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Doltone House to host 2,000 people to take a stand against asbestos: Aiming to raise \$1 million at one of Sydney's largest black tie fundraising galas

To mark the start of Asbestos Awareness Month, close to 2,000 people will gather tonight aiming to raise \$1 million for asbestos safety and awareness initiatives. [The Biaggio Signorelli Foundation's '15-Year Tribute Gala Dinner'](#) will bring together Sydney's business, Government, medical research and not-for-profit communities, with a determination to end mesothelioma.

The Biaggio Signorelli Foundation was established after the Founder of Doltone House Group, Mr Biaggio Signorelli, passed away from mesothelioma (asbestos cancer) 15 years ago.

Paul Signorelli, Chairman of the Biaggio Signorelli Foundation and son of the late Biaggio, said the Foundation is overwhelmed by the support of the community.

"Our family witnessed first-hand what a truly devastating disease mesothelioma is and since my father's passing, we have honoured his dying wish to help save others," said Paul.

"Tonight is an extremely important occasion for both the Foundation and my family. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the Foundation's work for the past 15 years – funding asbestos safety initiatives and medical research – and allows us to continue to work towards zero asbestos-related deaths."

Funds raised from the gala dinner will help support the formation of the Commonwealth Mesothelioma Research Network, where countries can unite to share research, treatment options, support programs and allow for better outcomes for people with asbestos-related diseases.

The nearly 2,000-person event, themed 'A Night of Pure Imagination', will be attended by some of Australia's dignitaries and special guests, including:

- Australian rock legend **Jimmy Barnes** will entertain guests
- Australian television and radio royalty **Richard Wilkins AM** will MC the event
- Australian world music star **Mitch Tambo**
- Mo Award winner **Vince Sorrenti**
- Australia's No.1 tenor **Mark Vincent**
- **Her Excellency the Hon Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW**
- **The Hon. Chris Minns MP, NSW Premier**
- **The Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Minister for the Arts**
- **The Hon. Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer**
- **The Hon. Peter Dutton MP, Leader of the Opposition of Australia**
- **NSW Opposition Leader Mark Speakman MP**
- A number of Members of Parliament, Ministers and Shadow Ministers

In addition to the above, there will be a surprise musical performance for the 2,000 attendees by another internationally renowned, Australian artist.

Available for Interview: Kevin Packham, mesothelioma sufferer

- Husband, father and grandfather Kevin was given just 12 months to live in 2020 when he was diagnosed with mesothelioma.
- Kevin underwent radical surgery to remove four organs and intense chemo in a bid to save his life. Three years on and there is no visible sign of cancer.
- Kevin believes he was exposed to asbestos when he was inspecting homes as a real estate agent.

Available for Interview: Signorelli family

- 15 years ago, the Founder of Doltone House Group, Biaggio Signorelli, passed away from mesothelioma.
- His family still owns and operates Doltone House Group, as well as the Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation.

Event Details: Biaggio Signorelli Foundation '15-Year Tribute Gala Dinner'

Date: Wednesday 1st November 2023

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Doltone House - White Bay Cruise Terminal, 2041 James Craig Rd, Rozelle NSW 2039

Dress: Black tie

To support the Foundation, you can purchase tickets for their major raffle prize draw to win a stunning BMW 118i M Sport Edition or donate at: biaggiosignorelli.org.au

Media are very welcome to attend, but RSVPs are essential.

To RSVP or for further information please contact:

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About the Biaggio Signorelli Foundation:

The Biaggio Signorelli Foundation is a non-profit organisation established in memory of Biaggio Signorelli, who lost his life to mesothelioma. The Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness about asbestos-related diseases, funding research, and supporting individuals and families impacted by these illnesses. Their ultimate goal is to eradicate asbestos-related diseases and ensure a healthier, safer future for all.