

Money pours in for mental health

Coonawarra personalities get behind 'The Junction' wine auction fundraiser

COONAWARRA wine sector identities Doug Balnaves and Brian Lynn entertained the crowd at a recent fundraising event hosted by The Junction in Mount Gambier.

The South East Junction Mental Health Activity and Resource Centre hosted its annual Wine Auction and Dinner at City Hall on April 7.

Raising \$3000 on the night, the event was a great success for the facility which provides support to people in Mount Gambier, Penola and Millicent.

With plans to introduce new programs focused on anxiety and suicide prevention, centre coordinator Nel Jans said the funds raised would be a great help to the small organisation.

"We never expect to raise as much as other larger organisations but every dollar counts and we are very thankful for the support from the community," she said.

"Without the donations to the raffle from businesses and support from City Hall and the many service clubs, we wouldn't have been able to do it."

Although they did not raise as much money as last year Ms Jans said it was still a fabulous night.

"The entertainment was The Blue Lake Trio was lovely and the guest speakers Doug Balnaves and Brian Lynn did a great job," she said.

"People were very happy with how it went and we have received a lot of praise from the community for what we have done at The Junction.

"Most importantly we were able to raise awareness for mental health illnesses and promote mental well-being within the community."



GUEST SPEAKERS: Doug Balnaves, Stan Thomson and Brian Lynn entertain the crowd at The Junction's Wine Auction and Dinner.

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