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Charles Sturt University Pharmacy Alumni co-host 2006 Pharmacy Ball

In line with the University's commitment to pharmacy, the Charles Sturt University (CSU) Pharmacy Program is actively supporting the 2006 Pharmacy Ball and Good Health and Beauty Show to be held in Sydney this month.

For the first time, CSU Pharmacy Alumni, in conjunction with Sydney University Pharmacy Alumni, will co-host the Pharmacy Ball which aims to bring together the pharmacy community and provide a networking event for students, staff and industry.

This year, the Pharmacy Ball will focus on a night of great fun, great food, great wine and great friends with the theme for the evening 'reignite, renew, rekindle'.

With health services diminishing in country towns, it's the Pharmacist that people often look to for advice and assistance when it comes to their health. To illustrate the point, Jennifer Gibbs who graduated in 2004 and is a practicing Pharmacist in Hay, NSW, asks and answers the question "What do all these people have in common? My family, my friends, my netball team, my arts group, my golf partners, my school buddies, my fitness class and my social mates – they're all my customers!"

Michelle Fawkes of the CSU Alumni Office believes the event provides an opportunity for CSU Pharmacy Alumni to promote the benefits of living and practicing as a pharmacy professional in rural and regional Australia.

The 2006 Pharmacy Ball will be held on the 17th June along with the Pharmacy Expo at Darling Harbour, Sydney. CSU representatives including staff, students and members of the Charles Sturt Pharmacy Foundation will be available to provide information on the University and the Pharmacy Program.

The CSU pharmacy program was established in 1997 with the primary aim of addressing the shortage of pharmacists in rural areas. Currently, approximately 40 CSU pharmacy graduates are choosing to work in rural Australia each year.

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