

## Media release

# Local charity event raises over \$11,000 for rural doctors

The Bush Bash for Bush Doctors fundraising event held recently at Brookfield Hall was a huge success, raising over \$11,000 for Rural Doctors Foundation.

Business Network International (BNI) Oasis hosted a fun evening that included live entertainment, bush dancing, amazing raffle prizes and a delicious menu, all in the name of fundraising for our rural doctors.

The MC for the evening was Tony Meredith, who kept the evening rolling along, culminating in an auction that raised more than \$1,300.

Among the attendees was Dr Christian Rowan, State Member for Moggill and Shadow Minister for Education and the Arts. Christian addressed the crowd highlighting the importance of keeping our rural doctors in rural communities, to ensure that those living in the bush get access to the same level of healthcare that we enjoy living close to the city.

The funds raised on the night will go towards keeping our rural doctors in our rural communities by providing much needed equipment and support.

Fran Avon, CEO of Rural Doctors Foundation, attended the event alongside Executive Assistant, Janelle McCarron.

“We both enjoyed the evening immensely,” Fran says. “We were kept busy behind the bar, making sure the thirsty crowd were well watered. Bush dancing is great exercise, and so much fun. We are very grateful to BNI Oasis for their hard work and generosity in supporting the work of Rural Doctors Foundation. It was so great to see everyone, young and old having such a wonderful time.”

Rural Doctors Foundation is a rural health charity. We exist to give more Australians in rural and remote regions better access to lifesaving healthcare. As rural doctors and community members, we care deeply about the places where we live and work.

We see health inequities every day. There are fewer services. As well as fewer resources and fewer health professionals in the bush. And as a result, this has a great impact on disease, life expectancy, and mental wellbeing.

Rural Doctors Foundation acknowledges the ongoing dedication of rural doctors, their colleagues, family and community members to provide caring, committed health care in Rural Australia. The Foundation supports and encourages their ability to connect with each other to overcome adversity, focusing on better health outcomes for generations of Rural Australians.

We acknowledge and extend our sincere respect and appreciation to the Turrbal People – the traditional Owners of the land on which our office is located. We also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we implement our programs. We acknowledge their connections to land, sea and community. We pay respect to their ancient and continuing cultures, and to their Elders, past and present.

The following representatives are available for interview:

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