

GREEK COMMUNITY SUPPORTS HOSPITAL

The Greek community has rallied behind Latrobe Regional Hospital's (LRH) new fundraising campaign, Operation LRH.

The major sponsor of this year's Greek Independence Day dance, Wight's Motor World Traralgon has presented LRH with the proceeds from the fundraiser totalling \$4525.

The fundraising dance was held earlier this year at the Greek Orthodox Church in Morwell, all proceeds from the evening were donated to the hospital.

"Every year the Greek community does a dance to celebrate Greek Independence Day, I thought this year we should donate the money to the hospital," Wight's Motor World Toyota sales manager Nick Marcou said.

"The fundraising concept was embraced by the Greek community, which has promised to run the event again next year and donate the proceeds to Latrobe Regional Hospital's Operation LRH.

"Greek Independence Day is a huge celebration of music, food and drink and it's wonderful to think that we are supporting the hospital at the same time," he said.

Mr Marcou praised the efforts of his mother Christalla Marcou who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

LRH director corporate services Rohan Fitzgerald welcomed the generous donation.

“The money will go towards the Operation LRH campaign, which aims to raise half a million dollars over two years to buy new equipment for the hospital’s operating theatres,” he said.

Mr Fitzgerald attended the fundraiser and said it was a memorable evening.

“The food was delicious, rather than a sit down meal, they served Greek Mezethes, which included eight entrée sized dishes, the food kept coming until midnight,” he said.

“Festivities continued into early hours with music from Greek band, Strofes, there was dancing of the Zorba and of course the night was complete with the obligatory plate-smashing,” he said.

Mr Fitzgerald added it was a creative and wonderful way the community could support their local hospital.

The dance was well supported by all sections of the community and received generous sponsorship from a many Latrobe Valley businesses.

Photo

Cash donation: Wight’s Motor World’s dealer principal Gary Shannahan presents LRH director corporate services Rohan Fitzgerald with the proceeds from the Greek Independence Day Dance.

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