

# Fundraising Friends Go All Out to Fly Melanoma Flag

In what has been hailed as one of the most memorable events in Perth this year, a group of friends hosted a 1940's-glamour inspired Piper Heidsieck Aviator Ball 2008 in May at the Oyster Bar in North Fremantle, to raise funds for the Scott Kirkbride Melanoma Research Centre (SKMRC).

Aviator Ball organiser Patrick Prendiville said over 350 guests enjoyed the night, and most of those had received their invites from two flight attendants and a pilot in

full costume to grab attention and help keep the dangers of melanoma top of mind in the community.

"Scott Kirkbride was a patient and friend of my brother Jamie – a GP – and when he lost his battle with melanoma at the age of 27, it shook us all pretty badly," he said.

"Since he passed away in 2005, my brothers and our mates have been helping raise funds for the Centre set up in his

honour and our latest venture is this Aviator Ball.

"As well as just generating money for the Centre's research, we wanted to ensure West Australians keep talking about this deadly form of skin cancer."

The Aviator Ball also featured an exclusive set from one of the world's hottest house DJ's, Hed Kandi creator Mark Doyle all the way from the UK just for the black tie affair.



The Aviator Ball  
at the Oyster Bar North Fremantle

## Mick Rae Makes it a Trifecta

In 2006, Mick Rae lost his hair, beard and eyebrows but gained \$10,000 for melanoma research at the Scott Kirkbride Melanoma Research Centre. The following year, he upped the anti, shaving his beard and eyebrows and braving a full-body wax, which raised more than \$30,000 for the Centre.

For the third year running he's back, and has gone even further than before – not only shaving his hair, beard and eyebrows, but taking on a full-body wax again!

The 54 year-old labourer works on oil rigs the State's north, and takes part in the Centre's annual golf days when he's in town.

His fundraising efforts over the past three years have seen him raise more than \$52,000

for the Centre.

Mick, who knows Scott Kirkbride's uncle, said he'd been raising money for cancer research every year since his cousin in South Africa had battled breast cancer.

Centre founder, Yvonne Kirkbride said she was truly grateful for Mick's continued support, generosity, and involvement and thanked him for all his amazing efforts.

"It's from the bottom of my heart that I thank Mick for his very brave and generous support, that has brought us much needed funds as well as laughs and cringes! He's one of the Centre's heroes, and we're so grateful that he's given us so much over the past three years," she said.

## Upcoming SKMRC Events

- Coming up on the SKMRC calendar is their 720 ABC Perth hosted **Quiz Night** which will be held at the East Perth studio in September and be attended by the station's well-known personalities. Please call SKMRC on (08) 9224 0333 for more information.
- The Centre is also looking forward to another bright and sunny **Golf Day** at Wembley Golf Complex in November. If you would like to get a team together or participate, please call SKMRC to register.