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Drakes Charity Golf Day raises over \$75K for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Drakes held their annual charity Golf Day on Friday 10th May 2024 at Carbrook Golf Club, marking the 11th year of this fundraiser. Over 150 golfers took to the greens for this cause, raising an impressive \$75,618 in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities South East Queensland (RMHC SEQ).

The event brought together suppliers and Drakes employees for a day filled with friendly competition and generosity. Every drive and putt served a greater purpose, to raise much needed funds and awareness for RMHC SEQ, which provides vital support for families navigating the challenges of their child's medical journey.

Participants enjoyed various games throughout the day, with prizes awarded for nearest to the pin, longest drive and straightest drive. The competition also included 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, along with a range of lucky door prizes.

"The Drakes charity Golf Day is one of our most anticipated fundraising events. Thanks to this long-standing partnership, Drakes has been able to fund over 2,500 nights of accommodation for families with ill or injured children. We are so grateful for Drakes' ongoing support and unwavering commitment to the charity. We are already looking forward to next year's event", expressed Ronald McDonald House Charities South East Queensland CEO, Emma Thompson.

"The Drakes team are very proud of this event and what has been built over many years to support the families who need RMHC SEQ, we could not make this happen without the outstanding support of our supply and service providers, so to them it is a heartfelt thank you", said Queensland State Manager, Mark Meszaros.

Since the inception of Drakes charity Golf Day in 2013, Drakes has raised more than \$500,000.

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About Drakes

In 1974 Roger Drake purchased his first supermarket, a three-laned store named Jack & Jill's Foodland which employed only four staff.

Today, Drakes Supermarkets is the largest independent grocery retailer in Australia and specialises in supermarket retailing. Operating 67 stores across South Australia and Queensland, the company now has an annual turnover well in excess of \$1 billion and employs over 6,000 staff nationally.

The company's strength lies in operating on the principles of a family business and supporting local manufacturers and suppliers. Drakes Supermarkets has kept its focus on the important aspects of the business. THE CUSTOMER. This is the company's competitive edge, along with its family values and Australian heritage.

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