



The Blue & Orange Ball – how does it happen?

It was another great night for CIKA, raising \$83,000 all of which will go to researching the causes and best treatment for children with solid tumours. Planning for the 2009 ball began immediately after the 2008 ball with a review of the night and preliminary bookings made. 2009 saw CIKA return to The Sebel in Albert Park and this was a very wise choice. Elegant and spacious, it allowed us to display all the wonderful goods that had been donated without compromising the space for dancing and dining.

It was a wonderful night and in this article we wish to pay tribute to many of the wonderful people who make our Blue and Orange Ball happen. All are volunteers and this is what keeps our costs to a minimum and ensures that all the money raised goes directly to research.

The stunning blue and orange banners, which met our guests as they ascended the stairs, and which tell the story of CIKA's children, were originally created and donated in 2008 by **Fred Bergman** of Accord Printing. Even more banners were on display this year and we thank **Fred and Leah** for the generous commitment of their time and skills in the creation of these wonderful items. **Fred and Leah** are also two of our special volunteers without whom we could not run the night. These volunteers (see box) are there to oversee the grand and silent auctions, to sell the surprise boxes and cosmetics bags, and to generally ensure that our guests have a wonderful night. Of course, they could not sell all these items if it were not for great CIKA sponsors such as **Bonfood, Coffex, Coffico, The Flemington Veterinary Hospital, O'Hea's Bakery, Palmers,**



Gerald Meade, CEO of Bev Marks Beds Australia, seen here presenting a cheque to Sandra Lehrer and CIKA Patron, Peter Mitchell.

Valued Volunteers

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| Fred Bergman | Naida Gordon | Yelena Petrovic |
| Leah Bergman | Rose Kukuljan | Val Readwin |
| Denise Caruso | Pat Livingstone | Jenny Thorp |
| Tanya Dawson | Rebecca Macdonald | Jill Tremonti |
| Garry Deering | Lea Noad | Lyn Weber |
| Marinka Deering | Natalie Patrikios | Cherie Wilson |



Fred and Leah Bergman

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