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HARRINGTON HOMES BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION GALA BALL

Organisers are delighted with the success of Saturday's Harrington Homes Blue Ribbon Foundation Gala Ball in Horsham.

President of the Foundation's Horsham Branch, Mr Les Power said that more than 300 people, including Deputy Commissioner of Victoria Police Kieran Walshe, attended the prestigious black tie event at the Town Hall.

"People were dancing all night long to the 24 piece Victoria Police Show Band. The dance floor was crowded and everyone I've spoken to had a fantastic time. This is the third time we've run this event in Horsham and each year it just keeps getting bigger and better" Mr Power said.

A highlight of the evening was an auction overseen by local real estate agent and committee member Tim Coller. Mr Coller said that around \$9,000 was raised by the auction alone. "We had some terrific items donated and we thank each and every one of our sponsors for their generosity" he said.

The evening also featured a presentation of \$8,000 for the second year in a row from major sponsor, Harrington Homes. "Andrew Harrington, owner of the local family building business has really thrown his support behind the ball and the Blue Ribbon Foundation in general and we are very grateful for his ongoing support" Mr Power said.

Mr Power said that a grand total of more than \$26,000 was raised from this year's ball. "These funds will go towards the purchase of vital life saving equipment for Wimmera Health Care Group's Resuscitation Room in the Emergency Department that has been dedicated to the memory of Constable George Howell who died in the line of duty on 1st February 1952 at the age of 25" he said.

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