



## The Stars Were Out on Friday Night! Over \$3000 raised for Cranford Hospice

The Cabana was buzzing with raw talent on Friday night with the Air Nelson inaugural fundraiser event, 'Stars in the Skies'.

\$3038 was donated to Cranford Hospice, from ticket sales and raffle proceeds. The event was the brainchild of Air Nelson flight attendant, Tania Forsyth. Tania recently experienced the services of Cranford Hospice, and claims that she has *"been very keen to give something back."*



Organiser Tania Forsyth  
from Air Nelson

The evening was a resounding success with fabulous entertainment, including guest speaker Marcus Akuhata-Brown, who left the audience inspired by his motivational talk and extensive life experiences.

The Air Nelson crew even took to the stage with 5 live acts surprising the crowds with their impressive raw talent. Flight attendant Carol Riddle proved to the crowd that she has more skills than just looking after airline passengers – with an energetic performance that left the audience highly entertained. Crew member Jay Jay Kettle showed off her rock 'n' roll ability and pilot Johnny King demonstrated his impressive saxophone skills. Other talented volunteers (Joseph Sipaia, Steve Cottingham, Jeremy Wilson and Sarah Potts) also took to the stage, and revealed the hidden talents of the Air Nelson crew.

Cranford Hospice Admin/Quality Manager, Yvonne Gibb, spoke on behalf of the organization and reminded everyone of the services that Cranford Hospice offers the local community. *"Cranford Hospice needs to raise \$2 million every year to provide free specialised care to people with a terminal illness, as well as their families and whanau. This event was an important contribution to achieving that goal."*

*"We are always humbled by the support that businesses and individuals offer Cranford Hospice",* claims Events & Special Projects Manager, Emma Buttle. She further states that this event wouldn't have been possible without the huge effort from the organizers. *"On behalf of Cranford Hospice, we are very grateful to Tania and Air Nelson for supporting and organizing such a wonderful fundraising event."*