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### What inspires you?





# Galas are not dead! Key drivers for a successful fundraising gala

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All in for kids' health

#### Four GOLDen pillars

**G**et clear on your purpose

Outline your impact

Leverage relationships

Deliver great financial outcomes



# What comes to mind when you think of a fundraising gala?





## Get clear on your purpose





#### Get clear on your purpose

- Every element of communication should resonate with your mission.
- Invite your audience into a compelling story, one that tugs at their emotions and inspires them to give.
- Transform a simple request for support into a powerful catalyst for change.

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Too often, parents are being told there are no further treatment options to save their child. It's a truly heart-breaking conversation, a concept that no parent should ever have to comprehend. We want to change this.

With your support, clinicians and researchers alike hope to unlock a new era in childhood cancer survival through the Transplant and Cellular Therapy program at the Kids Cancer Centre.

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With your help tonight, we can turn breakthroughs into treatments, meaning kids in critical condition don't have to wait until it's too late. Together, we can change the future for kids with cancer.

### Aiming for change

In Australia, a number of children and adolescents face cancer diagnoses annually, with some unfortunate outcomes. Every week, a few children succumb to the disease.

Parents often receive disheartening news about limited treatment options. It's a sad concept, and we want to do something about it.

Clinicians and researchers have been doing lots of incredible research and are on the verge of something, so your backing is sought for a treatment program at the Kids Cancer Centre.

We hope to help these researchers find a cure.

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#### **Case studies**

- People connect with the real, human element, and it helps put things into perspective.
- A case study acts as the bridge that transforms statistics into human experiences.





#### Key takeaways: Get clear on your purpose

Always come
back to the
need and shape
it into a
consistent
narrative

Utilise
compelling case
studies to
humanize the
impact of your
work

Tailor case
study
presentations to
suit the event
type

### Outlining your impact



#### **Outlining your impact**

#### Why is this so crucial?

It's not just about the immediate impact but about fostering a sustained commitment.





#### BUILDING THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS OF TOMORROW

Sydney Children's Hospital Stage I and Australia's first Children's Comprehensive Curcer Centre is set to nevolutionise paediatric healthcare in south east Sydney and beyond.

The \$428m project will deliver a new need-generation facility, located in the heart of the Frandwick Health & Innovation Fractics, combining contemporary inframrucurs with child-focused, world leading research and compassionate care to provide the best possible treatment for posterits and their families.

The new facility will half on the proxel legacy of Sydney Châtems in Hospital, Randwick is a leading provider of pandistric direct halfs new locks prize greatly (2000 dies and injured oldern every year. And the partnership of Châtems's Cancer Institute, the only Australian medical research institute thousand inside you offstend cancer with the RSFs Cancer Centre, Randwick, both leaders in this first width international monographion for the world-

Stage I of the project it sheady underway with well-advanced plant to deliver a new world-leading hospital building, with enhanced integration of dinical care and research, along with Australia's first Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre.



The new building set for completion in 2023, will be home to a new children's emergency department and short-stay unit, a new pendiaric Intendeu care unit and close observation unit, a new Neurosciences Compenhendeu Care and Research Centra, a new vinual care centre, new legislate utalist for medical and surgical specialists, and a new medical short-stay unit. Other new faciliste include pharmacy and shared medical imaging.

The Children's Comprehensies Cancer Cardre will deliver an innovative model of children's course care and measure, allowing dinicians and scientifics to work together seamlessly, with the goal of putting an end to childrood cancer. The new contro will have restional and global reach and impact and brings an exciting new capability to the Fandwick Health & Innovation Previous.

The hospital's front entry and forecourt place will be a welcoming dynamic space for visitors; combining intuitive weekfinding, an Aborighial Cashing Place, and new gurden, play and pet areas, with a technology-enabled Discovery Carrier and Public Lisboratory to deliver a hospital entry with a difference.

The new building has been designed to be distinctly. Randwick – forward-thinking and highly agile to reimagine the way paediatric healthcure is delivered now and in the future.

Patients and their families will remain at the heart of hospital design. The new building will prioritise patient-centred architecture, including single recent designed to optimise natural light and privacy, customised furnisms to allow patients to personalise their room, spaces for parents to stay with their dislideres, arts and discovery integrated into clinical wards, and come for that old service of their chartest and work for the whole families.

New models of ours will consider the entirety of the patient's journey and their treatment as a whole, while a new psecletric elfual care service will provide direct support closer to home, extending the hospital's putmach into the community.

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#### **Outlining your impact**

We ensure we weave impact and transparency throughout all phases of our events. We do this through:

- A detailed prospectus
- Pledge lists
- Fly-throughs
- Mock site tours
- Donor recognition events and
- Impact updates

#### Leverage relationships

Donors and guests

**Key partners** 

Internal relationships

**Committees** 

#### **Donors and guests**

- What can you do to ensure they want to attend again?
- What can you do to ensure they want to engage with your comms?
- What can you do to secure another donation?







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#### **Key partners**

- Engage in open dialogues, understand their corporate objectives and weave them seamlessly into your event
- Celebrate successes together
- Understand their brand and mission and align goals to create a seamless narrative.
- Identify meaningful engagement opportunities

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#### **Internal relationships**

- Utilise the different skills, connections and specialties from across the organisation to ensure you get the best results.
- Don't be afraid to ask for support.

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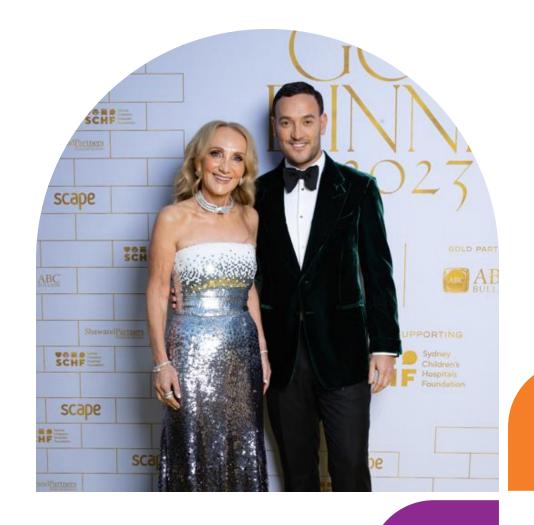
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#### **Committees**

Committee members are your greatest advocates. They have the potential to:

- Connect you with guests
- Open the doors to suppliers willing to contribute their services
- Use their corporate connections to secure sponsors and donations
- Introduce you to potential celebrity attendees or performers.





#### Key takeaways: Leveraging relationships

Strong
relationships
and
collaboration
are key

consider what skills and connections already exist within your networks

connections can assist with key elements of your event

#### Deliver great financial outcomes

Ambitious targets

Multi-year sponsorship agreements

Fundraising mechanisms



#### **Ambitious targets**

Our target: \$15 million

Goal: funding a

revolutionary, Australian-

first Complex Care Centre





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# Multi-year sponsorship agreements

- Create meaningful connections
- Understand their interests and aspirations
- Share opportunities aligned with their brand
- Seek organisations with aligned values
- Look at what you are bringing to the table
- Demonstrate a clear return on investment

### Deliver great financial outcomes

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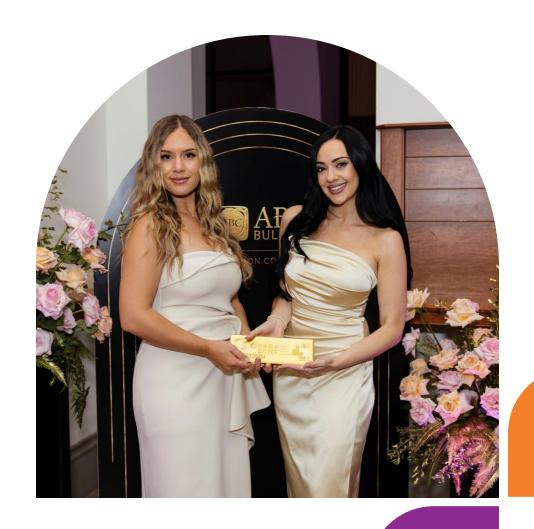
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### **Fundraising mechanisms**

- Offer something for everyone, catering to diverse interests, price points, and engagement styles.
- Look for money-can't-buy, oncein-a-lifetime experiences.
- Ensure your auctioneer is well briefed and knows how to work a crowd.





### Key takeaways: Delivering great financial outcomes

Select a tangible and compelling beneficiary and don't be afraid to go big and set an ambitious target

Match time,
resources, and
interest with the
chance to have a
true impact.

Get creative with your fundraising mechanisms and select opportunities that suit your event

The annual Gold Dinner Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation fundraiser on Thursday night raised a whopping \$19.2 million for sick kids, more than double last year's effort, and much of it from west of Hyde Park.

Some 400 bejewelled and coiffured silver tails, including major sponsor and Scape Australia co-founder Craig Carracher, Russian heiress Alina Barlow. seasoned socialites Eleni Taylor and Vanessa Fennell, and freshly minted lovebirds Alessandra Eddy and her property developer boyfriend Robert Whyte

eagerly filed into Sydney Town Hall to see who would dig the deepest. Naturally, it was a miner. Australia's richest human -Gina Rinehart - worth a staggering \$34 billion according to the most recent

AFR Rich List, sent along her

camera-shy daughter Ginia



### Golden gala That's gold! Millions expected to be raised for paediatric care centre

ydney Children's Hospitals Foundation SCHF) is set to raise millions to help ouild a revolutionary Australian-first paediatric Complex Care Centre at West-

SCHF's 'Wizard of Oz' themed 2023 Gold Dinner has taken over 500 of the nation's leading philanthropists, socialites and VIPs on a journey down the yellow brick road, in an complex paediatric care in Australia.

The funds will go towards the construction of The Children's Hospital at Westmead Kids Complex Care Centre, to be known as the Kookaburra Centre

Children with complex, rare medical condiintensive support to get through daily life.

It is for these children and their families that SCHF's proposed new complex care, orthopaedic, sleep and neuroscience centres would cater for, combining unique models of care with state-of-the-art infrastructure

This year's Gold Dinner raised \$19.2m. Picture: Jake Scevola



"This new centre, what it means to us, is that it's a dedicated place that's going to be patient-focused, and that's what we really need when Maddie goes in because she's so unique and so complex, she needs to be under the care of teams that understand all of her

"It's like getting the upgrade when you go into a hotel, or getting those first-class seats - it's just going to be a big step up, which families like us need.

SCHF General Manager Philanthropy, Colin Allen, said this year's Gold Dinner, presented by Scape, would give philanthropists a role in revolutionising complex care, making an mpact that lasts a lifetime

"Essentially you're creating a holistic treat ment area where they'll support the parents, they'll support the kids, it will just make the experience more streamlined for these kids to get that they need in a way that will benefit the

"It's really exciting to be raising money for the Kookaburra Centrel, it's very different for

#### Gold bar raised for children in need



Charity event organisers have upped the ante

ELLE HALLIWELL

Last year Australia's richest charity event, the Gold Dinner, raised more than S9m for the Sydney Children's Hospital oundation, but co-chair Linda Penn and her son Josh have set

For new foundation chief executive Kristina Keneally the sure is on to sustain the tradition of giving and reach the ambitious target of \$15m, which Children's Hospital at Westmead's new Kookaburra Centre.

We have a great Children's Hospital at Westmead," Ms Keneally said, "but what philanthropy is doing is making it a nated care and the best possible natient experience for very sick children and their families.

The former NSW premier and Labor sentaor, who replaced would give children with complex needs a more streamlined

kid who has to see 10 to 15 spe-

Ms Penn, the CEO of retail Lowes, and Josh, who wer photographed in the fam The Weekend Australian Ma

Kristy Nassif, Alina Barlow an Earl Evans, co-CEO of Sha

& Partners, one of the event fund the centre's bell, whic children will ring when they ar discharged or finish treatmen

They might buy a bed, they can buy naming rights for ing if they really want to di

modation company Scap are also among this year's sug

new standard, and a lot of peop





of the show at Thursday night's Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation (SCHF) Gold Dinner at the Sydney Town Hall, The night broke the global record for children's hospital charity galas, raising an outstanding











One of Sydney's glitziest events has broken the global But it was a \$5m donation

by Aussie billionaire Gina Prospecting, that became the largest single pledge made in 26 years at Thurs-

Daily Telegraph

Hospitals Foundation

The hy-invitation lavish fundraiser was held at Syd-

for the Sydney Children's ing Cooper Cronk, Claudia Karvan and Lincoln Younes.

Sydney gala breaks world record

Joshua Penn said he and attended by more than 400 of mum Linda Penn were honthe nation's leading philan- oured to resume their roles

tals Foundation chief executive Kristina Keneally said push the boundaries of paediatric healthcare today and safeguard the health of fu-

First held in 1997, Gold Dinner has raised nearly

#### Gold Dinner breaks fundraising record



**Gold Dinner in support of Sydney Children's Hospital** 





Dinner 2021, at Sydney Airport on Thursday night







The Hemsworths bring Hollywood glamour to

Australia's most exclusive charity event as Chris.

Elsa, Liam and Gabriella skip the red carpet at the

A who's who of entertainment, business and politics attended Australia's most exclusive charity event, the Gold

The most high-profile arrivals skipped the red carpet, which was held at the departures terminal, with the likes of Chris and Liam Hemsworth being whisked privately to the venue in the middle of the airfield.

Avengers star Chris was accompanied by his wife, Spanish actress Elsa Pataky, while his younger brother was

ioined by his girlfriend, model Gabriella Brooks.



#### Sydney charity party sets world record for most funds raised for kids in need

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Aussie billionaire Gina Rinehart's family made the biggest charitable donation at Thursday night's 2023 Gold Dinner.



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## 1: Getting clear about your purpose captivates and motivates the audience.

Selecting a tangible and compelling funding ask

consistent
narrative that
resonates with
your audience

Backing it with a powerful case study to bring the cause to life

## 2: Outlining your impact helps to achieve immediate results and foster sustained commitment.

Weave impact into every phase of your event

**Create transparency** 

Demonstrate
the real-world
impact of every
dollar raised

### 3: Leveraging relationships is the key to success

Transform sponsors into passionate advocates and build enduring relationships

Committee
members can
be your
greatest
advocates

cultivating relationships so donors want to return year on year

# 4: Delivering great financial outcomes can be achieved when you:

Set ambitious
targets that
align with a
compelling
beneficiary

Secure multiyear sponsors
that go beyond
financial
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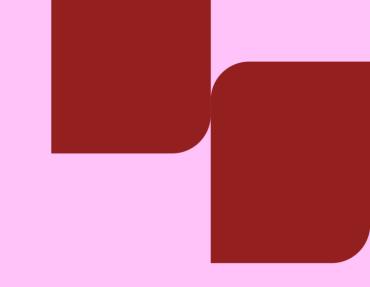
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