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## **BRISBANE'S BIGGEST NETWORKING EVENT IN 2008**

***Brisbane's biggest networking event, set to take the spotlight on November 1st this year will see the city's elite decision makers, corporate business representatives and local business owners come together in the support of RACQ CareFlight Rescue and The Dodd Foundation.***

The Dodd Foundation was established by Megan Dodd, Brisbane Regional Community Relations Manager for RACQ CareFlight Rescue, following the tragic events that struck her and her husband of 24 days, Paul. While on their honeymoon in the UK this past Christmas Day, an accident left Paul in a critical condition, unconscious and unable to return to Australia. Miraculously, Paul survived the first 24 hours and through sheer determination improved in health during the coming days and weeks.

It was during this time; Megan engaged the assistance of her colleagues at RACQ CareFlight Rescue. On February 19, Paul who was still unconscious was transported back to Australia with the help of a full medical escort and the CareFlight team. Now in his home of Brisbane, Paul requires continual care in RBWH Hospital and is still in a coma.

The Dodd Foundation was established in a hope to raise much needed funds to cater for the ongoing costly care of Paul. In an effort to achieve this, The Dodd Foundation and CareFlight have combined forces with Brisbane businesses Connect Working and Wealth Acceleration Group to promote and hold Brisbane's Biggest Networking Event in 2008.

Vicki Sparks, founder of ConnectWorking, a Strategic Business Network, Kym Alexander, senior consultant with Wealth Acceleration Group, along with Megan Dodd are the driving force behind the event. "As soon as we heard Megan's story both of us immediately wanted to be involved in the Foundation and help them out. Both of us have an interest in the positive power of business networking, so together we formulated the idea to hold Brisbane's Biggest Networking Event in support of Megan and the Dodd Foundation." says Vicki.

The best of the Brisbane business community is expected to attend providing an excellent opportunity to network and develop contacts across a wide range of fields and industries.

Brisbane's Biggest Networking Event will be held in Brisbane City at Tattersall's Club on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$195 with all profits to be split between RACQ CareFlight Rescue and the Dodd Foundation.

Additional sponsorship opportunities exist to support the event. Top level support includes numerous corporate promotion opportunities at the event in addition to an opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to enjoy a 15 minute training flight with the RACQ CareFlight Rescue Crew.

For more information about the event, or to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact Vicki Sparks from ConnectWorking on 0433 502 110 or at [vicki@connectworking.com.au](mailto:vicki@connectworking.com.au).

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