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Revellers with a Cause

The record floods of early March have brought southern Queensland to life with grass growing and tractors rolling. But in its wake the floods have left some rural families, businesses and property owners struggling to replace what was lost.

In the small district of Thallon in southern inland Queensland many people are still silently trying to rebuild their lives.

“Unfortunately it’s the way of small rural communities. You don’t like to draw attention to yourself and cry poor,” says Nindigully B&S President Malcolm Hill.

“It’s not the done thing and that’s why the needs of these people have not reached the ears of the generous people out there who are happy to lend a hand.”

Although the State Government’s support through the Premiers’ Disaster Relief Appeal has been a great assistance to the community, there are people who have slipped through the funding cracks.

The need in their local community has led the Nindigully Bachelor and Spinster Association to allocate the profits from the upcoming June 12 Ball to those affected by the flood in the Thallon District.

“It’s the country people’s way; we don’t wait for others to help us, we help ourselves,” continues Malcolm.

“We’re just a bunch of young people from around the district who like to put on a good party for those that love letting loose at a B&S”

“But we’ve seen the need in our community for a bit of financial assistance and that’s why we have decided to donate the profit from this year’s B&S to those affected by the flood.”

Malcolm says it feels good for the next generation to be taking a lead in the local flood recovery efforts.

The March flood hit the northern side of the Thallon township the hardest, with water entering 4 houses, 2 businesses, the school and Grain Corp, with many other families having property lost or damaged due to the inundation.

The B&S Committee’s first goal is to help the families and businesses and, if enough money is raised, they would also like to hold a thankyou party for all the volunteers who worked hard to save what could be saved.

“We would love to hold a party to thank them, because that’s what we do best” remarks Malcolm.

This year’s B&S Ball will be held on the Saturday the 12th of June at the Nindigully Community Hall.

Prepaid tickets can be purchased online at <http://countrybns.com/> and are \$65 or \$75 at the gate. The tickets include supper and breakfast, sticker and ear tag, stubby cooler and four drinks. The bar will open at 4pm with black tie and band from 6.30pm.

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Photo Captions for attached photos

Revellers about to get into it at the 2009 Nindigully B&S Ball

Thallon during the March Floods