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FORMAL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN MID MURRAY

A formal night out in Mannum next weekend will help raise money for much-needed domestic violence services in the region, thanks to the award-winning Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC) program.

On Saturday, 3 November, the MMFC's *White Tie Dinner* fundraiser will be held at the Mannum Community Club, with all profits going towards Centacare's Adelaide Hills and Murray Mallee Domestic Violence Service – and exclusively allocated for use in the Mid Murray area.

MMFC is an award-winning community-based partnership program, working with key stakeholder organisations, government bodies, community members, charities, businesses and volunteers – all with a desire to create meaningful change to the lives of developmentally vulnerable children in the region.

Already, the program has seen great success, and last year was recognised with a national award for prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Organised by the MMFC Southern Working Group, the event also help raise awareness on local issues surrounding family violence, with Murray Bridge Centacare leader Gayle Tourish providing a brief presentation offering insights into on the ground work in this space.

MMFC Coordinator Kiran King says this event was one part of the entire Mid Murray community working together to make a difference.

“Stamping out family violence is a monumental task and cannot be managed overnight or by one organisation working alone,” says Kiran King, MMFC Coordinator.

“It is going to take all sections of our community working alongside one-another, and continually advocating for more support from both state and national bodies.

“Already we have exceptional support from the Mid Murray Council, local businesses, clubs, service providers and community members - and this event is a true reflection of us putting our heads together to achieve our combined desire to support those affected by family violence – or indeed ending family violence once and for all.

Ms King encourages residents to get behind the event by purchasing their tickets today, with all proceeds staying local.

Attendees will enjoy getting their photos taken VIP-style on the red carpet, a three-course dinner plus a complimentary drink on arrival. Entertainment will be by local band 'Above the Steel', duo 'Matt and Rob', DJ Simo and an item from the local dance group.

There will be a silent auction with the chance to take home some fantastic items including accommodation vouchers, AFL memorabilia, two signed copies of Jimmy Barnes' autobiography, artwork, gift hampers and vouchers for goods and services donated by local businesses. A raffle will also be held.

“We've even had three local year 12 tourism students assist with planning the event as part of their studies,” Ms King says.



“We have had some very generous donations of goods and services for our silent auction and raffle, plus monetary and in-kind donations as well as many hours of volunteering behind the scenes.

“It’s an opportunity to have a fun night out and do some real good in our community.”

Tickets to the White Tie Dinner Fundraiser are still available and can be purchased for \$50 each from Mannum Community Club, Mannum Community College, Mannum Medical Centre and Mid Murray Council’s Mannum office. The dress code is formal (although ties do not need to be white).

The event begins at 6pm on Saturday, 3 November 2018.

For more information on MMFC visit <https://www.midmurrayfamilyconnections.com.au/>

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