



2021 AFFLIP Foundation ~ Fundraising Dinner

The major AFFLIP fundraiser for this year was held on Friday 12th February with 161 AFFLIP members and guests gathered at the Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens to raise funds to support the Foundation's flagship programs. We were delighted with the outstanding attendance given the uncertainties of these COVID times and in fact there were a further 5 guests who could not attend at the last minute given the imposition of travel restrictions.

What a night it was!

The Filipino Malong dancers kicked-off the night with a bang and Elizabeth & Isabel Rowe entertained us with some wonderful violin pieces. We thank them all for their significant part in creating an ambience for the evening.

On behalf of the AFFLIP Board a huge thank you to members and friends for coming together and so generously supporting AFFLIP's work ... and for enthusiastically bidding on the many and varied Live and Silent auction items. Auctioneers on the night were once again Geoff Schell Principal & Auctioneer of Ray White Rural, South Australia: ably supported by Russell Brown. This was Geoff's fifth year as our chief spruiker and Russell's third and what a great job they did! This dynamic duo set the scene and encouraged our ever-generous guests to part with many dollars. The event raised more than \$26,000, a truly amazing result given these COVID times. These funds will make a significant contribution to AFFLIP's education programs in the Talomo District for the 2021 – 2022 school-year.

When welcoming guests, AFFLIP chair, Ali Douglas, used the opportunity to update members and friends about the current COVID situation in the Talomo District and its impact on the schools. He also emphasised that AFFLIP flagship programs are still pushing ahead despite the pandemic!

This was the eighth function which we have held at the Adelaide Pavilion. Once again, the venue provided a great location, delicious food, and their professional and welcoming staff added markedly to the occasion.

Savitas Wines once again supplied some most enjoyable wines and I thank Chris Insanally for providing such substantial support to AFFLIP over the past three years.

We sincerely thank the following donors of Auction Items:

- Rob Brice ~ the autographed cricket bat
- Rocky Callisto ~ Port Power football jumper
- An anonymous donor ~ autographed cricket stumps mounted in a glass fronted timber case
- Susan Boucher & Will Moroney ~ 2 x beautiful five-day river retreats for 6 persons
- Andrew & Carolyn Dowling ~ 2 nights' accommodation at stunning Ann's Place B & B in Robe
- Robe Golf Club ~ golf package and Robbie & I also look forward to providing accommodation as part of that package.
- Greg Crafter ~ his hosted Parliament House Dinner for 8
- The donors of the excellent wine related packages
 - Justin Tiller ~ Patrix Wines
 - Andrew Pike ~ Pikes Winery and Brewery of Clare
 - Vinomofu
 - David Hickinbotham
 - Chris Insanally ~ Savitas Wines
 - Pat Maloney ~ Adelina Wines.
- Tim & Di Ryan for their 4 x accommodation offerings at Encounter Bay and the premium wine pack with Paul & Barbara Godwin.
- Lisa Gilbertson & Graham Delbridge ~ \$500 voucher for Total Tools Elizabeth

- Mem Fox ~ has donated her amazing books for many years, and we thank her and also Lyn Wilkinson for donating even more of Mem's books, which are such popular auction items.
- Yvonne Zeegers ~ who arranged for the donation of the beautiful books about indigenous heritage from Cengage Books.
- The donors of the gift baskets
 - Alister Haigh (Haigh's Chocolates)
 - Jeanette Emery (2 Vino Beach Baskets)
 - Irene Rowe (Smiggle Gift Package)
 - Helyn Southwood for the large pot of succulents.
- Robbie Douglas ~ four paintings
- Tony Harris ~ 2 days Budget car rental.
- Patricia & Murray Horsnell ~ 2 x cutting boards
- Max Greenwood ~ coffee maker
- Hurley Hotel Group ~ breakfast for four
- Trevor Tiller ~ the ingredients for the seafood dinner for four

In closing, my thanks to past and present AFFLIP Board members for their willingness to undertake a range of tasks in the lead up to and on the night of the dinner. A big thank you!

- Guy Wilson who has taken on the leadership role of the Events Management portfolio.
- Susan Boucher for her ongoing advice and professional presentation of the Auction booklet and all the associated materials for the auctions – we continue to benefit from the sophisticated systems Susan has established over the past years.
- Max Greenwood, Master of Ceremonies, for hosting the evening and keeping the program running smoothly throughout the night.
- Trevor Tiller for his coordination of Auction items and Lyn Wilkinson, Pat Maloney, Yvonne Zeegers, Miriam Cocking and Bruce White for their efficiency in managing the Silent Auction.
- Tim Jackson, Loch Mitchell, Jeanette Emery, Irene Rowe and Colin Murray for their ability to seamlessly manage the bidding process in the Live Auction and the notification of successful bidders.
- Tim Ryan for his expertise in sourcing major Live Auction items.
- John Erskine and Roger Saunders for running a most efficient 'AFFLIP Bank' on the night and John for his exceptional job as treasurer reconciling ticket sales.
- Miriam Cocking and Irene Rowe for their management of the colourful Filipino Malong dancers and our two wonderful violinists.
- Lyn Wilkinson, Marilyn Erskine and Miriam Cocking for the beautiful flowers and table decorations.

For those who were unable to join us on the night, we are always grateful to receive donations. By clicking on <https://www.afflip.com/getting-involved> you will be able to find out more about how to make a donation (credit card, direct debit and by cheque) that will be directed to the range of educational programs which we support in the Philippines.

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Next Year will be the Tenth Anniversary of AFFLIP ~ originally incorporated in November 2011.

We are all looking forward to celebrating this significant milestone and hope that you can join us for this special event!

Ali Douglas

on behalf of Guy Wilson, Susan Boucher, Miriam Cocking, Trevor Tiller, Irene Rowe
(Events Management Committee)