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Girls Night Out

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GIRLS NIGHT OUT GEARS UP FOR A LAZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Echuca-Moama *Girls Night Out* (GNO) will celebrate several key milestones when it hosts a *Lazy Sunday Afternoon* this weekend at The Pavilion.

In three and a half years, eight GNO events have attracted more than 2400 ladies and raised a massive \$100,000 for Echuca Regional Health's oncology department.

Funds raised are used to provide extra care and financial support for local men and women living with cancer through counselling, wigs, alternative therapies, lymphoedema sleeves, fuel cards, accommodation, rental assistance, home care and child care.

GNO committee member Leonie Canham said Sunday's event was expected to raise the fundraising tally to at least \$110,000.

Ms Canham said the success of the concept was beyond their wildest dreams.

"When the GNO initiative began in early 2008, its primary focus was on celebrating women and all the amazing work they do in their relationships, in their families, in their communities and in their own lives - if we raised a few dollars along the way that was just a bonus," she said.

"We could never have predicted people would embrace it so wholeheartedly and take such ownership of the GNO concept.

"It has been completely overwhelming and a wonderful reflection of the generous community in which we live."

Ms Canham said GNO had become an 'institution' of sorts to Echuca-Moama & district women and the model was being replicated in communities across the state.

"Kyabram and Deniliquin have launched their own GNO committees and Ballarat will join the ranks with its first function in October this year," she said.

"Each group is raising vital dollars that stay within their local communities to assist people living with cancer. It's a simple concept, but it's delivering staggering results."

Ms Canham said the Echuca-Moama GNO committee was incredibly grateful that so many women in the community were embracing the cause with such warmth and generosity

"It honestly is the most amazing experience to see what the power of women can achieve," she said.

"These events would be nothing without the ongoing support of women in the community and the incredible generosity of local businesses that sponsor GNO."

The GNO *Lazy Sunday Afternoon* will be held at The Pavilion on Sunday 21 August from 3pm to 6pm.

Tickets are \$40 and include finger food, champagne and live entertainment by singer/songwriter Benny Walker.

Tickets are available from www.stickytickets.com.au/6039 or at the office of Paul Weller, 26 Percy Street, Echuca.

For further information phone Leonie Canham on 0407 360 884.