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Media release

Sweet Melodies holds Navrang Hindu Festival to raise funds for WIRF and SOS

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Dancing in colourful traditional dress, and celebrating the very best of Indian culture, more than 8000 people from across Perth attended the recent 2021 Navrang Festival.

Renowned Perth band, Sweet Melodies, headlined the annual festival which raised more the \$15,000 for the Women & Infants Research Foundation and event co-beneficiary, Starting Over Support (SOS).

Held over four nights at HBF Arena in Joondalup, the event celebrated the Hindu festival Navratri.

Sweet Melodies Public Relations Co-ordinator, Lalit Doolabh, said the Navrang Festival was a true showcase of Indian music, dance, fashion, food and culture.

“I would like to extend a huge thank you from the organising committee and volunteers to the public for their continued support to our Navrang Event, which enables us to donate to deserving local Western Australian charities such as WIRF and SOS,” he said.

WIRF Ambassador and Australian cricketing legend, Mike Hussey, prepared a special message for attendees after hearing of the scale of this year’s event.

“Western Australia’s Indian community is famous for bringing energy and excitement wherever they go and it was great to see that this year’s Navrang Festival was no exception,” he said.

“A big thank you to Sweet Melodies for organising this incredible event and to the WA community for supporting the event with such enthusiasm. As WIRF’s Ambassadors, my wife Amy and I were thrilled to hear that the Foundation was named as one of the nominated charities for this year’s event.

“The incredible fundraising result will directly enable WIRF to continue their critical work for all women, mothers and their families.”

As part of opening evening Senator Dean Smith delivered a personal message on behalf of the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and was joined by Ian Goodenough MP and Christian Porter MP.

The Navrang Festival has been running since 2011 and has raised more than \$130,000 for WA charities.

The full suite of event photos [can be viewed here](#).

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Background:

The Women and Infants Research Foundation

The Women & Infants Research Foundation is one of Australia’s leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health of women and infants. We focus our research and programs across four principal areas: the prevention of preterm birth, gynaecological cancers, women’s mental health, and the development of an Artificial Womb. Our research and programs have directly contributed to a number of improved clinical practices and health outcomes.