



News Release

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THREE M.A.P. CENTRES FOR THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

TULIP TIME 2008 DONATES TO THE BLACK DOG INSTITUTE

The success of Tulip Time 2008 will continue to reward the local Southern Highlands community when Mayor Duncan Gair presents a cheque on behalf of Tulip Time to the Black Dog Institute on Wednesday 28 January at 9am at Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre. Monies raised by Tulip Time will fund three new Mood Assessment Program (MAP) Centres in the Southern Highlands. Currently there is one MAP Centre in Bowral, another to open this week in Mittagong, with a third opening in Moss Vale very soon. This will provide a total of three MAP centres for the Southern Highlands, all assisting local people suffering from depression and mental illness, as a result of the involvement with Tulip Time 2008.

In addition to this major donation, Tulip Time is thrilled to confirm that Mayor Duncan Gair will also present a cheque to Bowral Rotary and Lions Club on behalf of Tulip Time 2008.

"It is great to see Tulip Time being able to make such a significant contribution to our local community", said Steve Rosa, Manager - Tourism Southern Highlands. He went on to say "how fortunate, the Southern Highlands will now be to have three centres for the proper diagnosis and treatment of depression. The Black Dog Institute is a world leader in the treatment and research into mental illness, so we are very privileged to have the very best treatment centres here, with research showing that depression and mental illness are one of the most common illnesses worldwide."

In 2007 Tulip Time supported "Breast Cancer" with Tulip Time and the Bowral Rotary Club being able to donate \$30,000 to the Bowral Public Hospital to purchase a "Probe" breast cancer machine, which is now providing cancer patients in the local community with access to a valuable facility enabling them to be treated in the local area and helping with the prevention of breast cancer.

Tulip Time, over the past three years has made a significant contribution to the local community from an economic and social perspective, and will shortly reveal the Tulip Time 2009 theme and supporting charities.

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PHOTO & MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Wingecarribee Shire Council, Civic Centre, Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale, Reception
Wednesday 28 January 2009 at 9am