



National Press Gallery
MidWinterBall 2002

Program

Major Charity 2002



The Smith Family

The Smith Family is a leading independent social enterprise working with the community to achieve societal change in Australia -- helping disadvantaged Australians, especially children since 1922.

The Smith Family would sincerely like to thank the National Press Gallery for their donation to our Learning for Life Program. The Learning for Life Program helps break the cycle of poverty by encouraging disadvantaged kids to stay at school, complete their education and achieve their full potential in life.

Disadvantaged kids often try and hide the fact that they're poor from others by pretending they don't care or by missing school. Your donation to Learning for Life helps us grow the overall program, unlocking more opportunities for young disadvantaged Australians and setting up the necessary support structures that will help our kids stay on at school and forge a brighter future.

We'd like to thank the committee, the many sponsors and supporters of this special evening, as well as all who attend, and wish you all a great night!

Bill Morris
Smith Family



PAUL LYNEHAM AWARD

Tonight will also feature the inaugural Lyneham Award, named after Gallery colleague Paul Lyneham. He was 55 when he died in 1999.

Sponsored by the Nine Network and the Australian Industry Group it is the only journalism award restricted to Press Gallery members. Paul's widow, Dorothy Horstfield, will announce the first winner.

Welcome



Malcolm Farr
Gallery President

Welcome to the Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball number three. It will produce more fun, more fine food and music, and more cash for two terrific causes. And for the third year, The Great Hall of Parliament House has been decorated like never before. However, the most important item in the Great Hall is you. Without the enthusiasm of the people who have attended these balls we would not have been able to have as good a time, or raise as much money as we have. Again, welcome, and have a splendid night.

Peter Bowers
Patron

The very warmest of welcomes to our third Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball and tonight, with your help, we're shooting for some big numbers. Our first two balls raised more than \$100,000, for worthy charities, and tonight we want to break \$150,000 for all three events. It's a privilege to be patron of this year's Mid-Winter Ball. In my 30 odd years in the National Press Gallery, this is quite the best thing the Gallery has ever done.

COMMITTEE

Malcolm Farr
Steve Lewis
Sid Marris
Fran Kelly
Chelsey Martin
Mark Jessop
Mark Thornton

Evening Program

7.30pm	Pre Dinner Drinks Marble Foyer
8.00pm	Seating: Great Hall
	Introduction & Welcome Shaun Micallef
	Guest Speakers
	Malcolm Farr President, National Press Gallery
	Peter Bowers Patron, Midwinter Ball 2002
	Entrée & Main Course Dinner Music: The Stiff Gins
	Paul Lyneham Award

Menu

Entrée	English spinach, wild mushroom and Persian fetta polenta torte with tomato coulis
Main	Marinated roast beef tenderloin on sauteed leek and potato colcan non with glazed pumpkin, broccolini and a Cabernet jus
Dessert	Vanilla bavarois with wild berry compote and pistachio brittle
Cheese	Tasmanian Camembert, Farnhouse Cheddar, Red Square washed rind, South Cape Wafer and King Island Blue, served with grapes and crackers Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with Macadamia chocolate sable

	Guest Speakers The Hon John Howard MP Prime Minister
	The Hon Simon Crean MP Leader of the Opposition
	The House Howlers
10.45pm	Entertainment Mental As Anything
	Dessert & Coffee
	Dancing The Enormous Horns
2.30am	End



WINES

Meeting Place 1999 Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay Fresh bread and citrus aromas, with an elegant structure, complex characters, fine bead and excellent length. Ideal for celebrating any 'meeting'.

Meeting Place 2000 Riesling

Pale medium straw and green in colour. Lifted floral and lime aromas on the nose are complimented on a fresh and lively palate by rich grapefruit and citrus characters with lingering flavour, crisp acidity and light spice complexity.

Kamberra 1998 Shiraz

One of the best Canberra vintages of the 90's, and a solid follow-up to the benchmark '97. The '98 wine is a result of rigorous selection from meager-yielding Canberra District vineyards. Traditional open fermentation, warm fermentation temperatures and basket pressing have given the wine a fine, integrated structure, overlaid with the intense pepper and blackberry characteristics of high-altitude grown Shiraz.

KAMBERRA WINE COMPANY

The Kamberra Wine Company was established in 2000, as a result of a long held belief and commitment to the region and its potential.

The name 'Kamberra' is derived from the original name given to the limestone plains on which the national capital sits, and its translation is 'Meeting Place'.

The Kamberra wines are crafted from the finest fruit sourced from the Canberra District and surrounding regions. They display intense regional and varietal character, and pay tribute to the immense quality and potential of the district.

Entainment



SHAUN MICALLEF HOST

Shaun's early work with artist services was as a writer and actor for Full Frontal, creating many memorable characters including, Milo Kerrigan, David McGhan, Roger Explosion, Nobby Doldrums and Sergeant Spoo. His impersonations of Fabio, Jim Waley, David Copperfield and Billy Connolly are also lasting memoirs of those days.

Shaun's ability to play roles at both high and low ends of comedy have seen his talents flow as a writer and actor on Jimeoin, The Glenn Nicholls Show, Shaun Micallef's World Around Him and Full Frontal. He has appeared on Sea Change, Short Cuts and The Panel.

More recently, Shaun hosted the Logies in 2001, having received a logie the previous year and another in 2002 for best comedy program - the micallef program. In 2002 he has featured in films such as, Bad Eggs, The Honourable Wally Norman and The 13th House.



MENTAL AS ANYTHING The World's Greatest Garage Band

In August 2001, Mental As Anything turned 24.

They have outlasted four Prime Ministers, the death of the vinyl LP, the rise of Microsoft and the Internet, man's colonisation of space, the New Romantic Movement, Pol Pot and big hair. Their career has spanned the flared jean coming in and out of fashion. They have sold over 2 million records world-wide and had Top 10 hits in North America and Europe. They have staged three critically acclaimed art exhibitions and been courted by Paul Keating. They have written more than a dozen songs about drinking.

There's a part of Mental As Anything that hopefully will never grow up, but they also have a clear idea of what makes the group itself. Self-knowledge. The true sign of a man.



ENORMOUS HORNS

Many people have tried to describe the Enormous Horns - and most of them have failed. They've been called a smouldering funk band, a brassy soul revue, a hip jazz combo and a wild rock & roll band.

In truth, they're a little bit of all those things - but most of all, they're a party band. From their diverse set list to their hilarious, energetic performances, the Enormous Horns are ultimately dedicated to entertainment.

THE STIFF GINS

The Stiff Gins are a young, exciting three-piece, acoustic group with stunning vocal harmonies. Together the girls represent a myriad of Aboriginal experiences and demonstrate the vitality of contemporary indigenous life and music.

Gold Sponsors

Qantas

Qantas is proud to support the Smith Family Learning for Life Program through its continuing sponsorship of the National Press Gallery Midwinter Ball. I am sure that this year's event will continue the wonderful tradition of philanthropy and entertainment that has been established over the past two years.

Geoff Dixon

Chief Executive Officer
Qantas

Gavin Anderson & Company

While many aspire to make a difference, in itself aspiration does nothing and leadership is required. Through the Learning for Life Program, the Smith Family is leading us to make a difference for thousands of disadvantaged children. By co-sponsoring tonight's event, Gavin Anderson & Company is proud to support the Smith Family as it changes young lives for the better.

Ian Smith

CEO Australia
Gavin Anderson & Company

Hyatt Hotel Canberra

As banquet, staff and public caterer here at Parliament House, I am delighted to welcome you to this years' National Press Gallery Midwinter Ball and congratulate the event committee, not only for delivering another outstanding evening for us as guests, but more importantly, for their commitment to charitable work with The Smith Family Learning for Life Program, the nominated beneficiary this year.

Have a great evening.

Karl-Werner Diefenbach

General Manager
Hyatt Hotel Canberra

Nine Network

The Nine Network is proud to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program, which enhances the lives of many disadvantaged children throughout Australia.

Ian Johnson

CEO
Nine Network Australia

Seven Network

The Seven Network is once again proud to be a principal supporter of the Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball. It has been a momentous 12 months for the Gallery. Not only has an election come and gone, but many of the Gallery's members were involved in covering the tragic events of September 11, not only from the United States, but subsequently in Afghanistan, during the War Against Terror. As part of its continued commitment to an expanding presence in both news and current affairs, Seven reporters and camera crew from the Gallery were involved in that coverage. The events of 9/11 remind us all of the importance of a free society, and the Seven Network wishes the Gallery well in its important role in our democracy over the coming year.

Glenn Milne

Chief Political Correspondent
Seven Network

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