



## MEDIA RELEASE

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*the DONNICA CLARKE foundation will be officially launched tomorrow [Saturday] night at the sold out Inaugural Sports Dinner at the Mingara Recreation Club.*

The Donnica Clarke Foundation Limited, a not for profit company limited by guarantee, has been set up to provide financial and moral support to young emerging athletes, male and female, across all sports from the Central Coast region.

“The Foundation will provide scholarships to young athletes who have the ability but not necessarily the opportunity to participate in sporting endeavours and aspire to be the best they can be in their chosen sport,” said the DONNICA CLARKE foundation chairman Mark Holton.

“Donnica was a dual Australian Surf Life Saving champion. She won the national under-15 years beach sprint and flags championships at Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast in 2005.

“Donnica represented the state on numerous occasions at the Australian Interstate Surf Lifesaving Championships with a desire and passion to always give her best.

“Unfortunately Donnica died in a tragic cliff fall at North Avoca Beach, on April 10 2007 aged 16.

“The loss of this beautiful and talented young lady is the inspiration for the Foundation that bears her name.”

The Sports Dinner to launch the Foundation sold out 10 days out from the event which surpassed all expectations of the Board of Directors.

There are many special guests attending the night and include: John Hutchinson from the Mariners, Manly Sea Eagles coach Des Hasler and his halfback Matt Orford, Men of League’s John Peard, retired Australian and Sydney Swifts netball star Alison Broadbent, surf lifesaving champions Nathan Smith and Amanda White, and former NRL prop forward – now Wyong Roos coach – Paul Stringer.

Details on the DONNICA CLARKE foundation are available at: [www.donnicaclarke.com.au](http://www.donnicaclarke.com.au)

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