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5:30pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks
6:15pm	Enter Main Auditorium
6:30pm	Welcome
6:50pm	Speakers: Simon & Xenia Schembri
7:05pm	Bear Dinkum Awards
7:15pm	Dinner Served
7:50pm	Dessert Served
8:00pm	Speaker - Ian Abbott - Network of Caring
8:10pm	Burst-A-Balloon
8:40pm	LIVE Auction
9:15pm	Fun Box Diamond Ring Draw
9:45pm	Music and Dancing
11:00pm	Finish

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WHO IS



MISSION STATEMENT

Holistically restoring families of abused children and those impacted by family and domestic violence through love and compassion; whilst actively impacting future generations by empowering them with skills for prevention and protection.

Celebrating 15 Years of Hope, Healing, and Advocacy

At The Ark Inc. is a Queensland-based charity, founded in 2010 by Simon and Xenia Schembri in response to their own family's deeply personal journey through the pain of child sexual abuse and domestic violence. What began as a heartfelt mission has, over 15 years, grown into a lifeline for countless families across Australia—restoring dignity, safety, and hope where it was lost.

Xenia Schembri, co-founder and trauma counsellor, brings a powerful lived experience to this work. A survivor of a 15-year domestic violence marriage, her story is courageously shared in her autobiography *Broken To Be Beautiful*. She is also the author of the *Brave Little Bear* book series—an educational resource empowering children with self-protective behaviours and helping families have brave conversations around body safety.

At The Ark is not just about raising awareness—it's about real, hands-on support. Through our Safe Hands program, we provide trauma-informed counselling, pastoral care, and practical assistance to families impacted by child sexual abuse, family, and domestic violence. We also collaborate with organisations such as PTSD Resurrected to deliver their Reboot Trauma Recovery Courses nationwide—helping survivors take steps toward healing and restoration.



Xenia was named Heart of Women's Woman of the Year in 2020

Over the past 15 years, we've stood beside hundreds of families as they navigate some of life's darkest valleys. From court support to counselling, education to empowerment, our work is holistic and heart-driven—meeting people where they are, and walking with them toward healing.

Now in our 15th year, we recognise that none of this would be possible without you—our community. Events like the Light Up The Night Gala Dinner are not only a celebration but a critical source of funding that enables us to continue this life-changing work.

To each guest, donor, and sponsor in the room tonight: thank you. Your support allows us to keep saying “yes” to the families who need us most. Together, we are lighting the path forward—for hope, for healing, and for a future free from abuse.

Thank you for lighting up the night with us.

Welcome To



Light Up the Night

A Special Thank You note from our founders Simon and Xenia Schembri...

Dear Friends,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for joining us at this year's Light Up The Night Gala Dinner. As we celebrate 15 years of At The Ark, your presence tonight means more than words can express.

This evening is about more than food, laughter, and entertainment—though we hope you enjoy every moment. It's about hope, healing, and standing together for the children and families impacted by child sexual abuse, family, and domestic violence.

Every dollar raised tonight plays a vital role in continuing the mission we began all those years ago. Your generosity will help us place more Brave Little Bear books into classrooms and homes, grow our counselling and trauma recovery programs, and extend practical support through initiatives like Safe Hands and Trauma Recovery Courses.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to one of our Gold Sponsors, **NiZ Cosmetics and Laser Clinic**, for the beautiful gift you'll find at your place setting. This generous gift—valued at \$175—includes clinic credit, cosmetic products, and a lovely piece of jewellery. It's our way of saying thank you simply for being here tonight and standing with us.

Together, we're changing lives. Thank you for walking with us, believing in this mission, and being part of the story God continues to write through At The Ark.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Simon & Xenia Schembri
Co-Founders, At The Ark Inc.

Simon & Xenia



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Your Chance to Win a Stunning White Gold Tanzanite Dress Ring.

Step right up for your chance to win one of the most exciting prizes of the evening! For just \$50 per ticket, you'll enter the draw to win 1 of 10 keys—but only ONE of those keys will unlock the FUN BOX and reveal an exquisite treasure inside.

Inside the FUN-BOX is a truly breathtaking prize:

A stamped 14CT (585) White Gold Tanzanite and Diamond Dress Ring, featuring:

- One 2.55ct Tanzanite – Violetish-Blue hue, oval cut
- (8.88mm x 6.70mm x 3.51mm*, medium tone, moderate eye-visible inclusions)
- Eighteen round brilliant-cut diamonds, totalling 0.38ct
- (1.81mm diameter, colour J–K, clarity SI-2 to I-2, tension/micro-claw set)

This dazzling ring could be yours to take home tonight, simply by purchasing a raffle ticket (or more—there's no limit!).

Not only will you be in the running for this stunning piece of jewellery, but every ticket purchased helps fund the life-changing work of At The Ark Inc.

Supporting families impacted by child sexual abuse, family and domestic violence has never looked so glamorous.

Get your tickets.

Try your key. Unlock the FUN BOX.

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Network of Caring Australia is a philanthropic organisation dedicated to transforming lives by connecting those in need with those eager to help. Established in 2009, it operates as a registered charity with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, enabling tax-deductible donations to support its mission.

The organisation focuses on assisting underprivileged children, individuals with disabilities, and disadvantaged communities across Australia and internationally. Its initiatives encompass a broad spectrum of support, including aid for youth, disaster victims, people with chronic illnesses, and those at risk of homelessness.

By mobilising a network of compassionate donors and volunteers, Network of Caring Australia strives to bring hope and tangible assistance to those facing adversity.

For more information, visit networkofcaring.org.au.



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Live Auction Items On Offer Tonight

Auction Item 1 NiZ Cosmetics 1 year Package



NiZ Cosmetics Year Package: \$3,200 value! Includes \$500 in products plus 8 premium treatments for glowing, rejuvenated skin.

Value \$3200

Auction Item 5 Donald James Waters OAM Original Artwork djw.



This beautiful fully framed original signed piece by local GC Artist Donald J Waters OAM Titled: Pelican Paradise

Value \$8700

Auction Item 2 Aust Open Tennis Package



2 tickets to the Men's AO Tennis Semi-Final, plus 2 nights at the beautiful Lanson Place Melbourne with daily breakfast Included!

Value \$8000

Auction Item 6 Belgravia Park Farm Stay Package



Escape to Belgravia Park: a luxury farm stay with flights, gourmet meals, wine tasting, and stunning country sunsets.

Value \$6000

Auction Item 3 Fairy Light Installation Service



Illuminate your garden with \$2,500 worth of fairy lights, installed by a Level 5 arborist. Includes 25 warm white light strings and full setup.

Value \$2500

Auction Item 7 Very Rare 1998 Penfolds Grange



Indulge in a rare 1998 Penfolds Grange—an iconic, full-bodied Australian vintage, renowned for its depth, elegance, and legacy.

Value \$1500

Auction Item 4 14ct White Gold Tennis Bracelet



14ct white gold, bezel set Diamond tennis bracelet with spring tongue clasp and two x figure eight safety clips, Diamonds: Fifty-two = 3.50 carats total weight, Cut: Round Brilliant,

Value \$33000

Auction Item 8 Donald James Waters OAM 'LIVE' Painting



Own a one-of-a-kind Donald James Waters original artwork, created LIVE on stage tonight—vibrant, bold, and unforgettable!

Value \$3000

Silent Auction Items On Offer Tonight

Silent Auction Item 1 NiZ Cosmetics Package



Indulge in 6 months of pampering with NiZ! Includes treatments, luxe fashion jewellery, skincare products, and a gorgeous gift pack.

Value \$2000

Silent Auction Item 2 Aussie Pub Rock Reunion



Award-winning artist Dean Turner's "Ultimate Aussie Pub Rock Reunion" captures the raw energy of classic Australian rock in vibrant detail.

Value \$650

Silent Auction Item 3 NiZ Laser & Cosmetic Clinic \$'s



Signed and boxed 2025 North Queensland Cowboys football – a must-have collector's item for any true Cowboys fan!

Value \$700

Silent Auction Item 4 Signed GC Titans Jersey



RARE! Signed 2010 Gold Coast Titans Jersey, professionally framed and autographed by the full squad – a collector's dream!

Value \$1500

Silent Auction Items On Offer Tonight

Silent Auction Item 5

Team 18 Supercar HOT LAP



Experience the thrill of a hot lap in a Team 18 Camaro Supercar at Queensland Raceway—includes meet & greet, plus 2 signed Team 18 t-shirts!

Value \$2500

Silent Auction Item 6

GC SUNS Signed Guernsey



2025 Gold Coast SUNS guernsey, signed by the team and professionally framed — a must-have for any AFL enthusiast!

Value \$1200

Silent Auction Item 7

St George/Illawarra Signed



2025 St George Illawarra Dragons jersey, signed by the team and beautifully framed — a must-have for any Dragons fan!

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Silent Auction Item 8

14ct White Gold Drop Earrings



Stunning 14ct white gold diamond drop earrings featuring 0.97ct of brilliant & princess cut diamonds. Elegantly handcrafted, secure butterfly clasps timeless beauty & sparkle for any occasion.

Value \$8970

Burst A Balloon Prizes On Offer Tonight - \$100 per balloon

One of our most popular segments of each gala over the past few years! Get in Quick!! They Never last!

100 Balloons Available - Every Balloon WINS A PRIZE - Over \$26,000 in Prizes Up For Grabs!



Fishing Gift Certificate

Whale watching adventure with BK's Fishing—an unforgettable ocean experience!



Music Voucher

\$100 Gold Coast Music voucher – perfect for lessons, gear, or gifts!



2 Night Stay

Two-night King Room stay with breakfast at Hotel Grand Chancellor.



Jet Boating Adventure

Arrow Jet Boating family voucher – an unforgettable, high-speed adventure!



Gin Masterclass + Gin

1 Gin Masterclass for 2 people plus a bottle of Wildflowers Premium Gin



Photography Voucher

1.5-hour professional photo shoot plus \$100 photo credit—capture memories with stunning, high-quality images.



4 x 18 Holes of Golf

Enjoy four rounds of 18-hole golf at Helensvale Golf Course—perfect for a relaxing day out!



Restaurant Voucher

Dinner for two at Brazilian Flame Bar & Grill—authentic churrasco, sides, and vibrant atmosphere included!



Accommodation Package

Enjoy a luxurious night at Mantra at Sharks in a King Suite with breakfast included.



BBQ Boat For 12

Enjoy a relaxing day on a Berger Houseboats BBQ Boat for 12, cruising the scenic Tweed River.



Restaurant Voucher

Indulge in a \$200 dinner for two at Norté Sueño, savor exquisite dishes featuring bold, Latin-inspired flavors.



Aussie Trike Tour for 2

Enjoy a thrilling 1-hour Aussie Trike Tour for two along the stunning Gold Coast coastline or hinterland!



Restaurant Voucher

Enjoy a luxurious dining experience at Sofitel Bistro on 3 with a \$200 restaurant voucher.



2 Night Cosy Mountain Escape

Relax with a 2-night stay in a cozy mountain lodge, including a delightful breakfast hamper.



Accommodation Package

Luxury overnight stay at Rydges Southbank with river views, sparkling wine, breakfast, valet, and late checkout



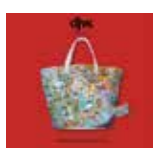
Reno Styling Voucher

Transform your home with a Three Birds Renovations Styling School gift voucher—perfect for interior design lovers!



Broadwater Cruise

Enjoy a relaxing 2-hour Gold Coast Broadwater cruise for two with this scenic gift voucher experience.



DJW Beach Bag & Purse

Stylish beach bag and purse by Donald James Waters OAM, featuring unique coastal-inspired artwork.



Pizza Oven

Jumbuck Ascent Gas Pizza Oven – perfect for gourmet pizzas at home, thanks to PestHouse!



\$200 NiZ Cosmetics Pack

Pamper yourself with NiZ Cosmetics vouchers, beauty services, skincare products, and luxurious gift packages.



Burst A Balloon Prizes On Offer Tonight - \$100 per balloon

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Shark Vacuum Mop

Shark HydroVac Cordless Wet & Dry Vacuum – powerful all-in-one cleaning, proudly thanks to PestHouse.



Family Day Out

Family day out at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary – explore, encounter, and enjoy Australia's iconic wildlife!



Family Cinema Pack

Enjoy 4 x 3D movie passes, popcorn, and a collectible Captain America drink cup at Event Cinemas!



Family Portrait Session

Verve Portraits package includes a framed image of your choice, valued at \$650 & \$1,095.



Whale Watching Experience

Enjoy a breathtaking whale watching adventure with a Spirit of the Gold Coast family pass experience!



Trio Wellness Package

City Cave Wellness Package: Float therapy, infrared sauna, and massage – the ultimate relaxation trio!



Lions Supporters Pack

Brisbane Lions/Fitzroy memorabilia pack featuring a Guernsey and official team football – perfect for fans!



Titans Tickets

4 x General Admission tickets to see the Gold Coast Titans live at a home game!



Suncorp Stadium Tickets

4 x Platinum Tickets to see the Dolphins vs Titans – premium seats for an unforgettable game!



Supercar Driving Experience

Experience the thrill with QLD Luxury Cars' Supercar Driving Experience – adrenaline, power, and unforgettable!



1 Hr Aquaduck Tour for 2

1-hour Aquaduck tour for 2 adults—experience an exciting land and water adventure on the Gold Coast!



Pop N' Cakes Voucher

\$200 Pop N' Cakes voucher to indulge in custom cakes, sweet treats, and delicious desserts!



Balter Beer Pack

Enjoy 80 beers and premium Balter merch including cooler, duffle, and tinie glasses—valued at \$400!



Cavills Steakhouse Voucher

Enjoy a premium dining experience with this Cavill's Steakhouse & Rooftop Bar voucher



Bose Headphones

Bose QuietComfort Ultra Headphones—premium sound and noise cancellation, proudly donated by PestHouse.



Bose Ear Buds

Bose QuietComfort Earbuds for premium sound and noise cancellation, thanks to our friends at PestHouse!



Restaurant Voucher

Enjoy delicious pub-style dining with a \$100 voucher to The Plough Inn at South Bank.



Restaurant Voucher

Enjoy a luxurious dining experience with a \$200 voucher to Sofitel's elegant Bistro on 3 restaurant.



Fitness Voucher

Enjoy strength, flexibility, and balance with this Pilates & Co voucher—your gateway to wellness and vitality!



6 x Assorted Wines

Enjoy 6 bottles of premium assorted wines, generously donated by John Paul Langbroek MP. Cheers!



Milk Chocolate Super Frogs

Indulge in 5 delicious Haigh's Chocolates Super Frogs—rich, premium chocolate treats to enjoy!



Game Over Go-Combo

Enjoy adrenaline fun with 2 x Go-Combo Vouchers for karting, laser tag, and clip'n climb!



Nespresso Coffee Machine

Enjoy café-style coffee at home with this Nespresso Vertuo Pop Plus, thanks to Hon. Amanda Stoker MP.



Distillery Tour

Guided Husk Distillery tour for two including tastings of their award-winning spirits and beautiful scenery.



Dyson Airwrap

Dyson Airwrap Complete Long multi-styler and dryer, thanks to PestHouse. Style with power and precision!



Recovery Centre Voucher

Revitalise your body with this premium wellness package from P3 Recovery Centre Pimpma



Michael Schumacher Memorabilia

Framed Michael Schumacher memorabilia, generously donated by Michael Crandon MP a must-have for motorsport fans!



Rare 1987 Vintage Red

Rare 1987 Penfolds The Magill Collector's Wine – a prized vintage for true wine connoisseurs.



Rare 1987 Vintage Red

Rare 1987 Caymus Special Collector's Wine – a prized vintage for the true wine enthusiast.



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Each year, our Light Up The Night Gala Dinner brings together businesses and generous individuals who believe in creating lasting change.

As a sponsor, you're not just aligning with a cause—you're helping support families impacted by child sexual abuse, family and domestic violence.

Sponsors receive:

- Brand exposure through signage, digital promotions & social media
- Recognition in our printed program
- Complimentary gala tickets—host clients or reward your team
- Alignment with a trusted, trauma-informed charity

This night wouldn't be possible without the generosity of sponsors like those featured here. Want to be part of something bigger in 2026?

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At The Ark's Bear Dinkum Awards

Bear-Dinkum Awards Honouring True Blue Supporters

The Bear Dinkum Awards are a cherished tradition at At The Ark Inc., created to honour individuals and organisations who have gone above and beyond in their support of our mission. Each year, during our Light Up The Night Gala Dinner, we take a moment to publicly recognise these exceptional champions who stand with us in the fight against child sexual abuse, family, and domestic violence.

In 2023, we introduced the Bear Dinkum Hall of Fame—a prestigious honour reserved for those whose contributions have made a truly extraordinary and lasting impact on our work. That year, we proudly inducted **Ian Abbott** from **The Network Of Caring Australia** as our very first Hall of Fame recipient.



Ian Abbott - Network Of Caring Australia
2023 Bear Dinkum Award Hall Of Fame Recipient

In 2024, we welcomed three more incredible supporters into the Hall of Fame:

- **Tracey Voyce from Bloomtools** | A local Gold Coast Business
- **Luke and Susie Holt** | our wonderful MCs again tonight
- **Nicole Doyle**, for her years of unwavering service behind the scenes



NiZ Cosmetics & Laser Clinic
2024 Bear Dinkum Award Winner



Nicole Doyle
2024 Bear Dinkum
Hall of Fame Recipient



PTSD Resurrected Inc
2024 Bear Dinkum
Award Winner



Carmen Exler
2023 Bear Dinkum Award Winner



Tonight, in 2025, we are thrilled to induct two more outstanding individuals into this exclusive and honourable circle.

In addition to these special inductions, we will also present our annual Bear Dinkum Awards to those who have shown exceptional heart, commitment, and generosity toward our cause over the past year.

Who will be next to join this distinguished group?

The anticipation is real as we prepare to celebrate the incredible people who continue to make a lasting difference through their unwavering support.

Our Support Services

At The Ark is committed to delivering holistic support to individuals and families affected by child sexual abuse, family, and domestic violence. Through our tailored programs and initiatives, we provide hands-on help, emotional care, and vital education to encourage healing and prevention. Below is a snapshot of our core support services:

Safe Hands Program

Essential Support: Delivering food parcels and vouchers to meet urgent practical needs for families in crisis.

Counselling Services: Providing professional support to help individuals and families process trauma and begin healing.

Pastoral Support: Offering emotional and spiritual care that builds hope, connection, and a sense of belonging.

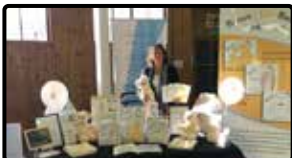
Legal Advocacy: Standing alongside survivors during court processes, ensuring they're not alone in the fight for justice.

Crisis Response: Responding swiftly to emergencies, securing safety and stability when it matters most.



Brave Little Bear Prevention Program

Brave Little Bear Book Series: A series of three books designed to teach children, families, and educators about self-protective behaviours in a way that is engaging and understandable for young audiences.



Educational Workshops and Programs

Equipping the Village Education Programs featuring 1 in 5 Workshops:

These powerful workshops tackle the tough realities of child sexual abuse and family & domestic violence. Designed to educate and empower, they equip parents, educators, and community members with practical tools to identify warning signs, implement prevention strategies, and offer meaningful support to those affected.

PTSD Resurrected's Reboot Trauma Recovery Courses

The 3-Day Reboot Trauma Recovery Course is a powerful, peer-led, faith-based program designed to bring healing to those impacted by trauma, PTSD, moral injury, and abuse. Delivered by PTSD Resurrected Inc., this course is supported by At The Ark Inc., assists with facilitation, promotion and ongoing participant care—particularly for survivors of child sexual abuse, domestic and family violence.



Light Up The Night Gala Dinner

Support and Fundraising:

The Light Up The Night Gala Dinner plays a vital role in funding our life-changing programs. Your presence and generosity tonight directly empower us to expand our reach, helping even more families and individuals in crisis.

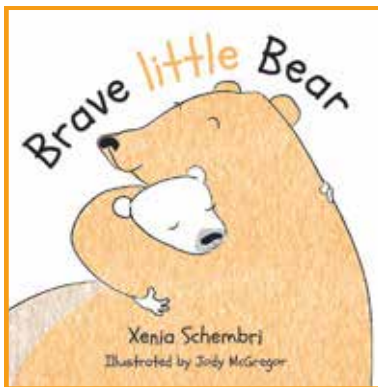
Thanks to your support, At The Ark can continue delivering practical care, compassionate counselling, and long-term support to those impacted by trauma—offering real hope, healing, and a brighter future.

TARGET 100! Help Us Bring Brave Little Bear to Classrooms

HELP US GET TO OUR GALA TARGET OF 100 SETS OF BOOKS INTO AUSTRALIAN CLASSROOMS

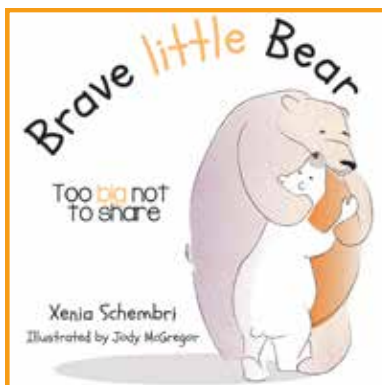
Join our mission to equip primary school classrooms across Australia and New Zealand with the Brave Little Bear book series—empowering children and families with essential self-protective behaviours and life-changing conversations around body safety, trust, and boundaries.

Tonight, we're aiming to sponsor at least 100 classrooms. See our team to get involved and help protect future generations!



Brave Little Bear

The first book in the engaging Brave Little Bear trilogy, this beautifully illustrated story is perfect for children aged 3 to 7. Brave Little Bear warmly introduces itself and gently guides young readers in learning vital self-protective behaviours. Using age-appropriate language, it helps children understand what's safe, what's not, and what to do if something feels wrong. This essential resource empowers children with confidence and clarity, making it a must-have for every caring parent, educator, or support worker wanting to nurture safety and resilience from a young age.



Brave Little Bear: "Too Big Not To Share"

The second book in the Brave Little Bear series, Too Big Not To Share, is thoughtfully created for children aged 6 to 12. It explores vital topics like safe touch, fear feelings, online safety, body consent, code words, and the difference between secrets and surprises. With engaging language and relatable guidance, this book helps older children confidently recognise unsafe situations and know exactly how to respond. Empowering and practical, it's a must-have resource for every family committed to raising safe, strong, and self-aware kids.



Brave Little Bear's "Big Letter"

The powerful finale in the Brave Little Bear trilogy, Brave Little Bear's Big Letter is a heartfelt message written to the "safe bears"—the trusted adults in every child's life. This thoughtful book helps adults better understand children, equipping them with vital prevention strategies and sensitive, effective responses to trauma. It highlights every child's worth and outlines what they need to grow into strong, supported, and resilient adults. Inside, you'll also find 10 practical tips for keeping children safe, plus clear guidance on what to do if you suspect abuse. A must-have resource for every parent, teacher, or carer.

The Brave Little Bear Book Series was made possible by the generosity of our Naming Rights Sponsor Network of Caring Australia.



**Network of
Caring**

Do You Want To Know How You Can Help?

“This is the question we’re asked more than any other…”

And honestly, it’s not always easy to answer. Yes — like any organisation doing this kind of vital work, we need financial support to keep going. Supporting families impacted by child sexual abuse, family, and domestic violence requires resources, time, and compassion. But here’s what makes us different:

We’re a small team, working from a home office to keep costs down, so that every dollar goes further — directly into helping the families who need it most.

That’s why we can honestly say that every single dollar raised tonight goes directly into assisting the over 235 families we currently have on our books. Here are several ways you can make a meaningful contribution:

Volunteer at Events: Just like this one, your time and effort make a big difference.

Host a Morning Tea or Get-Together:

Your fundraiser can help expand our Helping Hands Program, providing counselling and crisis care to families in need. It also supports the promotion and wider distribution of our Brave Little Bear Book series into Australian classrooms. You might also consider becoming a **proud sponsor** of this event in future years!



**Every Voice. Every Action. Every Dollar.
It All Matters.**

Your support is making a real and lasting impact. Thanks to you, we’re able to walk closely with families affected by child sexual abuse, family and domestic violence through our **Safe Hands Program**—a wraparound support system offering trauma counselling, food parcels, house cleaning, court support, and so much more.

Here are just some of the ways you can continue to be part of the change:

● **Make A Noise Day** – September 5th

This is your chance to speak up, stand out, and raise awareness. We say, “Silence is the currency of the offender – so let’s Make A Noise and bankrupt them.” Whether you join an event or create one of your own, your voice helps break the silence and bring light into the darkness.

● **1 in 5 Workshops**

These powerful, eye-opening sessions uncover the truth about abuse and its impact. Consider hosting one in your school, workplace, or community—help us spread safety, understanding, and healing across Australia.

♥ **Your Generosity Fuels Hope**

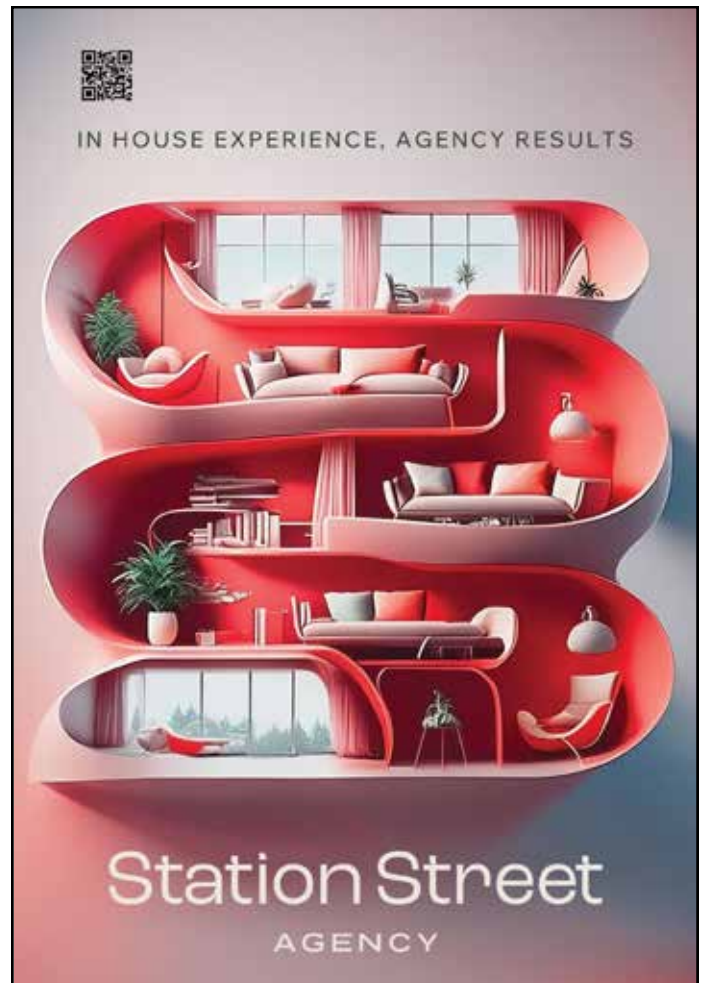
Every dollar you raise or donate goes directly into delivering frontline services—ensuring no family walks through trauma alone.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are restoring hope, rebuilding lives, and rewriting stories.



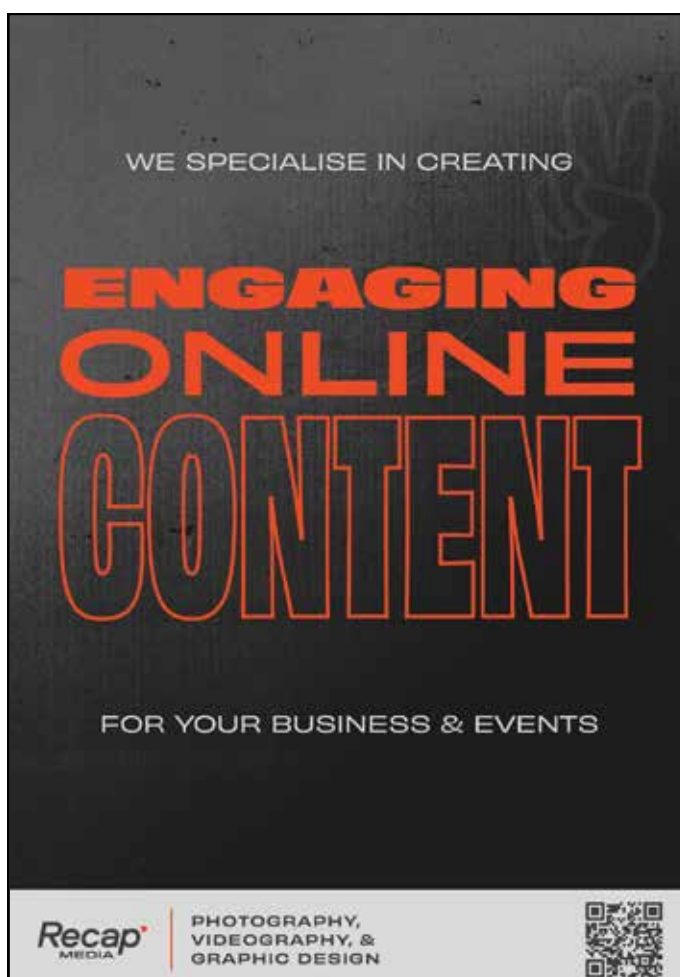
Did You Know?

Survivors of child sexual abuse are nearly four times more likely to struggle with drug abuse and PTSD, and three times more likely to face major depression in adulthood. Many feel isolated or unheard. They deserve safety, support, and healing. By raising awareness, we help break the silence, reduce stigma, and stand with survivors in their journey.



Did You Know?

Family and domestic sexual violence affects people from all walks of life, yet women and children remain most vulnerable. Childhood exposure often leads to lasting trauma and generational cycles of abuse. It's more than physical harm—coercive control, intimidation, and isolation are now rightly recognised as abuse. The scars aren't always visible, but the damage is real.



☀️ Get Ready to Shine Even Brighter in 2026! ☀️

The 2026 Light Up The Night Gala Dinner

Saturday 8th August 2026 | Southport Sharks Event Centre

We're already planning something extraordinary for 2026 — and we'd love YOU to be part of it!

**Lock in your seat NOW at
2025 Early Bird Pricing!**

Avoid the rush and save—prices WILL go up in the new year, so don't miss this limited-time offer. (Offer ends 30 November 2025.)

Booking early also helps us plan ahead and make the night even more spectacular for everyone attending.

📱 Booking is easy—just scan the QR code on this page to secure your place today!

Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, next year's gala promises another night of powerful stories, incredible prizes, and unforgettable memories—all in support of families impacted by child sexual abuse and domestic violence.



👛 Interested in Sponsoring?

We'd love to have you join our incredible community of sponsors making a real impact in the lives of families affected by abuse and trauma.

Whether it's your first time or you're returning, now is the perfect moment to lock in your 2026 sponsorship at 2025 rates and partner with purpose.

Come chat with Simon or Xenia tonight—we'd love to talk! Or email simon@attheark.org.au after the event.

Let's keep lighting up the night—together.
We can't wait to celebrate with you in 2026!



Thank you for your support!



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