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Patrons Group Announced for Bethesda Foundation

The Bethesda Foundation boasts an impressive line up of patrons who bring experience and profile to the philanthropic arm of the Claremont based private hospital.

The inaugural Bethesda Foundation Patrons Group includes well-known philanthropist and socialite Rhonda Wyllie, businesswoman Maryanne Bell, and New York-based art and fashion photographer Russell James. All have a strong connection with Bethesda Hospital as well as personal experiences that have drawn them to give back to the community. Dr Neale Fong, one of WA's most experienced health care administrators, will chair the Foundation.

The Foundation is aiming to raise funds to improve patient care, provide equipment for improved patient comfort and improve clinical education and establish research at Bethesda Hospital. The Foundation will also support projects that aim to 'give back' to the community locally and overseas, particularly in the area of palliative and end-of-life care.

'Having such a high-profile and well-established Patrons Group who are well known in the business and charity sphere, the Bethesda Foundation will benefit from their experience and connections', said Yasmin Naglazas, Bethesda Hospital CEO.

Bethesda Hospital, who are celebrating 70 years caring for the West Australian community this year, will be holding their inaugural Bethesda Foundation Charity Ball on Saturday 18 October 2014 at the Hyatt Regency.

In addition to the outstanding entertainment provided by Mike DelGuidice and the Billy Joel band direct from New York, guests will be treated to amazing food and wine throughout the fundraising evening. On-line and live auction items will also feature in the lead up to and during the night.

Additional information about the Bethesda Foundation or the Bethesda Foundation Charity Ball is available at www.bethesda.asn.au

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