



The Mai-Wel Group Celebrity Comedy Debate is back for its sixth year!

Put it in the diary – there's a self proclaimed "wog", a Daddo brother and a Politician's worst nightmare!

The date has been set for The Mai-Wel Group's highly anticipated, Annual Celebrity Comedy Debate on Saturday 17th July, 2010, at Maitland Town Hall.

This year age will divide the debaters as they take to the microphone to thrash out the all important topic: "Baby Boomers – are they a National Nuisance, or a National Treasure?"

In 2010, high profile national celebrities, together with local personalities will step up in support of this fundraising event, with Bryan Dawe, from the 7.30 Report, and 'Effie Stephanides' of 'Acropolis Now' and 'Effie on the Roof' fame, taking opposing sides of the argument.

A long and impressive list of local identities will join them; including Debate favourite Aaron Kearney from 1233 ABC Radio's Breakfast program, former news presenter and performer in her own right, Melinda Smith, former television and radio sports broadcaster, Leigh Maughan, and Maitland based business woman and physiotherapist, Judy Mitchell.

With an impressive reputation as a radio and TV personality, and a household name to boot, Andrew Daddo will host as Master of Ceremonies and is certain to add his own sense of humour, *and a little more fun*, to the celebrity shenanigans.

The Annual Celebrity Comedy Debate, already a highlight event on Mai-Wel's annual calendar, will have special significance this year as Mai-Wel celebrates 50 years of providing disability services to the community.

"The debate is The Mai-Wel Group's primary fundraising initiative which, from the very first debate in 2005, has proven a winning formula for the organisation and provides the local community with an exceptional night of entertainment", said The Mai-Wel Group CEO, Mrs Pennie Kearney.

"With the generosity of the community supporting this event each year, we can continue to provide programs and services which advance the lives of people with a disability".

Such advances include the development of the long-awaited Community Programs Building in Telarah, due for completion in the coming weeks.

Tickets are \$70 which includes a light meal. There will be an exceptional range of items available in an auction and raffle to be held on the night, including the chance to win a 10 night 'Pacific Horizons' cruise for two aboard the P&O Pacific Sun, departing Newcastle, valued at \$2099, donated by Harvey World Travel Maitland and Rutherford.

With the event being a sell out each year, those interested in attending The Mai-Wel Group Celebrity Comedy Debate should book tickets in advance to avoid the possibility of missing out. For more information or to book tickets please contact The Mai-Wel Group on 4932 8599. Bookings open Monday 7th June 2010 at 9:00am.

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