

# Media Release

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## **2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball raises more than \$100,000**

The 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball has been hailed as another tremendous success with more than \$100,000 raised for four local beneficiaries.

The funds raised at the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball will be split evenly between Gladstone Mindcare, Nhulundu Health Service, Roseberry Qld and The Zonta Club of Gladstone.

Almost 450 people attended the 29 May event at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, enjoying the 'Starry Night' theme while being entertained by live and silent auctions, games and headline act *The Hamilton Band*, who were supported by local musicians Leanne Brooker and Clare Evans.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said he was hopeful that a significant amount of money would be raised from the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball once he heard tickets had sold out within an hour.

"It's my pleasure to announce that \$101,564.60 was raised at the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball, which far exceeded expectations," Councillor Burnett said.

"If you add that figure onto the \$391,801 we've already raised across four previous events since 2013, we're looking at close to half a million dollars (\$493,366.41) raised for local beneficiaries during that time, which is just fantastic.

"The night was another great success and helped raise vital funds for four very worthy local beneficiaries – Gladstone Mindcare, Nhulundu Health Service, Roseberry Qld and The Zonta Club of Gladstone.

"It was encouraging to see tickets sell out so quickly and that enthusiasm continued on the night itself with many people digging deep to support the beneficiaries.

"Of course, events like this are not made possible without the generous support of sponsors and supporters, especially Santos GLNG who have been on this journey since the beginning.

"Thank you to all Platinum, Diamond, Gold and Silver sponsors, and all other supporters who also contributed on the night."

Cr Burnett also thanked Council's Events Team for organising the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball and said he looked forward to seeing each of the four beneficiaries use their raised funds to benefit the community.

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“All four beneficiaries provide invaluable services to our community, and funds raised will ensure they can continue to build empowered, resilient communities within our region,” he said.

“These services include; working to advance the status of women locally and worldwide (The Zonta Club of Gladstone), providing information and support for mental health, alcohol and other drug challenges to the Gladstone community (Gladstone Mindcare), supporting young people and families who are experiencing difficulty (Roseberry Qld) and making a positive difference in the lives of Indigenous community members (Nhulundu Health Service).”

## WHERE WILL THE MONEY GO?

### Gladstone Mindcare

- Grow their social connection activities
- Provide an interactive board within the Gladstone Mindcare hub for the Gladstone community to interact with to provide constant feedback, ideas and involvement in continuously improving mental health, alcohol and other drugs service system in Gladstone
- Establish a space for the Gladstone community to access telehealth for mental health.

Nhulundu Health Service (Gladstone Regional Aboriginal and Islander Community Controlled Health Service Limited – GRAICCHS)

- Revamp the back building of GRAICCHS to be a more usable and multi-purpose social space for community engagement and programs
- The back building will undergo a makeover to make it a more welcoming, discreet and appropriately resourced social and emotional wellbeing space, complimenting and adding to the programs and services they offer.

### Roseberry Qld (Gladstone)

- Funds raised will go to the Roseberry Dignity Hub
- The Dignity Hub allows vulnerable homeless, or at risk of homelessness, people in the community to access food, launder their clothes and have a shower
- Funds will also allow Roseberry Qld’s Dignity on Wheels to get out and about on streets throughout the Gladstone Region.

### Zonta Club of Gladstone

- Funds will go towards the Zonta Club of Gladstone’s Year 6 Graduates Scholarship Project
- The project identifies needs at the local primary schools who are impacted by economic hardship in order to ensure a smooth transition into high school, equipping them with all the essential needs such as uniforms, shoes, schoolbooks and resources hire
- The Zonta Club of Gladstone is looking to expand this program into high schools.

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