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NEW YORK FUNDRAISING FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION



The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Research Foundation hit the streets of New York recently, rubbing shoulders with presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani and the high flyers of the Big Apple.

The occasion? A fundraising dinner to honour Rudy as Honorary Patron of the newly formed Australian Prostate Cancer Society and to raise much needed funds to continue research into cancer, especially prostate and breast cancer.

Scientist Dr Sally Stephenson presented a talk discussing her research towards developing a cancer treatment without negative side-effects. The 47 people present were impressed by her presentation, as they were with Rudy's own story about his battle with prostate cancer, and his generous donation of \$10,000.

The dinner was organised by the Research Foundation and Australian Consul-General in New York and former State Premier Hon John Olsen AO. John Olsen and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Research Foundation Executive Director, Maurice Henderson, have a close relationship which has been strengthened through AMCHAM. Mr Olsen hosted the dinner and liaised with Rudy Giuliani.

Rudy was presented with an oilskin coat at the dinner which was donated by RM Williams. He also offered to host the next dinner from the White House if he is elected President.

The amount of money raised has not yet been finalised, but the event has been deemed a huge success.

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YOU CAN DEPEND ON LEXUS

Lexus has topped the annual JD Power and Associates Vehicle Dependability Survey in the US for the 13th year running, with Buick joining the luxury marque in the top spot.

Lexus scored a maximum five out of five in all four categories: overall dependability, powertrain, body and interior, and features and accessories dependability. The 2007 results saw six Lexus vehicles - the LX 470, GX 470, LS 430, SC 430, GS 300 and GS 430 models - top their respective vehicle categories. The study also found that vehicle models with strong dependability ratings may retain up to 15 per cent more of their value at the time of resale after three years. Lexus Australia Chief Executive John Roca said that Lexus' thirteenth consecutive JD Power award only reinforces the company's commitment to quality luxury motoring.



TOOPS BECOME PART OF THE SOUTH COAST

If you're from the Fleurieu region, the Toop name will be well known to many of you and not through real estate. Toop Motors and the RAA in Victor Harbor have been around a long time! Toop&Toop Real Estate have decided to spread their wings a little bit further and open a new office at Victor Harbor. They are committed to the region, and have purchased a beautiful building with a great history for their office and have a fantastic team on board to service the Fleurieu's real estate clients in both sales and rentals.

Hon Alexander Downer MP officiated at the recent official opening of the new offices on the 28th August. Local identities and the Toop&Toop Fleurieu Team were also there to mark the occasion.

So if you're after advice on any properties, rentals or sales throughout the Fleurieu region, give them a call on 8555 8888 or drop in and visit the Toop&Toop team at 158 Hindmarsh Road, Victor Harbor.



CELEBRATE FINALS FEVER!

On Wednesday 26 September, Champion Events will again be running Adelaide's Original GF Footy Luncheon at the Hilton Adelaide. Helping to celebrate the 2007 Season will be Keith Conlon and Corey Wingard, along with special guests Australian legend & larrikin Max Walker and comedian Peter Dee. Included is a sumptuous luncheon and some surprise guests – this is a must for all serious (and not-so-serious!) football fans! - For bookings call 1300 300 516 or visit <http://www.championgroup.com.au/events/gf/>.

“A little flattery will support a man through great fatigue.”

JAMES MONROE President of the United States, 1817 - 1825

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INTERNODE LUNCHEON – HON ALEXANDER DOWNER MP



Alex Taylor, The Murray Pioneer / Paul Taylor, The Murray Pioneer / Julie Allan, Australia Post / Gavin Green, Plummers Orchards / Peta Matthews, Australia Post



Chris Christous, SES / Gavin Wittenbury, Barlow Shoes



Steve Riley, SA Museum / Margie Andrewartha, Rip It Up Publishing / David Keig, David Keig Executive Management Service



Paul Georgiadis, Fosters / Evan Richards, Global Intertrade
Mandy-Jane Giannopoulos, Arts SA / Manuel Ortigosa, Global Intertrade



Mark Thompson, Lexus / Peter Mullins, Commonwealth Bank
Bernie Crean, Commonwealth Bank



Hon Alexander Downer MP - Minister for Foreign Affairs

speaker profiles

HON PAUL HOLLOWAY MLC - MINISTER FOR MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Minister Holloway is Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council after being appointed in 1995. He is Minister for Police, Minister for Mineral Resources Development, and also Minister for Urban Development and Planning.

A Science graduate with a First Class Honours degree in Electrical Engineering from The University of Adelaide, Minister Holloway also completed an Economics Degree from The University of Adelaide.



MR MICK WILKES - GENERAL MANAGER, OXIANA PROMINENT HILL

Mr Wilkes transferred to South Australia in 2006 to develop the Prominent Hill Project after 22 years experience in mining operations and project development in Australia, Laos, PNG and the UK, including 5 years with Oxiana as a Project Manager and General Manager Operations for the Sepon Mine. Prior to this he worked for 17 years with MIM.

He has a Bachelor of Mining Engineering from the University of Queensland and an MBA from Deakin University.



speaker profiles

MR REG NELSON - MANAGING DIRECTOR, BEACH PETROLEUM

Appointed CEO in 1995 and Managing Director in 2002, Mr Nelson is an exploration geophysicist with 36 years experience in the minerals and petroleum industries. Formerly Chairman, he is now committee member of the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Council.

He is also a director of Ramelius Resources Limited (since 1995) and Monax Mining Ltd (since 2004). Mr Nelson has wide technical expertise and knowledge of the petroleum industry and broad experience in corporate matters.



ROB KELVIN

National Nine News presenter Rob Kelvin is one of Adelaide's best known media personalities.

Rob joined Adelaide's Channel Nine in 1979, first as sports editor and presenter, then in 1983 Rob began presenting National Nine News on weekdays.

He also hosts Out of the Ordinary, a locally made series, which features local stories about ordinary South Australians doing extraordinary things.



today's wine

BLACKWOOD WINES

Nannup is a small, picturesque town, situated in the heart of the South West of Western Australia. It nestles among rolling green hills, bordered by the Blackwood River and is surrounded by farmland and jarrah forest. Blackwood Wines features a winery, restaurant and fine art, complimented by a beautifully landscaped garden. Visit their website at www.blackwoodwines.com.au

2006 FISHBONE CLASSIC WHITE

Semillon Chenin Blanc Chardonnay

The bulk of the grapes for this wine were picked from premium vineyards in Margaret River, Great Southern and the home vineyard in the Blackwood Valley. It contains layers of tropical fruit and passionfruit balanced with crisp lime and citrus. This medal winning wine is at its premium now and is suitable with poached atlantic salmon steaks.

PENNA LANE WINERY

When purchased by Ray and Lynette Klavins, the 35 acre property was covered with salvation jane, truckloads of rubbish, and consisted of a derelict, ancient, dairy/shearing shed and an equally ancient, tumbled down piggery. But... it was in a wonderful location, had fabulous views and would grow good grapes. It just needed huge amounts of work. Transformation of the dairy to the Cellar Door began in 1999 and opened on 1st January 2000. Visit their website at www.pennalanewines.com.au

2004 SHIRAZ PENNA LANE

This vintage is typical of the Penna Lane style. Warm spring and summer temperatures created good ripening conditions for shiraz grapes. The wine was matured for 22 months in a combination of new and older American oak. It may throw a heavy crust as it was bottled unfiltered to preserve the rich, spicy fruit flavours.



profiles

KONICA MINOLTA ANNOUNCES FIVE YEAR DEAL WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Konica Minolta Business Solutions has announced it has won a five year contract as primary multi-functional device (MFD) supplier for the Department of Defence in a national deal.

The announcement was marked by an official ceremonial signing at the Department's Campbell Park offices in Canberra on Wednesday 8th of August. It was attended by Kieran Gleeson, Chief Operating Officer, Defence Support Group, Department of Defence, and Mr Hiro Kaji, Managing Director for Konica Minolta Business Solutions.

Commenting on the win, Mr Hiro Kaji said, "We are extremely pleased to have entered into this partnership with the Department of Defence and will strive to provide the highest level of service with our dedicated team, created specifically to manage the account. We look forward to a long-lasting and successful relationship with the Department."



next internode luncheon

HYATT REGENCY
FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER - 11.45AM - 2.00PM

FAMILY WINERIES ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF SA



SPEAKERS:

John and Victoria Angove
Angove's Wines

Craig and Lucy Willson
Bremerton Wines

diary dates

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER - ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

AmCham Breakfast Seminar, "Marketing on a Shoestring"

Don Keady CEO, Australian Institute of Sales, Marketing & Management, Marketing Expert and Author

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 6PM - SEBEL PLAYFORD

AmCham Business Dinner, "Celebration of Young Entrepreneurship"

Jud Bowman is Chief Technology Officer & General Manager, Media & Entertainment for US company, Motricity. **Alan Noble** is Engineering Director for Google Australia. The speakers will talk about their journeys as well as their successes.

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER - HYATT REGENCY

AmCham Breakfast Seminar, "Prepare to Win"

Derrick McManus is the STAR police officer who was shot 14 times in the Barossa in 1994 and left to die. Instead his recovery is an inspiration of what can be achieved by sheer guts and setting achievable goals.