

GNO Christmas Wishing Tree To Be Launched At Christmas Event

Echuca and district women are gearing up for next month's Girls Night Out Christmas Function.

The event will see mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and girlfriends from across the region gather for a massive 'ladies only night' at Radcliffe's on Wednesday December 3rd.

All proceeds raised on the night will go towards the Echuca Regional Health Oncology Department Supportive Care Program which was established by the Girls Night Out committee in conjunction with the hospital at the beginning of the year.

So far three Girls Night Out events have been held this year, raising a total of more than \$33,000 for the support fund.

Girls Night Out committee member Belinda Jones-Bird said the Christmas event would be a **massive** night, with around 400 women expected to attend.

"The highlight of the event will be the launch of the Girls Night Out Christmas Wishing Tree," Ms Jones-Bird said.

"The GNO Christmas Wishing Tree will not only support and represent those in the community living with cancer, but also the magic and spirit of Christmas and the secret hopes and dreams of Echuca and District women."

Ms Jones-Bird said people wishing to support the initiative would be invited to write their wishes onto a small envelope containing their offering and tie it to the branches of the tree.

She said the tree would be at Radcliffe's on the night of the event and then at the office of State MP Paul Weller at 26 Percy St, until Christmas Eve, when the donations would be tallied and presented to the hospital.

"By tradition, those who make offerings to a Wish Tree do so in the hope of gaining fulfilment of their wish.

"We know from past events that there are many in the community who will be hoping for their wish to come true and we everyone to consider adding their wish and offering to the tree."

Tickets for the GNO Christmas function are expected to sell out quickly, so hurry to secure your place.

\$35 gets you a ticket to the event, champagne, nibbles and entertainment provided by the fabulous local band Real Sisters.

\$20 from every ticket will go directly towards the ERH Oncology Department Supportive Care Program.

The function starts at 5.45pm and will conclude at 7.30pm. Ladies are encouraged to stay on for a light dinner and further frivolity at the official conclusion of the event.