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COAST CHARITY EVENT ATTRACTS TOP CELEBRITIES

Raise much-needed funds for Coast children's charity, SunnyKids, while rubbing shoulders with Australia's sporting elite and a whole host of celebrities at the new, sports-themed, Corporate Lunch at Crowne Plaza's Ball Room, following the BOQ Maroochydore third annual Celebrity Charity Golf Day, Pelican Waters Golf Club, Friday, 3 December 2010.

With a career in journalism spanning over 30 years, Australian television icon **Ray Martin** has been a fixture in our homes with programs including ***Midday with Ray Martin*** and ***A Current Affair***. The five-time Gold Logie winner for Most Popular Personality on Australian Television will play host to the 'Clash of the Codes' sports-themed panel at this year's brand new Corporate Lunch. Former ***Brisbane Lions*** Coach and Celebrity panellist, **Leigh Matthews**, will be joined by two more surprise panellists yet to be announced.

BOQ Maroochydore are also excited to announce expert horticulturalist and resident landscaper and design presenter, **Joel Hurrey**, of Channel Nine's top rating series ***Domestic Blitz***, who will be joined by three-time Olympic gold medallist and greatest-ever Australian sweep rower, **James Tomkins**, of ***Oarsome Foursome*** fame and full-time beach volleyball professional, businesswoman, author and four-time **Olympic athlete** and gold medallist, **Natalie Cook**.

Tickets to the celebrity laden Corporate Lunch are on sale now with a high-calibre of sporting personalities travelling to the Sunshine Coast especially for the successful Golf Day and Corporate Lunch event. Open to the business community and the public, the Corporate Lunch will provide the perfect opportunity for non-golfers to get involved in the action and meet the likes of AFL footballer, **Richard Champion** of the ***Brisbane Bears*** and Queensland State of Origin representative and ***Brisbane Bronco***, **Ben Ikin**.

AFL legend and Brownlow Medallist, **Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico**, accompanied by favourite radio personality, **Caroline Hutchinson** of MIX FM, will host the Celebrity Charity Golf Day which has successfully raised \$60,000 for Sunshine Coast charities in previous years.

Featuring a three course meal and beverages, the Corporate Lunch fun commences at 1pm at the Crowne Plaza. Up to 260 guests will enjoy live entertainment by popular local artist, Dean Stewart as well as the major charity auction by Platinum Properties', Steve Turner, featuring 'money can't buy' experiences, silent auction, raffles and golf prizes.

BOQ Maroochydore Owner-Managers, Laurie and Debbie Clarke, who together with White House Celebrations, this year's Naming Partner, are coordinating the event said ticket sales of golf teams to the well-liked event and Corporate Lunch have exceeded all expectations.

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“The Golf Day allows players to mix with some of Australia’s greatest sports legends and celebrities. As a result, demand for participation in the event is extremely high. We sold out of golf team spots in a record three weeks with the remaining tickets for the Corporate Lunch selling at a rapid rate.

“The new and exciting element to the event this year, the Corporate Lunch, will be one of the largest sports-themed corporate lunches to be held on the Sunshine Coast and we have even more prestigious celebrity guest announcements to make in the coming months.

“Besides just being a whole lot of fun, the Corporate Lunch will also provide an excellent opportunity to not only hear from and meet sporting stars but to network with a great range of business people and leaders in the Sunshine Coast business community.

“Many business people, who have limited resources and time, have told us this event allows them to feel like they are ‘making a difference’ to a worthy, local charity without having to create a fundraising event themselves,” said Debbie.

This year’s charity partner is **SunnyKids**. At the forefront of providing solutions in response to issues facing at-risk children and families, SunnyKids has developed integrated support systems and child focussed programs including: **Najidah** - Homelessness Services, **Head High** - Young People Living Beyond Suicide and **SCIPS** - Supporting Children In Primary Schools.

The 2010 BOQ Maroochydore Celebrity Charity Golf Day and Corporate Lunch will be held on Friday, 3 December. **Individual tickets and tables for the Corporate Lunch are selling fast so get in quick!**

For more information about the 2010 BOQ Maroochydore Celebrity Charity Golf Day or how to purchase tickets to the Corporate Lunch, contact Debbie Clarke on 07 5443 2711 or email debbie.battaglini-clarke@boq.com.au or debbie.battaglini@bigpond.com

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Celebrity Charity Golf Day Event Outline

What: BBQ Breakfast, Ambrose - Shotgun 7am start followed by sports-themed Corporate Lunch, presentations and fundraising auctions.

When: Friday, 3 December 2010

Golf Venue: Pelican Waters Golf Club – 18 hole, par 72 Greg Norman designed championship golf course

Lunch Venue: Crowne Plaza Ball Room, Pelican Waters (adjacent to Pelican Waters Golf Club)

MC’s & Event Hosts: Robert ‘Dipper’ DiPierdomenico and Caroline Hutchinson

Guest Speakers (Corporate Lunch): ‘Clash of the Codes’ host, Ray Martin and panellist Leigh Matthews

Celebrities: James Tomkins, Natalie Cook, Joel Hurrey, Richard Champion and Ben Ikin – with more to be announced...

Charity Partner: SunnyKids

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