

Charity dinner strikes a chord for Banora Point musician

Stars make time for fundraiser

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WHEN it comes to helping worthy causes, Banora Point's Mick Wilson is quick to put his hand up.

If, by doing so, he gets the opportunity to play tracks off his new album, *Blame Train*, even better.

Mr Wilson has donated his time and talent to the Tweed Border Hockey Association and will be providing the entertainment at the association's inaugural charity dinner at the Cudgen Leagues Club tonight which aims to raise funds for the Oncology Children's Foundation and junior hockey on the Tweed.

"When Jon Frappell mentioned the night and the importance of helping the oncology foundation

continue its work with children, it really wasn't an issue; I wanted to help out," Mr Wilson said.

"I haven't played hockey since I was a little fella growing up in Lithgow, which is probably a good thing; as a hockey player, I'm a fair musician."

Support for the sell-out evening from businesses and people like Mr Wilson has overwhelmed organisers.

"It's a terrific opportunity which the people of the Tweed have gotten behind to raise funds for the OCF and their research into children's cancer," organising committee member Jon Frappell said.

"The night is also a way of promoting sport to help keep kids active on the Tweed."



□ BANORA Point country music artist Mick Wilson is donating his time and talent towards the Tweed Border Hockey charity fundraising dinner tonight at Cudgen leagues Club. Photo: JOHN HOULDSWORTH D121146.

In attendance tonight will be special guests, former Olympians, swimmer Susie O'Neil and Hockey-roo Sharon Buchanan OCF boss, Ross Lewis from Sydney.

For Mr Wilson, who launched his new album at the Titanium Bar in Surfers Paradise, tonight will be more than just about performing.

It will give Tweed people their first opportunity to hear songs off

Blame Train, including the quirky single, *Run Piggy Run*, inspired by a pig hunter he met in his travels.

"It's funny that the song is starting to get airplay across Australia, because I originally didn't plan for it to be on the album," he said.

Mr Wilson's music career has taken off since he first started writing ditties for parties.

"I have been influenced by all

sorts of music, from Pink Floyd to Pete Murray, but it hasn't been until I started do some song writing that I found myself moving in a country vein."

Regardless of what he plays tonight, Mr Wilson is just happy to be helping out such worthy causes.

Check out more about Mick Wilson through his website at www.mickwilson.com.au