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Perth to usher in spring with gala spectacular for WA mothers and babies

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Perth's health, business and philanthropic community is set to usher in the first day of spring in grand style as it unites for a highly anticipated gala event to celebrate and support one of the State's most prolific research organisations.

The Women & Infants Research Foundation's Spring Gala 2018 - Banquet for Babies, will showcase exquisite food and wine unique to the WA region and shine a light on WIRF's world-class research, which requires more funding to continue its important, life-saving work.

WIRF Ambassadors, Mike and Amy Hussey, will be joined by national and state dignitaries, Members of Parliament, VIP's, medical, industry and community leaders and innovators, and iconic WA sportsmen and women, for WIRF's flagship event to be held at Fraser's State Reception Centre on Saturday, 1 September.

As a father of two very premature babies, Mike Hussey pointed to WIRF's pioneering work into preterm birth prevention as an area of particular interest and something that all Western Australians should be proud and excited about.

"It's amazing that a WA organisation is leading the world in preterm birth prevention and making such a meaningful impact to so many," Mike said.

"Amy and I know exactly how tough it is for families to go through a preterm birth experience. This event is a critical forum to raise awareness and support the amazing research being done by WIRF which is ultimately saving the lives of Western Australian babies and women, friends and families, wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and friends."

Celebrated Perth news identity, Mark Readings will MC the event which will also feature a stunning four course menu designed by Fraser's Executive Chef Chris Taylor especially for the night.

WIRF Chief Scientific Director, Professor John Newnham said the event would provide an opportunity for Western Australians to hear about the Foundation's pioneering work into preterm birth prevention, gynaecological cancers and women's mental health from the experts spearheading this research.

"The event will provide a key opportunity to reflect on the significant work that has already been done and to strengthen our resolve to improve areas of women's and newborns' health which matter most to our community. This cannot be achieved without the generous support of the WA community."

The WIRF Spring Gala 2018 - Banquet for Babies will be brought to life by Perth's brightest design talent, with Creative Direction from Kim Pearson and Anita Moullin, and feature premium beverages by Mumm, Vasse Felix, Howard Park and Hippocampus Gin and entertainment by Aquila Music, Freeze Frame Opera and DJ Anton Maz.

Auction and raffles on the evening will allow guests the opportunity to purchase highly sought after items and experiences.

Tickets are strictly limited with tables of 10 available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: www.wirf.com.au/springgala2018



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Background:

The Women and Infants Research Foundation

The Women and Infants Research Foundation is one of Western Australia's leading independent research institution dedicated to improving the health of women, infants and reproductive health.

For more than 40 years our research and programs have directly contributed to a number of improved clinical practices and health outcomes in areas of critical need.