



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **The Macquarie Group, Principal Supporter of Gold Dinner 2008**

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The Macquarie Group has agreed to be the principal supporter of the Gold Dinner, the annual signature fundraising event for the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

The Gold Dinner is the pinnacle fundraising dinner in Australia, with over \$12.5 million net profit raised for the Hospital over the past 10 years. Funds raised from the Gold Dinner have a major impact on the lives of tens of thousands of seriously ill children treated at the Hospital. This year's 11<sup>th</sup> Gold Dinner held on 5 June will provide vital funding for the Digestive Tract Diseases Unit.

The Gold Dinner is managed and organised by the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation and the Gold Dinner Committee with the support of generous gold table patrons and their guests, prize donors, production crew and volunteers. New members on this year's Gold Dinner committee include Sarah Murdoch and Di Ipkendanz.

"We are delighted that the Macquarie Group has agreed to be the Principal Supporter of this year's Gold Dinner," said Sally Herman, Chair of the Gold Dinner Committee.

"It is the generosity of organisations such as the Macquarie Group that makes the event such a success and allows the Gold Dinner to achieve great outcomes to help the seriously ill children at the Hospital," said Sally.

Michael Carapiet, Joint Head of Macquarie Capital Advisers, said, "The Macquarie Group has supported the Sydney Children's Hospital for over five years. As the principal supporter of the Gold Dinner we are delighted to be able to help make a difference to children's lives."

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#### **Background on the Gold Dinner:**

The Gold Dinner was created in 1998. It enjoys a proven record of continued success unparalleled by similar events, recognised for style and sophistication of excellence in production, unique venues, food, entertainment, networking and generous giving. The location of the Gold Dinner is kept a secret until the day of the event and there is no invitation.