

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

In life it is always important to reflect on moments that matter – moments of achievement, moments of challenge, moments of joy and sadness and moments of vulnerability.

At Giant Steps Sydney we always remember that it's our knowledge and understanding of autism, as well as our care and support, that we share with our early years, primary and secondary school students, our

post-school program participants and their families. We always recognise the importance of individualised education and therapy programs.

We work with these students and families, together with our highly trained teachers, music, speech and occupational therapists, psychologists and educators to design and implement programs that recognise the learning style of each student. We simultaneously create opportunities for our children to learn and develop skills that will see them as active participants in family and community life, reaching their potential, enjoying the wonderful moments of life and overcoming the challenges that life inevitably brings.

Giant Steps Sydney continues to grow. Our waiting list is long and we want to help as many children, young adults and their families impacted by autism as we can.

We believe in "finding a way" and this is made possible with the help of our many friends, supporters and events like tonight.

On behalf of our students, post-school participants, and their families, we thank you with all our hearts for your care and support.

Barry Irvin AM

Chairman

Giant Steps Australia

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Ball. It is our great pleasure to support Giant Steps, and their cause is close to our director's heart as his son Lucas has attended Giant Steps for the last 9 years. Lucas is in his second year at Adult Services and is thriving.

Quay Business Services started in 2005, with a vision for improving not just our clients' business performance but also their personal success and financial freedom. Quay's team bring diverse industry experience to provide a broad range of business services including CFO Virtual services, outsourcing your finance department and many more.

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Through accounting, property, finance and superannuation accounting services, Quay helps our clients to move forward and achieve their specific goals. We are not only a one size fits all business; our services are tailor-made to your needs.

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We are accountants and maximising our client's financial position is our primary aim.

If you would like to have a confidential chat about how we can assist you and your business, please contact our Founder Slavko Visevic or one of the friendly Quay Team members on 0422 888 592 or find us online at www.quaybusiness.com.au.



CHALOUHI, IS PROUD TO BE

a Major Sponsor for the Giant Steps Gala this year and is honoured to partner with such a worthy cause

Founded by brothers Robin and Norman, Chalouhi operates with family values at the heart of our business.

Working for 20 years in the civil sector, the two brothers built a reputation for excellence before noticing there was a gap in the market for comprehensive solutions that provided clients with cost-effective outcomes through optimised designs.

In 2013, Chalouhi commenced operations and has been growing in staff, clients and capabilities ever since, securing a legacy of excellence for the future. With a dedicated team of over 200 staff, Chalouhi offers its clients with holistic design and construct solutions, developed by our in-house engineering design team.

Chalouhi focuses on building a comprehensive end-to-end service that integrates all phases of the civil construction process. We offer more than just demolition, remediation, ground engineering, excavation and civil works. Chalouhi goes beyond the traditional civil scope to provide specialised services such as piling, shotcreting, anchoring, and surveying, all within one company. At Chalouhi, we are privileged to contribute to the well-being of our communities through various initiatives.

Our commitment to giving back stems from a genuine desire to make a positive impact, not for recognition, but because it aligns with our values and enriches our lives and those around us.



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Giant Steps sincerely thanks RYOBI for this generous donation



Only 1,000 tickets available at \$100 each

2nd PRIZE

Luxury weekend for 2 at the Fairmont Resort

Value \$900

3rd PRIZE

Myer gift card Value \$300



Draw takes place at 11:00pm



* \$20,000 to be deposited into winner's nominated bank account a week after the Giant Steps Luminous Gala Ball

BALL PROGRAM

6.50 pm Pre-dinner drinks

String Quartet

7.45 pm MC, Peter Berner

Entrée service commences

8.00 pm Barry Irvin, Giant Steps Chairman

Giant Steps film Pledge Appeal

8:30pm Main Course service commences

Giant Steps photo presentation

9.10 pm Slavko, Tanya and Amelia Visevic, Giant Steps family

9.25 pm Live Auction, Jason Kazanis Auctioneer

Dessert, coffee and tea service commences

9.50 pm Glassbreakers

11.00 pm Raffle announced

Silent auction closes

Dancing with Glassbreakers until 12.15 am

11.50 pm Bar closes

12.15 am Band finishes

GOODNIGHT AND THANK YOU!



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Maple glazed Bannockburn chicken, tamari soy, tempura zucchini flower, Garlicious Grown black garlic and desert lime

*Dietary Entrée

Confit eggplant and zucchini tartare, toasted sesame, piquillo peppers, vegan labna, tomato butter and crispy rice GF VE CF

MAIN

Riverina MB2+ eye fillet, smoked potato puree, roasted seasonal vegetables, butter poached baby onions, wilted greens, and red wine jus GF

*Dietary Main

Root vegetable pave, braised mung beans, Garlicious Grown black garlic, grilled seasonal mushrooms, charred onion, shaved asparagus with mushroom jus and parsnip chips GF VE CF

Pescatarian main alternative available only if pre-ordered 14 days prior

DESSERT

Shared mini desserts consisting of ...

- Salted caramel and vanilla bean mousse, Malfroy's gold honey, burnt butter crunch GF
- Block 11 organic rhubarb, lime and raspberry cheesecake
- Passionfruit bavarois, mango and lemon myrtle jelly, coconut marshmallow, coconut crunch CF

*Dietary Dessert

Rose infused watermelon with strawberries and mint, coconut labneh, crispy chickpea meringue, lychee sorbet GF VE CF

BEVERAGES

SPARKLING - Craigmoor Chardonnay Pinot Noir NV, Central Ranges, NSW

WHITE WINE - Tyrrell's Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Hunter Valley & Orange, NSW

RED WINE - Secret Garden Shiraz, Murray Darling, NSW

BEER - 4 Pines Pacific Ale and Asahi Super Dry

ALCOHOL FREE – Sobah and Peroni 0% alcoholic free beers and McGuigan Zero alcohol free sparkling wine are available from all bars

Selection of juice, mineral water and soft drinks

House made botanical water

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LIVE AUCTION

The Auction is conducted live on the night. The highest bidder will be the purchaser of the item. The Auctioneer's decision will be final.

The successful bidder will be asked to complete a payment card at the end of the sale of the item. All items must be paid for on the night by cheque, cash or credit card. Purchase receipts (non-tax deductible) will be sent to the buyer shortly after the Ball.

LOT ONE

QUEENSTOWN NEW ZEALAND TRIP

Stay in a gorgeous luxury townhouse in Queenstown for seven nights which sleeps up to 8 people. Enjoy stunning uninterrupted views over Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables that will take your breath away, all from the comfort of this wonderful home. Perfectly situated for you to be able to soak up the atmosphere



and character of this unique little town.

Split across three levels, the apartment boasts large, open plan living and dining area, a sizeable and fully equipped kitchen, good sized bedrooms, and three bathrooms. Perfect for larger families or groups, giving you the perfect environment to socialise whilst also allowing you to have your own space.

Bedding configuration options as follows:

Bedroom 1 - 1 x king bed

Bedroom 2 - 1 x king bed or 2 x single beds

Bedroom 3 – 2 x single beds

Bedroom 4 (optional extra)- bunk beds (suited for children up to the age of 12)

Features include private balconies & courtyard, gas fire, tennis court.

Valid until 31 October 2025, subject to availability.

Book early to secure your preferred date.

Also included is a \$2,500 Flight Centre voucher.

Kindly donated by James Mayo

LOT TWO

RYOBI PRIZE PACKS

2 PACKS AVAILABLE VALUED AT \$12,500 EACH

There will be two (2) lots of this prize on offer during the Live Auction, each valued at \$12,500. Both packs can be purchased by the same winner.



Imagine owning the ultimate tool shed, garage, workshop or garden

shed, full of all the tools you've been dreaming about? Build a comprehensive package of RYOBI products up to the value of \$12,500 to use in your home, in the garden, as well as for hobbies.

Talk about endless possibilities! Think of the fun you could have constructing every conceivable DIY project, or creating a garden your neighbours will envy. How about starting (or finishing) an automotive project?

Whatever you choose, RYOBI has the power tools and garden equipment you need! Kindly donated by RYOBI

INICORMATION & TERMS

- Each RYOBI Prize Pack is valued at AUD\$12.500 (RRP).
- 2. The winner may choose from a dedicated range of RYOBI products up to the maximum value of AUD\$12,500 (RRP).
- 3. RYOBI promotional items are excluded from the RYOBI Prize Pack.
- 4. There are more than 200 RYOBI products to choose from.
- 5. The RYOBI Prize Pack is not transferable.
- 6. The RYOBI Prize Pack is not redeemable for cash.
- 7. No item in the RYOBI Prize Pack is redeemable for cash.
- 8. A dedicated RYOBI Account Manager will be assigned to work with the winner to assist with choosing the RYOBI products and finalising the RYOBI Prize

- Pack as well as providing support with any queries the winner may have.
- The winner may be eligible for an extended warranty on some of the RYOBI products but that will depend on what RYOBI products are chosen and the winner must register the products in the RYOBI Prize Pack on the MyRYOBI website within 30 days of receiving the RYOBI Prize Pack to receive the extended warranty.
- 10. The RYOBI Prize Pack must be claimed by 30 June 2027.
- 11. Once the RYOBI Prize Pack products are selected, changes will not be permitted.
- 12. The RYOBI Prize Pack includes delivery to an Australian or New Zealand street address of the winner's choice.

LIVE AUCTION

LOT THREE

GIANT STEPS ARTWORK

This colourful mixed media piece of art has been created by the children of Giant Steps with the assistance of our talented art therapist Pamela Honeyfield.

It has been beautifully framed and would look great in any home or boardroom.

Kindly donated by Giant Steps and Pamela Honeyfield



LOT FOUR

4 HOUR SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE ON LUXURY SAILING YACHT

Experience the ultimate in luxury on Sydney Harbour with up to 10 friends aboard Drumfire.

Enjoy 4 hours aboard this beautifully crafted 24-metre luxury European sailing yacht with beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks and snacks included.

Drumfire first took part in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2018 and is based in Sydney at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

This prize is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, so you can plan this special occasion at your convenience.

Don't miss out on this majestic experience!

Date and times to be arranged to co-ordinate with yachts sailing program.

Kindly donated by William Vicars

Drumfire





LOT FIVE

PRIVATE FUNCTION AT A PRESTIGIOUS WATERFRONT RESIDENCE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

Experience a luxury lunch or dinner at one of the best private residences in Sydney's most exclusive harbour-front enclaves on Wolseley Road, Point Piper. It commands a truly breathtaking north-east backdrop over Felix Bay's boat-filled waters, with views across Shark Island and all the way to Manly. The sense of seclusion from the alfresco entertainment zones is truly divine, with a sundrenched terrace gazing over the sparkling waters, and direct access to Lady Martin Beach.

A masterpiece of impeccable design by a prominent Sydney Interior Designer, this property showcases hand-selected local and imported finishes with innovative high-end and bespoke joinery. A property of this calibre and pedigree combines true opulence, a superior designer aesthetic in an elegant blue-ribbon Wolseley Road address

This four-hour event will be fully catered by a private chef and would suit a high-end work function, Christmas party or exclusive private gathering for up to 20 people. Or alternatively, why not enjoy a five-course sit-down lunch or dinner, including beverages, for up to 10 people.

Arrangements to be made with the owner to confirm a mutually agreeable date. Valid until the end of March 2025. Exclusive use for four hours only.

Kindly donated by James Mayo









LIVE AUCTION

LOT SIX

LUXURY CRUISE ABOARD SYDNEY'S PREMIER 95FT SUPERYACHT HIILANI!

Hiilani is an elegant, classic 95ft motor yacht with classic exterior styling and a richly appointed interior. Built in Italy, and previously owned by Shirley Temple, her levels of luxury and comfort make her one of the finest motor yachts available for charter in Australia.

Hiilani has 3 levels, sun lounge, front deck and top deck, 4 spacious cabins and ensuites and can accommodate up to 45 guests cocktail style. A recent multimillion dollar re-fit has ensured that Hiilani is magnificently equipped for luxury cruising.

Prize includes a 6-hour charter for up to 45 guests in Sydney Harbour, pick up and drop off from a wharf of your choice (pending availability).

Catering and Beverage packages available at an additional cost.

Valid until June 2025. Blackout dates may apply.

Kindly donated by Jon Adgemis







LOT SEVEN

PABLO PICASSO "Composition Avec Pipa", 1955



Colour pochoir from Picasso's "Venti Pochoirs Originali" series. Picasso personally oversaw the publication of this very rare portfolio of pochoirs after some of his most famous paintings. A retrospective of sorts, spanning the length of Picasso's varied and illustrious career, each of the styles Picasso either mastered or popularised is represented in this compilation and there are excellent examples of works from his "Blue", "Rose", "Cubist" and "Surrealism" Periods. Fine detailing and strong primary colours are the common stylistic traits prevalent in each of the works in this series.

Kindly donated by Chase Gallery

LOT EIGHT

MALDIVES TROPICAL ISLAND HOLIDAY FOR 2 PEOPLE



Five-Night stay at Cinnamon Dhonveli and \$5,000 Flight Centre Voucher

Experience the perfect balance of an unforgettable tropical paradise getaway!

Cinnamon Dhonveli is situated on a private island surrounded by the sparkling turquoise

waters of the Indian Ocean, the perfect place to switch off and reconnect. The resort combines authentic Maldivian design and décor with modern comforts, facilities, and amenities, to offer guests the ultimate Maldivian holiday experience.

Indulge in thrilling water sports and explore marine life through diving and snorkelling. Unwind with massages, fishing trips, or dolphin watching. Delight in diverse dining options and all-you-can-eat buffets.

Cinnamon Dhonveli Maldives is a 25-minute speedboat ride away from Male, via dolphin-and turtle-friendly waters. Return boat transfers are included.

Accommodation is in a Duplex Garden Bungalow for two persons on a bed and breakfast basis.

Valid from 1 June 2024 to 30th November 2024. Subject to availability.

TERMS & CONDITIONS - ACCOMMODATION

All beverages and extras are chargeable. Green tax is chargeable.

There will be a mandatory green tax of USD 6 per person per night to be paid directly at the resort.

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Accommodation voucher must be produced at the time of check in and is non-refundable, non-transferable, and not valid other than for the stipulated time period.

Kindly donated by Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts

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LIVE AUCTION

LOT NINE

CROATIA TRIP

Perfectly located, Villa Riva is situated in the village of Kut on the opposite side of the Island of Vis' harbour from where the ferry arrives (Vis town). This is the quieter, more private side of the bay. Despite the tranquility, it is only a short walk from the house to beaches, restaurants / bars. supermarket and car hire.

Luxurious and relaxed, it's a perfect getaway for those who love the beauty and history of Europe, crave the relaxation of a seaside location, and want a comfortable, private retreat from



which to enjoy it all. Vis lies between Italy and Croatia, about 50 kilometres southwest of Split. It's the outermost inhabited island amongst the myriad of Croatian islands that make up Dalmatia.

Villa Riva is a beautiful, four-storey 200 year old Venetian villa, set on a small square facing the lapping waters of the Adriatic. It accommodates at least 6 to 8 people in 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, and offers stunning views of Vis and its harbour from all the bedrooms and terraces. There are daily flights into Split from European capitals, and 2-3 ferries a day to Vis (1.5 -2.5 hours) from Split.

The owners will provide their personal recommendations for where to eat and how best to enjoy the island and they have a local manager on hand also.

The prize is for one week's accommodation staying in the Villa, subject to availability (excluding July and August). Valid until 31 December 2025.

Also included is a \$5,000 voucher from Flight Centre. Does not include any transfers.

www.villarivavis.com

Kindly donated by the Ferrarin and Hetherington Families

SILENT AUCTION

Tonight we are using Galabid electronic bidding system. Just use your own smart phone or tablet to bid!

The Silent Auction will close at 11.00 pm SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



OR

Text: gsball followed by a space then your full name to: 0458 678 678
Example: gsball John Smith

Follow the registration link you are sent from GalaBid



HAPPY BIDDING!

WHAT IF YOU WIN?

If you are the successful, highest bidder at the end of the auction, around 11.00 pm, you will recieve a link from Galabid

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT BEFORE HEADING TO THE AUCTION AREA TO COLLECT YOUR PRIZE.

Show an attendant in the Auction area your receipt on your screen so that they may hand the item to you.

LUCKY DIP

Purchase a Lucky Dip token and you will get a fantastic Lucky Dip prize. The tokens will be on sale from the start of the evening until 10.45 pm or until they are sold out. Volunteers will be coming around to all the tables with the tokens for sale. They will also be available from the Lucky Dip counter at the rear of the room.

To claim your prize, take your token to the Lucky Dip counter.

PLFASE NOTE

Prizes are not interchangeable.

All wine received as a prize is not to be opened or consumed on the premises due to regulations.





PLEDGES

GOAL -TO RAISE \$130,000 FOR NEW VEHICLES

At this year's Giant Steps Luminous Gala Ball, we are aiming to raise \$130,000 to purchase two essential vehicles for our school and adult program. Transporting children and adults on the autism spectrum often requires specialised transport in large vehicles to support the individual needs of each child

The new vehicles will not only ensure safe and reliable transportation but also support a wide range of Community Access activities, such as swimming lessons, horse riding, BBQs, shopping, sailing, gymnastics, surfing, overnight school camps, and providing respite for families. Additionally, vehicles need to be fuelled, insured, registered, and serviced, all of which require funding.

We are in need of two 12-seater buses to transport class groups and adult participants to Community Access activities. Your support will help us achieve this goal and make a tremendous difference to the lives of our students, adult participants and their families. Please consider making a pledge tonight to help us reach our goal.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to Giant Steps.







ENTERTAINERS

MC - PETER BERNER

Peter Berner is without a doubt one of Australia's most popular and respected comics and broadcasters, having performed his unique brand of comedy across Australia for nearly three decades and hosted iconic television shows and radio programs.

Peter started his career as a stand-up comedian in 1988 and has performed at various prestigious festivals, including the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Sydney Comedy Festival, the Adelaide Comedy Festival and Just For Laughs – just to name a few.

His intelligent humour has always set him apart as a performer who can comfortably straddle comedy styles as disparate as satire, observational comedy and reactive comedy with ease.

Peter's major TV hosting roles have been BackBerner (1999-2002, ABC TV), The Australian Film Institute Awards (2004), The Einstein Factor (2004-2009, ABC TV), The Loaded Brush (2009, ABC TV), You Have Been Watching (2011, The Comedy Channel) and The B Team with Peter Berner (2016-2017, Sky News Live). All up he has presented more than 500 hours of national television program content in varying genres including comedy, news and documentary in live and taped environments.

On FM radio, Peter has been the breakfast co-host of Triple M's The Cage (2007), which was networked live each day along the east coast, and has also hosted his own solo radio show, The Peter Berner Experiment (2008-2009), on Triple M. On AM radio he has hosted weekend afternoons on 2UE (2012).

He is in demand as a corporate MC, entertainer and facilitator having worked with many of Australia's top companies.

A talented artist and cartoonist, Peter is a graduate of the National Art School. He has twice been a finalist in the Archibald Prize, as well as being a finalist in Waverley Art Prize, National Still Life Prize, Muswellbrook Art Prize, Sunshine Coast Art Prize to name a few.

He has had cartoons published in various magazines including The Bulletin and TNT Magazine (London).

He is currently cartoonist for Limelight Magazine.

In 2015 Peter released a book of cartoons titled The Book of He (Finch Publishing) and the sequel, The Book of They (Finch Publishing) in 2017.

ENTERTAINERS

BAND - GLASSBREAKERS



Glassbreakers, the party band brainchild of award winning, platinum selling singer songwriter and producer, llan Kidron. Best known as the lead singer of Australia's groundbreaking dance act The Potbelleez, known for their slew of hit singles including Are You With Me and Don't Hold Back.

Ilan is joined by Sydney's finest musicians, who over the years, have shared the stage with the likes of Grace Jones, Matt Corby, Tim Minchin, Hugh Jackman, Missy Higgins, Charlie XCX, Branford Marsalis, James Morrison and Vince Jones.

Harnessing all this experience, Glassbreakers has become a tight, energetic powerhouse of party brilliance performing breathtaking new takes on old world classics and wicked twists on the new.

STRING QUARTET - SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Thank you to the talented Sydney Grammar School students playing for us tonight, including Ethan Ko whose brother Jeremy attends Giant Steps.

Violins (Ethan Ko and Scott Hu)

Violoncello (Solomon Tan)

Viola (Jayden Arav)





THANK YOU

On behalf of the Giant Steps families, thank you so much to all the donors of the fantastic prizes we have on offer tonight. Also a big thank you to our guests and to everyone who has helped make tonight possible. Your support of our children means a great deal to us all.

Giant Steps warmly thanks the following people and businesses for their generosity tonight:

Giant Steps Ball Committee Members

Made up of Giant Steps families assisted by the Giant Steps Fundraising Team.

Giant Steps Community

The Giant Steps parent body for its help in obtaining prizes, helping with Ball preparations and for supporting the Ball and the Giant Steps staff and Board for their on-going support and assistance.

Graphic Design Services

Petra Daley for designing the fantastic invitations, program and all printed and online documents.

Printing Services

Grant Shortland of Vital Paper for supplying all the paper and for organising all the printing to be donated.

PETRA DALEY GRAPHIC DESIGNER (2 RAPHIC DESIGNER) (2 RAPHIC DESIGNER) (3 RAND MANAGEMENT (4 RAND MANAGEMENT (5 RAND MANAGEMENT (6 RAND MANAGEMENT (7 RAND MANAGEMENT (8 RAND MANAGEMENT (9 RAND MANAGEMENT (1 RAND MANAGEMENT (2 RAND MANAGEMENT (3 RAND MANAGEMENT (4 RAND MANAGEMENT (5 RAND MANAGEMENT (6 RAND MANAGE

Auctioneer

Jason Kazanis

Volunteers

All the **volunteers** tonight as well as those who assisted with set up and in the weeks leading up to the Ball. This includes **Giant Steps parents and siblings** and our lovely **staff** and **family** & **friends.**

Photographers

HomePix Photography

Décor

Rebecca from Lulu & Lotti Event Styling

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Auction and Lucky Dip prizes have all been donated. We would like to thank the individuals and companies for their generous donations. For a full list of our prize donors please visit www.giantstepsball.net.au/our-sponsors/



























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for your support & generosity, we hope you enjoyed the Luminous Gala!





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