



4th Annual  
Greystanes  
Gala Dinner



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Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

## **Greystanes Disability Services'**

### **4th Annual Gala Dinner**

As Patron of Greystanes Disability Services, I am indeed pleased to extend warm greetings to all guests at the 4th Annual Greystanes Gala Dinner.

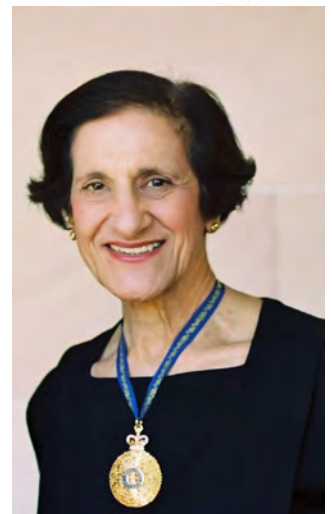
Greystanes Disability Services' noble mission is to "support people's abilities with quality services, to enable them to live an equitable life in the community." I believe that you will see tonight, from the presentations and information provided, that Greystanes is dedicated to achieving this vision and to supporting people with disability to live full, happy lives as individuals with security, opportunity, dignity and community engagement.

For almost 60 years, Greystanes Disability Services has provided support and services to people with multiple disabilities and high support needs. Over that time, the organisation has evolved and changed in response to the wishes and needs of people with disability and their families. Now, Greystanes provide a range of flexible, community-based services to people in the Blue Mountains and Nepean regions as well as further afield through Megalong Positioning Service, Greystanes' seating and positioning enterprise. This is an exceptional service of commitment to one's fellows.

I warmly congratulate all involved in making this Gala Dinner possible, including Greystanes' sponsors and supporters, and I encourage everyone to have a wonderful evening while supporting this worthy organisation.

My best wishes are with you all.

Professor Marie R Bashir AC  
CVO Governor of New South Wales



# Welcome

On behalf of the Directors of the Greystanes Foundation, I wish to welcome you to the 4th annual Greystanes Gala Dinner held at Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort and Spa.

It is a privilege to witness the generous support of the greater Blue Mountains and Nepean communities. I feel that this dinner is a wonderful reflection of our region's spirit and the true commitment we share in facilitating social inclusion, equal opportunity and meaningful engagement for people with disability.

Firstly, I wish to thank our wonderful sponsors. As in years past, Da-Mell Air-Conditioning and Heating are the Gold Sponsor of this event. My deepest thanks to John Mellors, Tania Pearce and the team at Da-Mell for their genuine and forthcoming support and the partnership they share with Greystanes Disability Services. This year, we welcome Blue Eco Homes as our Silver Sponsor. Blue Eco Homes have demonstrated their support for Greystanes Disability Services over the years and we thank them for their generous sponsorship of tonight's dinner. We also wish to give our thanks to Scenic World, Access Vehicles Australia and Freedom Motors Australia for their support as Bronze Sponsors. And finally, we would like to thank Lilianfels Resort and Spa for their continued support, making it possible for us to hold our Gala Dinner in this beautiful venue once again this year.

The proceeds of tonight's fundraiser will be directed entirely to Greystanes Disability Services, our region's local charity for the past 60 years. Greystanes is a leader in providing disability services that put people with disability and their families at the centre. The organisation is dedicated to facilitating choice and control for people with disability and their families and Greystanes aims to support people to take part in meaningful activities and to be included in this wonderful community.

Tonight would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, the many businesses and individuals who have donated prizes for our auctions and you, for demonstrating your support by attending tonight. Thanks are also due to the Directors of the Greystanes Foundation, the members of the Fundraising and Events Committee and CEO John Le Breton, along with his enthusiastic and energetic team, for working together to make tonight's dinner a success. I also wish to thank Mr Ray Wiles for once again bringing his charm and skill as tonight's Master of Ceremonies and thanks to the always entertaining Malcolm Nicholson and Alan Gregory for conducting the auction.

Finally, please know that all of us at Greystanes do not take your support for granted and that your presence here tonight and your continued support inspires us in our work to support people's abilities with quality services so that everyone can live an equitable life in the community.



Pauline Neall  
Chairperson, Greystanes Foundation



# **Order of Proceedings**

## **Pre-Dinner Drinks**

Please join us in the lounge for pre-dinner drinks  
Music performed by Blue Mountains Grammar School String Quartet  
Silent and Live Auction items can be viewed in the Wollemi Room

## **Entrée**

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country  
*by Ray Wiles, Master of Ceremonies*  
Pauline Neall  
*Chairperson, Greystanes Foundation*  
Roza Sage, MP  
*Member for Blue Mountains, Representing the Hon Andrew Constance MP,  
Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services*

## **Main Course**

John Le Breton  
*CEO, Greystanes Disability Services*  
Graeme Innes AM  
*Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission*  
Mark Heinz  
*Corporate Services Manager, Greystanes Disability Services*  
Carolyn Quinn  
*Parent, Consultant and Disability Advocate*

## **Dessert**

Silent Auction Closes  
Live Auction  
*Conducted by Auctioneers Malcolm Nicholson and Alan Gregory*  
Raffle Draw  
*Drawn by John Mellors of Da-Mell Air-Conditioning and Heating*  
Lucky Door Prize Draw  
*Drawn by Peter Poulos*  
Peter Poulos  
*President, Greystanes Disability Service*

# Guest Speakers

## Graeme Innes AM

### *Australian Disability Discrimination Commissioner*

Graeme Innes has been Australia's Disability Discrimination Commissioner since December 2005. During that time he has also served as Australia's Human Rights Commissioner for three and a half years and as Race Discrimination Commissioner for two years.

Graeme is a Lawyer, Mediator and Company Director. He has been a Human Rights Practitioner for 30 years in NSW, WA and nationally.

As Commissioner, Graeme has led or contributed to the success of a number of initiatives. These have included the Same Sex: Same Entitlements inquiry, which resulted in removal of discrimination across federal law; the drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and its ratification by Australia.

Graeme was also crucial to the development of the National Disability Strategy and the Disability (Access to Premises – buildings) Standards 2010; as well as the establishment of Livable Housing Australia.

Graeme has been an active high profile advocate for the implementation of cinema captioning and audio descriptions and, as Human Rights Commissioner, undertook three annual inspections of Australia's Immigration Detention facilities.

Graeme has been a Member of the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal; the NSW Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal; and the Social Security Appeals Tribunal. He has also been a Hearing Commissioner with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

Graeme was Chair of the Disability Advisory Council of Australia, and the first Chair of Australia's national blindness agency, Vision Australia.

In 1995 Graeme was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). In 2003, he was a finalist for Australian of the Year.

Graeme is married with an adult son and a daughter in high school. He enjoys cricket (as a spectator) and sailing (as a participant), and relaxes by drinking fine Australian white wine.



## Carolyn Quinn

Carolyn Quinn is the proud mum of Tim, aged 24, and Emily, aged 19. She is a passionate advocate for her children who have intellectual and sensory disability, has developed strong networks and frequently presents to diverse audiences on her family's experiences.

Carolyn is currently a member of the NSW Carers Advisory Council and has previous experience on various boards and committees. She is the Principal Consultant of C. Quinn Consultancy Pty Ltd with extensive experience working across the human services sector, both with government and non-government organisations in research, evaluation, professional development and change management.

She has recently been engaged by Mamre House to support the building of an inclusive community and social enterprise hub where people with a disability alongside others in the community have opportunities to explore and develop interests, talents and abilities, make choices and contribute in meaningful roles.

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# Greystanes Foundation



*Supporting Greystanes Disability Services*

## Doesn't everyone have the right to a meaningful life in their community?

Greystanes Disability Services supports people with disabilities to exercise choice and control in their lives and to participate in their local community. At Greystanes, we are committed to person centred service delivery and we support people to take part in meaningful, everyday activities, regardless of their level of ability.

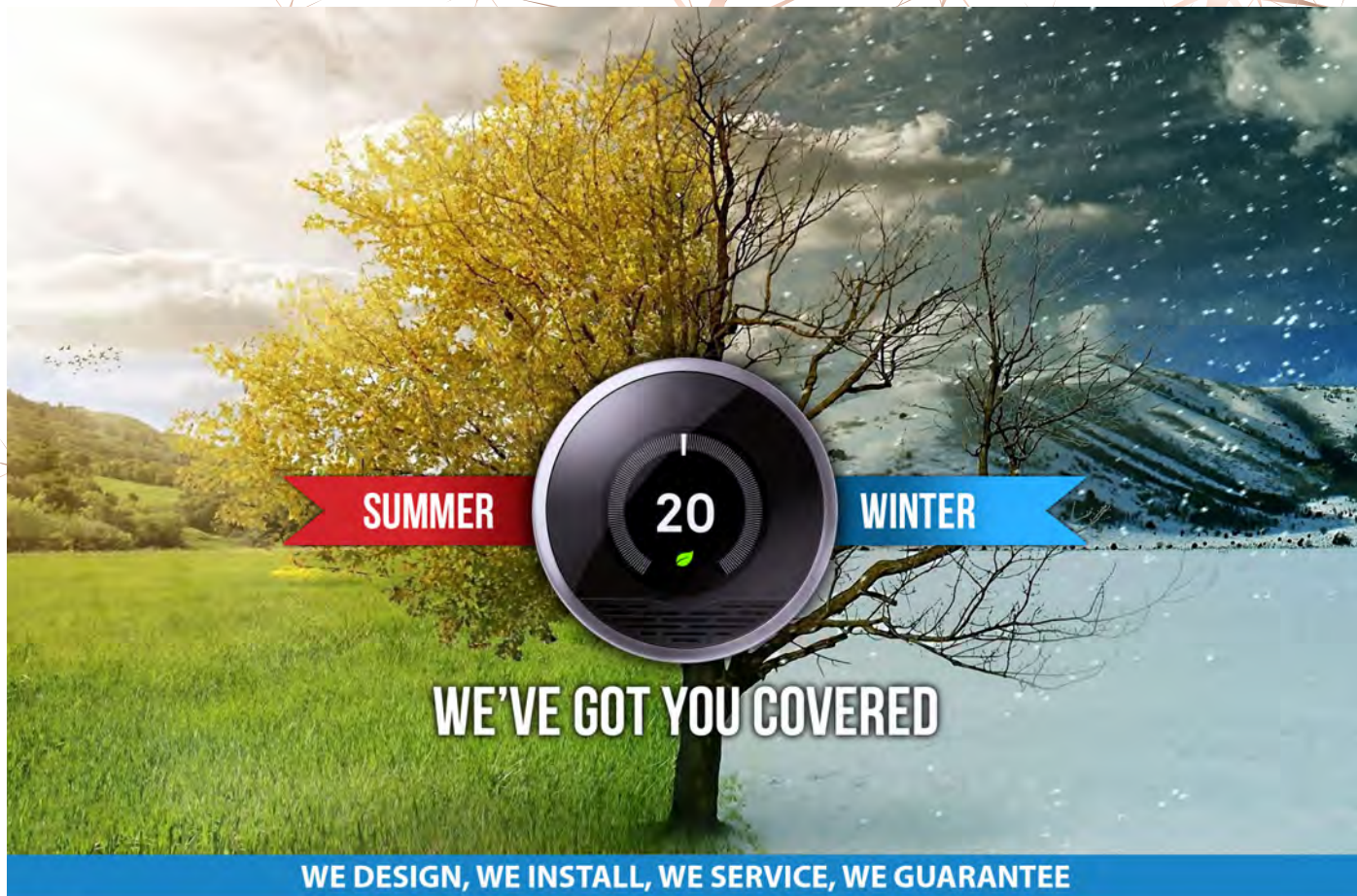


### What Your Support Means

Your support will allow Greystanes to continue to:

- Provide high quality support to people with multiple disabilities and complex health needs
- Facilitate meaningful engagement for people with multiple disabilities in every aspect of their lives
- Advocate for people with disabilities and their families
- Design and manufacture standard and customised seating and positioning equipment for people with disabilities through Megalong Positioning Service [www.megalongpositioning.com.au](http://www.megalongpositioning.com.au)
- Develop specialised training packages and resources for people with disabilities, their families and the disability workers who support them.





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# ***Pledge Balloons***

## ***The Pledge You Make With Your Balloons***

This year, the pledge balloons you buy will support an awareness raising campaign to educate health professionals and families about the importance of positioning equipment on the long term health and quality of life for children and young people with physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy.

For children and young people, having access to the right seating and positioning equipment early in life is important in order to prevent future health issues and to enable greater independence and comfort throughout their lives.

Megalong Positioning Service (MPS), a social enterprise of Greystanes Disability Services, provides this equipment and the individually tailored service needed to ensure the proper fitting of seating and positioning aids. MPS is the only seating and positioning provider that provides a mobile service and can create customised equipment where needed.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), now called DisabilityCare Australia, hands control and choice to people with disability and their families to purchase the services and products they need. In NSW, people with disability in the Hunter region now have access to DisabilityCare Australia.

Your contribution through the purchase of pledge balloons will support MPS in raising awareness of its products and services in the Hunter region of New South Wales, allowing children and young people who are able to access DisabilityCare Australia to purchase the seating and positioning equipment they need.

## ***How to Make a Pledge***

Please make your way to the Greystanes volunteers seated outside the Dining Room to purchase Pledge Balloons.

\$500 and over = Gold Balloon

\$100 and over = Silver Balloon

\$50 and over = Green Balloon

\$20 and over = Red Balloon

\$10 and over = Blue Balloon

Donations of \$500 and over will be announced during the event.

Pledge donations over \$2 are tax deductible

Receipts will be issued after the event by email or post.



# Lucky Door Prizes

## 2 x Boxes Josophan's Fine Chocolates

*Generously donated by Josophan's Fine Chocolates*

## 2 x Robert Gordon Tea Trail Gift Boxed Teacup & Saucer

*"Red & Yellow Rose" and "Blue Rose"*

*Generously donated by Rick Rutherford's Country*

# Raffle Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Braemar gas heating system installed by  
**Da-Mell Air Conditioning & Heating** to the value of \$5,000

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** iPad mini 16GB donated by **Camnet**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Dinner for two at **Pins on Lurline** to the value of \$150

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# Silent Auction Guidelines

To make your bid, in the silent auction, your offer must be higher than the opening bid stated on the auction sheets, and all previous bids for the item.

Please write your name and bidding amount on the sheet displayed on the Silent Auction tables.

The silent bid must be authorised by the bidder.

If you are successful in purchasing an auction item, you must make your payment at the end of the evening to our Greystanes volunteers in the Wollemi Room.

Some Silent Auction items will have validity dates that you should make yourself aware of, and terms and conditions apply to some accommodation packages. Lost vouchers cannot be replaced. Please check your vouchers carefully.

All sales are final. There will be no exchange or refund on goods and services donated or provided in the Silent Auction.

Where possible, it would be appreciated if all auction items are taken on the night. If you are unable to take an item with you, it may be collected from Greystanes. Please call Prue on 02 4784 4554 to arrange collection of your item.

***The Greystanes Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and participation in the 2013 Greystanes Gala Dinner.***

## Silent Auction Items

Item 1

### **Cas and Jonesy Adventure Pack**

Includes signed books and docos of their 62 day Tasman expedition and 3 month Antarctica odyssey - signed book "Extreme South," "Crossing the Ice" DVD, signed book "Crossing the Ditch", and "Crossing the Ditch" DVD

*Generously donated by Cas & Jonesy*

Item 2

### **2 Hour Personalised Computer Skills Training Session**

Learn how to use your computer and its programs more effectively with a personalised training session that can be tailored to your individual needs. Photoshop, InDesign, Excel, or using your iPad/iPhone - anything is possible.

*Generously donated by AMK Training and Consulting*

Item 3

### **2 Hour Personalised Computer Skills Training Session**

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Item 4

**Dinner or lunch for two at Silks Brasserie Leura (value \$100)**

Generously donated by Silks Brasserie Leura

Item 5

**Little Wing Women's Clothing Voucher \$150**

Generously donated by Little Wing Leura

Item 6

**18 Hole Round of Golf for four people and Golf Carts at Leura Golf Club**

Generously donated by Leura Golf Club

Item 7

**Yindi Day Spa Treatment (value \$100)**

Generously donated by Yindi Day Spa, Katoomba

Item 8

**Grand High Tea for 2 at The Carrington**

Generously donated by The Carrington Hotel

Item 9

**Vintage Vase**

Generously donated by Bygone Beautys

Item 10

**Two Tickets to "The Marriage of Figaro" at Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 10 August**

Generously donated by Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

Item 11

**Bundle of colourful patterned fabrics from Cameroon**

5 designs, 100% cotton, each 5.48m in length

Generously donated by John & Wendy Le Breton

Item 12

**One Year Family InSight Membership to Blue Mountains Cultural Centre**

Generously donated by Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

Item 13

**ABCOE \$100 gift voucher**

For use at their Bulk Food, Cleaning & Packaging, or Party & Novelties Warehouse

Generously donated by ABCOE

Item 14

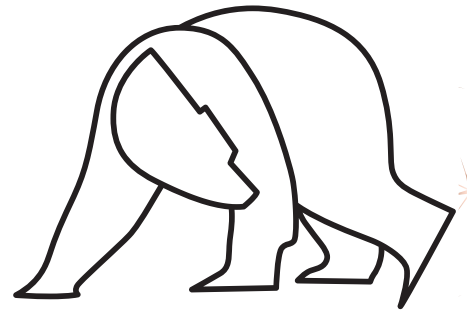
**Framed Vintage Prints "The Find" and "The Finish"**

Generously donated by Bygone Beautys

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## Major Sponsors





Silk's Brasserie Leura



# Live Auction

Item 1

**A 60 min Full Motion Flight Simulation experience for Four People**

*Generously donated by VSJET Full Motion Flight Simulation*

Item 2

**“Blue Mountains - Deep Forest #784”, Blown glass by Keith Rowe**

*Generously donated by a friend and supporter of Greystanes and Lost Bear Gallery*

Item 3

**Two Night Mid-Week Escape Package for Six at Varenna, Leura**

Two night mid-week accommodation package for three couples at Varenna luxury self-contained accommodation. Full breakfast is included, along with port, wine, chocolates, bathrobes, slippers and fresh flowers.

*Generously donated by Mountain Whispers Luxury Accommodation*

Item 4

**Lunch and tour with Roza Sage MP at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney**

*Generously donated by Roza Sage MP, Member for Blue Mountains*

Item 5

**Hewlett Packard Laptop**

650 Dual Core, 4GB RAM, 320GB Hard Drive, with webcam, WIFI and Bluetooth. Ideal for web, email, Skype and word processing.

*Generously donated by Dextralog Computers*

Item 6

**Signed St George Rugby League Club Jersey**

*Generously donated by Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers*

Item 7

**A 60 min Full motion Flight Simulation experience for Four People**

*Generously donated by VSJET Full Motion Flight Simulation*

Item 8

**One Night Indulgence Package for Two, Lilianfels Resort & Spa Blue Mountains**

One night luxury accommodation in an Executive King Suite at Lilianfels with full Breakfast in the Orangery Restaurant, 3 Course Dinner at Darley's Restaurant for two with matching wines and use of the Gym and Spa facilities.

*Generously donated by Lilianfels Resort & Spa Blue Mountains*

Item 9

**“Frisky”, found object sculpture by Ian Swift, and “Avant Guard Dogs”, book of sculptural cartoons by Ian Swift**

*Generously donated by a friend and supporter of Greystanes and Lost Bear Gallery*

# Live Auction

Item 10

**Traditional High Tea for Six plus teapot talk by Maurice Cooper OAM**

*Generously donated by Bygone Beautys*

Item 11

**“Homeland - Among Trees”, Engraved blown glass by Kayo Yokoyama**

*Generously donated by a friend and supporter of Greystanes and Lost Bear Gallery*

Item 12

**Riverside Theatre Tickets package for two to see Hairspray (26 Jul-10 August) and the Wharf Revue (11-14 Sept) at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta**

*Generously donated by Riverside Theatre*

Item 13

**Two Night Mid-Week Luxury Escape Package for Two at Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa**

Two night mid-week luxury accommodation for two in a Heritage Suite with a private pool. Includes gourmet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, non-alcoholic beverages, a select range of local wines and beer with meals and two on-site nature-based activities per day for two.

*Generously donated by Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa*

Item 14

**Four ABCOE Corporate Box VIP passes to Panthers vs North Queensland Cowboys on Sunday 11 August**

*Generously donated by ABCOE*

Item 15

**“Afternoon Light Kings Tableland Wentworth Falls”, Oil Painting by John Wilson**

*Generously donated by John Wilson Gallery*

Item 16

**An opportunity for 6 people to join a truffle making Masterclass at Josophan’s**

Plus a 3 dozen box of Josophan’s handcrafted chocolates to take home tonight!

*Generously donated by Josophan’s Fine Chocolates*

Item 17

**Luncheon and Ship Tour for Ten on the Rhapsody of the Seas Cruise Ship while docked in Sydney**

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### Guest Speakers

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Carolyn Quinn

Roza Sage MP

### Master of Ceremonies

Ray Wiles

### Auctioneers

Malcolm Nicholson & Alan Gregory

### Music

Blue Mountains Grammar String Quartet

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