

Shanghai nights to live again

A GOOD cheongsam is hard to find between the Sunshine Coast and Shanghai this week.

The classic Chinese dress is in demand as the Coast social set frocks up for the annual Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation Black Tie Gala at the Hyatt Regency Coolum on Saturday night.

Dubbed Hot Dice, Shanghai Nights, this year's event borrows from its theme from the golden days of Shanghai. It will include casino games, lavish food and cocktails and live entertainment.

Foundation co-founder Kylie Perkin said it would be close to a full house at the Hyatt's pavilion, which would be an achievement given how generously the community had already donated to other causes this year in tough times.

Those who can not attend the event can support the foundation through an online pre-gala silent auction.

Auction items include a Sydney New Year's Eve 2012 package, including tickets to the lord mayor's party at the Opera House, the races at Rosehill, and the Sydney Test match, with high tea with the McGrath Foundation.

Other auction items include: a Hong Kong Shanghai Odyssey, flying Cathay Pacific and staying at the Intercontinental and Grand Hyatt hotels; a BMW driving experience; a Kendall Perkins painting; a training experience with ironman Matt Poole; a Noosa escape; and a piece of collector's jewellery.

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