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SERVICE AWARDED

The Governor General recognises those who have served during the first ten years

NATHAN BURGESS - THE 3,000TH PATIENT

Like many 15-year-olds, Nathan Burgess is keen on motorbikes. He has been riding since he was two and a half, works at Gecko Motorcycles and dreams of being a motor mechanic.

On February 17th, during a holiday with his family, Nathan took one bad landing on a jump he had done countless times before. "As soon as I started coming down, I knew it was going to hurt," Nathan says. Having sustained a broken femur and collarbone, Nathan was transported to hospital by the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter as the Service's 3,000th patient. Nathan's father Joel was impressed with the short amount of time it took for the helicopter to arrive at the scene. As he puts it, "There is good in our health system."



Wayne Evans, Greg Rochford, Craig Thomas, Trevor Stohr, Governor General Michael Jeffery, Simon Corbell, Ken Lister, Damian McMahon and David Marshall.

Governor General and Chief Ambassador for Snowy Hydro SouthCare, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC, hosted a reception at Government House on February 14 to celebrate ten years of service to the community by the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Aero-medical and Rescue Helicopter Service. His Excellency presented awards to representatives of the dedicated groups that make up and contribute to the Service.

In presenting the awards His Excellency said, "The awards received today reflect the excellent service provided by the paramedics, doctors, pilots and aircrewmembers. Nor should we underestimate the contribution of sponsors, community groups and other donors who have

contributed financial support to the operation of the Service. Without these contributions, the Service could not operate. And I again commend the ACT and NSW Governments for their ongoing support.

"In my recent Australia Day message, I said that during our last year in office, Marlena and I wanted to encourage all Australians to care for ourselves, for one another, for our nation and for the land we are so lucky in which to live. The Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter fulfills this vision admirably. I congratulate the many people who contribute to its activities, and wish you every success for the future as you go about this important work."

CELEBRITY BALLROOM

Call now to reserve your tickets for an unforgettable night - (02) 6207 8375



Luda Kroitor and Oliver Pineda, five-time World Salsa Champions and special guest performers at the 2008 Celebrity Ballroom.



Michael Milton with dance partner Fiona McFarlane at the '07 Celebrity Ballroom.

The social highlight of the year will take place on Saturday, May 3, when celebrities take to the dance floor for Celebrity Ballroom 2008. Each participating celebrity will perform a Ballroom and a Latin American routine with a professional dance instructor from Danzon Social Dancing Australia. This year's celebrities include: Lisa Ridgley from Mix 106.3; Mario SanFrancisco from LJ Hooker Tuggeranong; Ondina, Stylist to the Stars; Steve Whan MP, State Member for Monaro; Leanne Close, AFP Commander; Tom Snow, Canberra International Airport Executive Director; Jessica Good, WIN News presenter; and John Hargreaves MLA, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services. All routines are choreographed by Marko Pekkarinen, a finalist in the ABC series *Strictly Dancing*.

A special highlight of the evening will be the performance of five-time World Salsa Champions and *Dancing With the Stars* grand finalist, Luda Kroitor, and her partner, Oliver Pineda. Luda and Oliver will also conduct salsa-dancing workshops for beginners and advanced students on Sunday, May 4, for \$40 per person.

Celebrity Ballroom is sponsored by Canberra Milk and will be held at the National Convention Centre with all proceeds going towards the Service. Tickets are \$130 per person with corporate tables for ten available for \$2,000. Attendees will receive pre-dinner drinks, canapés, a three-course meal and the opportunity to rub shoulders with our favourite local celebrities. Call now to reserve your tickets at (02) 6207 8375.

A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN - DAVID MARSHALL

It has been an extremely busy quarter for Snowy Hydro SouthCare. Not only has the helicopter performed 94 life-saving and rescue missions over the last 85 days, but when not being called upon to rescue someone, the helicopter has also attended many school visits and public activities.

It was great to see so many people at Base Open Day, particularly those who have been helped by the helicopter's highly trained and dedicated crew. Thank you to Slaven Mazda for their generous support, which made this event possible.

On behalf of the Board and staff, I would like to welcome two new sponsors, the Capital Chemist Group and the John James Memorial Foundation. In addition, a continued thanks to all our volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of the general public at our events.



BASE OPEN DAY

The 2008 Base Open Day was an outstanding success with over 6,000 visitors



Photo by Patrick Gallagher

The Canberra Harley Owners Group (a.k.a. CHOG) provided Harley rides for all at Base Open Day in return for a gold coin donation to the Service.



Photo by Patrick Gallagher

Many young visitors enjoyed the patting paddock at the 2008 Base Open Day.

With sunny blue skies overhead Snowy Hydro SouthCare welcomed thousands of visitors for the 2008 Base Open Day.

The event, held on February 24, was sponsored by Slaven Mazda as part of the inaugural Snowy Hydro SouthCare Week, celebrating ten years of service and 3,000 life-saving missions.

Mums, dads and kids alike enjoyed the various activities set up in and around the hangar. ACT Emergency Services provided impressive displays of vehicles and equipment with a challenging ropes course for youngsters to test their skills on. The more adventurous enjoyed a helicopter ride or jumped on the back of a Harley Davidson.

For the young and the young at heart there was the patting paddock, kids' amusements and face-painting.

Inside the hangar, children enjoyed colouring-in and balloons after exploring the scale model of the Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter and other hand-painted helicopter models made by local enthusiasts. A Hughes 500 helicopter also dropped in for the day. Volunteers were kept busy by the constant stream of people lining up to view the inside of Snowy Hydro SouthCare's Bell 412 rescue helicopter and meet its dedicated crew.

During the afternoon, several special groups were recognised for their contributions to the Service: the National

Service and Combined Forces Association and Mr Michael Adler were each presented with a framed photograph of the helicopter in recognition of their \$2,000 donations to Snowy Hydro SouthCare. The 2008 Base Open Day sponsor, Slaven Mazda, was also recognised for the generous contribution of \$6,000 to make this community event possible. Michael Rolfe, the Principal of Slaven Mazda, accepted a framed photograph on behalf of his staff and said, "It was a fantastic day for a good cause. More people need to be aware of the Service and should become involved in some way to help."

A special thank-you to all the volunteers, sponsors and donors who contributed to making the day a fantastic success.

JOHN JAMES GIVES

The John James Memorial Foundation donates \$50,000 to the Service



The John James facilities in Deakin.



John James Memorial Foundation Chairman Dr Peter Yorke completing a demonstration for medical students from James Cook University.

A note from the John James Memorial Foundation, a sponsor of Snowy Hydro SouthCare:

The John James Memorial Foundation was first established in 1966 by a group of motivated local doctors who felt it was time Canberrans had access to the choice and benefits of a private hospital. The John James Memorial Hospital, named in memory of one of Canberra's pioneer doctors, was the result. The Hospital opened in 1970 and has provided outstanding private hospital care to patients in and around Canberra for almost 40 years.

However, by 2006, it had become uneconomic for the Foundation to continue to run the hospital business. In

October 2006 Calvary Private Health Care (the owners of Calvary Private) purchased the business, renamed it the Calvary John James Hospital, and have now become one of the Foundation's tenants on the John James Healthcare Campus in Deakin.

Following the sale, the Foundation was left with minimal debt, a large landholding in Deakin and a healthy income-stream from 15 individual medical tenants. It has over 120 specialist Doctor Members and is a not-for-profit health promotion charity. Through the generosity of its specialist Doctor Membership, the Foundation is also establishing a range of programs that will see its members providing services, on a regular volunteer basis. These services will be offered to remote and rural areas

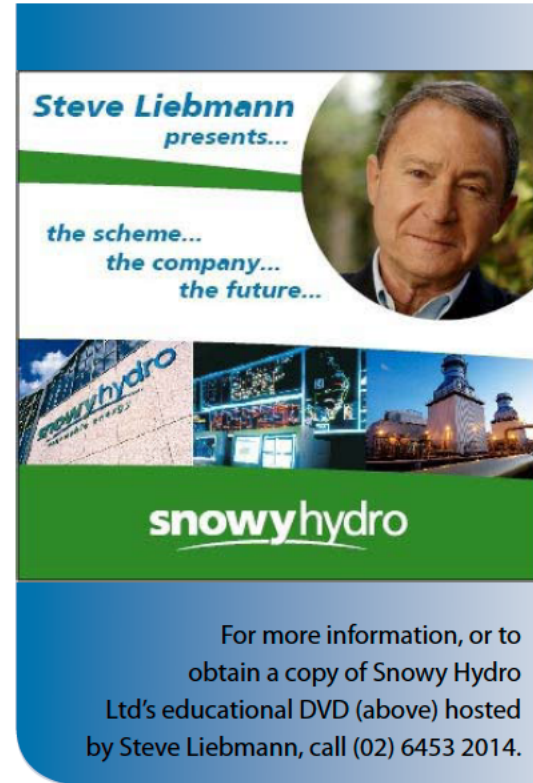
of Australia and provide a range of educational opportunities for medical and nursing students with a desire to work in those areas. Having previously had only one focus—the running of a private hospital—the Foundation now faces an exciting future in establishing a new range of charitable activities. With a dedicated board, management and membership, the Foundation looks forward to making an extremely valuable contribution to the local Canberra and broader community for many years to come.

Thus the Foundation is proud to be able to support the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter, which provides an extremely valuable and indeed life-saving service to everyone living in the Canberra region.

IN FEBRUARY, THE JOHN JAMES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION BECAME A SPONSOR OF SNOWY HYDRO SOUTHCARE BY GIVING \$50,000 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICE

SNOWY HYDRO LTD

An update from our major and naming-rights sponsor



For more information, or to obtain a copy of Snowy Hydro Ltd's educational DVD (above) hosted by Steve Liebmann, call (02) 6453 2014.

As a result of the findings from an independent community survey conducted last year, Snowy Hydro Ltd has produced a community DVD titled "The Scheme – The Company – The Future", which provides accurate and up-to-date information to the local community about the company and the Scheme. The DVD is presented by well-known and locally born television identity, Steve Liebmann, who grew up in Cooma while the Scheme was being built. Steve is one of the nation's most respected broadcasters and TV-anchors and was co-host of the long-running Nine Network "Today" program for over 20 years.

The DVD includes information about the Scheme, the Snowy Hydro Company and the National Electricity Market in which

Snowy Hydro Ltd operates. Steve also talks about water, gas developments, the growth in demand for electricity and extensive maintenance undertaken by Snowy Hydro Ltd on the Scheme. There are also interviews with employees from all areas of the company.

It is important that the community understands the operations of the Scheme and how the company has changed and evolved over the years. This is essential to further improve our relationship with the local community and ensure that any future community discussion on Snowy Hydro Ltd is conducted with informed understanding. The DVD should assist in meeting the information needs of our local community in an easy-to-

understand format that can be viewed in your own home. It presents the facts to the community so that next time you may be talking to a Snowy Hydro Ltd employee, whether it is your neighbour or friend, you will have a better understanding of the tremendous job they do, the complexity of the market Snowy Hydro Ltd operates in and be better informed about the company today and into the future.

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the DVD, contact 1800 623 776. If you would like to join our business update list to receive the latest Snowy Hydro Ltd information, call (02) 6453 2014. Comments and feedback are also appreciated and can be emailed to communityfeedback@snowyhydro.com.au.

THANK YOU!

Sponsors, donors and volunteers make this rescue service possible

A TIP FROM OUR SPONSOR

Are you feeling the financial squeeze? With interest rates having risen considerably over the last 12 months more of us are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

When times get tough we tend to overuse credit cards and let too many bills pile up. The following tips can help you avoid falling into the debt trap:

- Draw up a budget – check out www.somb.com.au for budgeting tips.
- Build up an emergency fund – even a little can go a long way.
- Avoid impulse buying – buy what you need not what you want.
- Pay the balance of your credit card off each month.
- Consider consolidating your debts – one low-rate credit card or personal loan can save you.

Find more tips on managing financial difficulty at www.somb.com.au



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MISSION ALERT SERVICE

For a trial period, Snowy Hydro SouthCare is initiating a Mission Alert Service. The system will alert subscribers to the details of rescue missions as they are being completed through a brief text message to your mobile phone.

If you would like to subscribe to our Mission Alert Service during this free trial period, simply email your name and mobile number to snowyhydrosouthcare@bigpond.com. You can unsubscribe at anytime by calling (02) 6207-8375.

FIND OUT WHERE THE SNOWY HYDRO SOUTHCARE HELICOPTER IS HEADED WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE SKY - SIGN UP FOR OUR MISSION ALERT SERVICE TODAY



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YOUR MILK MONEY

Buying Canberra Milk is a simple way to support Snowy Hydro SouthCare



Many people are keen to support Snowy Hydro SouthCare but aren't sure where to start. One great place to begin is in your local grocery store.

Canberra Milk has been a major sponsor of Snowy Hydro SouthCare since 2000 and donates five cents to the Service for every 300ml carton of milk sold. In addition, Canberra Milk supports the Snowy Hydro SouthCare school visit program so children from our community can have the opportunity to see the helicopter up close and learn more about safety.

As if that weren't enough, Canberra Milk is also sponsoring the 2008 Celebrity Ballroom event being held on Saturday, May 3, at the National Convention Centre

in Canberra (details on page 3).

As Garry Sykes, the Managing Director of Canberra Milk, puts it, "Our company is proud to support the activities of an organisation that does so much for the community and, most importantly, saves people's lives on a regular basis."

Snowy Hydro SouthCare could not exist without the support of donors and sponsors such as Canberra Milk, and the time and effort they take to show the community they care.

Next time you're in the milk aisle picking up a carton, help support your local rescue helicopter service by picking Canberra Milk. Your milk money can help save lives.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

There are many ways to get involved with Snowy Hydro SouthCare. From volunteering to making a donation or becoming a corporate sponsor, there is something for everyone. Getting involved is as easy as filling in your details on the right and returning the form to: Snowy Hydro SouthCare, P.O. Box 311, Curtin ACT 2605. Alternatively, contact our staff directly at (02) 6207 8375 for more information.

***All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax-deductible and can be made by cheque, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Amex or Diners Club cards.*

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- I would like to **DONATE** to Snowy Hydro SouthCare (enter details below).
- I want to know more about becoming a **VOLUNTEER**.
- Add my mobile to your **MISSION ALERT SERVICE** (details pg. 7).
- I am interested in finding out more about **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP**.
- Please email me the Snowy Hydro SouthCare **E-NEWSLETTER**, Rotor Wrap.

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