computer for use with the newly developed Victorian Ambulance Clinical Information System.

In closing will be the official launch of the Celebrity Ballroom, an event which brings together local celebrities to compete in a dance competition in support of Snowy Hydro SouthCare. Several former and upcoming participants of the Celebrity Ballroom will be attending the reception, including 2007 champion, Member for Canberra Annette Ellis. The 2008 event will again be sponsored by Canberra Milk and will be held at Canberra's National Convention Centre on 3 May.

Participating celebrities for next year's event include: Commander Leanne Close, the Deputy Chief Police Officer of ACT Policing; Mr. John Hargreaves MLA, the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Minister for Housing, and Minister for Multicultural Affairs; Ondina, Stylist to the Stars; Mr. Steve Whan MP, the Member for Monaro; Mr. Mario SanFrancesco, leading ACT real estate agent from L.J. Hooker Tuggeranong and Auctioneer of the Year; Mix 106 presenter Lisa Ridgley; and WIN News presenter Jessica Good. In addition to the Celebrity Ballroom, 2008 will also include a week of events in February to help mark Snowy Hydro SouthCare's 10-Year Anniversary.

"In just ten years of service, the helicopter has completed over 2,897 missions. This event marks a great milestone in our community and is the beginning of a year-long celebration for Snowy Hydro SouthCare. There are great things in store for the future of this life-saving organisation." says Snowy Hydro SouthCare Chairman David Marshall.

Members of the media are welcome to attend.

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