



Donations sought for cancer auction

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SMALL towns are starting to get behind a public appeal for the Albury-Wodonga care hostel being built by the Fight Cancer Foundation this year.

Mount Beauty's Lions and Rotary clubs and a women's fitness group have joined together to organise a dinner and auction night at the Mount Beauty community centre on March 25.

President-elect of the Rotary Club of Mount Beauty Jane Zagorski said yesterday they were appealing to businesses and individuals to support the night through donations of goods, vouchers or services.

Funds raised will go towards the \$3 million care hostel appeal.

The overall appeal has raised \$1.47 million so far and its organisers hope regional towns outside Albury-Wodonga will back it through their own fundraising activities.

Mrs Zagorski, who husband Mark is a general practitioner at Mount Beauty, said yesterday that everyone knew someone who had been touched by cancer.

"The travelling expenses for someone from the Kiewa Valley getting treatment in Albury-Wodonga can be very difficult, and being able to use a hostel would help them," Mrs Zagorski said.

"This facility will directly assist a lot of people."

The hostel is expected to open late this year, with a 10-unit extension planned later.