



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CASTLE HILL RSL, HILLS SHIRE TIMES AND CASTLE TOWERS PLANS FUNDRAISING BENEFIT FOR VICTORIAN BUSH FIRE APPEAL**

Castle Hill RSL, Hills Shire Times and Castle Towers are planning a Fundraising Benefit Dinner to raise money for the victims of the devastating bushfires that have raged the past few days across many parts of Victoria.

The benefit dinner will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from 6.30pm to 10.30pm including 3 course meal, beer, wine and softdrink. Tickets are \$100 each.

A number of fundraising activities will be conducted including raffles and auctions. Prize donations are welcome from the Hills Business Community.

The event will also feature a special live performance by the Beatnix.

Castle Hill RSL Group General Manager David O'Neil said he expects many Castle Hill RSL members, the community and local business representatives to attend the dinner to boost the fundraising efforts.

Castle HILL RSL Group President and Warren Glenny said: "The devastation that has filled our TV screens and radios the past two days is beyond comprehension. It's such a helpless feeling; all we can do is help raise as much money as possible for those people who have lost everything they previously had".

"All money raised will be donated to the Red Cross, who are co-ordinating the Victorian Government's Bushfire Appeal".

"The Red Cross is doing a fantastic job on the ground providing food, water and shelter as well as comfort to the victims, while the Country Fire Authority (CFA) continue to fight the fires".

"I would hope that despite the uncertain economic time now facing corporate Australia, that many businesses and community members will recognise the devastation of Australia's worst ever natural disaster far outweighs all other concerns".



For information on donating to the Benefit Dinner for Victorian Bush Fire Victims please call our friendly reception team on 88584800.

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## THE BEATNIX PROFILE

The Beatnix concept was conceived and assembled in March 1980 by founding member Tony Dean as a live performance entity. This puts it amongst the longest running Beatles Tribute Shows in the world. It is certainly the premier Beatles Show Down under. Through the years band membership has rolled over, thus retaining the fresh young sound whilst maintaining the experience of the management.

The Beatnix show includes fully authentic period musical instruments as used by The Beatles. These include very rare and valuable guitars by Gretsch, Hofner, Rickenbacker, Gibson, and drums by Ludwig, the Beatnix have the real vintage equipment. This combined with period Beatle suits and Sgt Pepper outfits give you the complete Beatles experience. You will believe you are seeing the real Beatles. The Beatnix have performed internationally and domestically from large venues to smaller intimate bookings.

There have also been many television performances including Hey Hey Its' Saturday, The Midday Show, Good Morning Australia, Simon Townsends' Wonderworld, Donnie Sutherlands' Sounds, and appearances at Beatle festivals in Adelaide, Melbourne, Auckland and four Beatleffests in Sydney. The Beatnix have also been professionally recorded on the notable "It's for you" lost Beatles tracks album, "Stairways to heaven" with the "Money or the gun" album and numerous T.V. and radio commercials including The Soothers ad, Arnott's Shapes, Browns Choc and you may have seen the "Hertz" ad with the guys [complete with bass drum] in the print media.