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Inaugural MADALAH Ball – a huge success.

The inaugural MADALAH Ball, held on Saturday 18 June in the Crown Majestic Grand Ballroom in Perth, was a huge success. This money raised will go towards scholarships for Indigenous students from remote, rural and regional parts of Western Australia. MADALAH has been offering secondary, transition and tertiary education scholarships at leading boarding schools and universities since 2009.

The ball was hosted by TV presenter Mark Readings with entertainment provided by multi-ARIA winner Dan Sultan and local Perth band Proof.

Among the items that went under the hammer were two pairs of footy boots painted by famous Aboriginal artist Zachary Bennett-Brook and signed by Indigenous players from the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers, plus another pair signed by the legendary Lance 'Buddy' Franklin. Zachary Bennett-Brook also created a unique piece of Indigenous art that raised a significant sum at auction.

Said MADALAH CEO Phil Paul, "We believe education is the key to generational change and can provide tremendous opportunities for indigenous youth. We are committed to making a difference in the lives of our participants, their families and communities. Our inaugural ball was a truly special event and we hope it will become a regular part of the Perth events calendar."

The MADALAH Ball is only made possible with the generous support of corporate sponsors and, in 2016 the organisation was honoured to welcome ICRG and BGC Contracting as major sponsors along with other regular corporate sponsors.

MADALAH's patron, Professor Marcia Langton, declared the ball to be the culmination of a lot of hard work put in by sponsors and staff members. She went on to say, "MADALAH is an exceptional organisation. Not only does it produce wonderful students, it provides the opportunity for people living in remote communities to have access to an education and be part of something special, exciting and inspiring."

"Many young Indigenous people dream of becoming a professional sports person, a doctor or lawyer one day and MADALAH can help make this happen. Dreams can come true. I am an enthusiastic proponent of education for Indigenous students and congratulate our sponsors and staff for offering valuable guidance in support of our mission. I am honoured to be the patron of MADALAH and thank everyone involved for a very successful evening. I look forward to seeing you at next year's MADALAH Ball."

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