

## **A Right Royal Success**

**The Queens Birthday weekend ‘Living Artist’ right royal cocktail party at Tathra Surf Club was pronounced an outstanding success on a glorious moonlit night.**

The Living Artist Committee praised volunteer event manager Emma Benton’s unerring style along side her enthusiastic organizational skills, which made the night a beauty. The Master of Ceremonies, Ben O’Reilly, was delightful in guiding guests to fabulous prize winnings from the raffles generously donated by local sponsors. The evening flowed onto announcing the successful bidders of the silent art auction. Local artists for the event donated ten specially commissioned pieces.

Prue Acton, President of Far South Coast Living Artists Projects Inc. welcomed the crowd of around 120 and spoke of the critical place of the artist in society as they pursue the question of what makes something, some place, someone beautiful. She spoke of how they communicate that understanding via their art or design and of the part they play in the community and the economy of the Far South Coast.

The cocktail bar proved a huge hit with Mark Whitbread, Kate Moorhead and Lisa Lewington whipping up some amazing delicacies. With many tantalising cocktails on offer, Cosmopolitans, Champagne Cocktails and Hazelnut Kisses proved to be the favourites of the evening. Scrumptious canapés were plentiful from The Red Café and complimented the exotic concoctions perfectly.

Coroneted with beautifully fashioned crowns from the new florist in Bega, Entwinedesigns, and presented with cocktail inspired silver ring and cufflinks by Cardog Designs, the Princess and Prince of the Night against some stiff competition, were a behatted Christopher Phillips from Tathra and Suzanne Whyte of Cobargo. Suzanne, who was draped glamorously in red velvet, is married to Cobala Workshop Sculptor, Peter Whyte who donated a very popular piece in the silent auction.

Music set the mood with the Sugar Daddies, Andrew Gray, Dave and Marty Hibbert escorting the crowd around the dance floor. Trish & Peter Howard, local dance instructors, demonstrated various styles and introduced the tango.

The Living Artist Committee would like to thank all of the guests, sponsors, artists and volunteers for making the event such a success and look forward to announcing the recipient for the Living Artist Scholarship in 2010 and other exciting fundraising events.

Prue Acton

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