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Bank enhances belly dancers

Bendigo Bank Branch Manager, Peter Dirx has awarded Volunteering Gold Coast Arts and Entertainment volunteer belly dancers, Cherie Potter and Samantha Newton from Gems of the Nile, a \$250 Scholarship Award to support them with their costume and entertainment expenses.

Gems of the Nile have been volunteering as entertainers for Volunteering Gold Coast for over four years at various events such as the Scarecrow Festival on Mount Tamborine, Animal Welfare League (AWL), and the Multicultural Festival.

In 2009 Gems of the Nile provided entertainment at the AWL Christmas party and donated around \$800 to the organisation which they raised at various performances in 2009.

Arts and Entertainment Officer Ken Ashbolt says that the Bendigo Bank Scholarship is well deserved.

"These ladies have volunteered with Volunteering Gold Coast for over four years and have always exceeded our expectations. Despite their busy schedules they will always fit in any events where their entertainment is needed," he said.

"It's evident that they care for the community through their fundraising efforts as well as providing voluntary entertainment at numerous community events."

"I'm very proud of these ladies and this is undoubtedly a very well deserved award," Mr. Ashbolt.

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Arts and Entertainment Officer Ken Ashbolt, Gems of the Nile Belly Dancers Cherie Potter and Samantha Newton receiving the \$250 Scholarship Award from Bendigo Bank Branch Manager Peter Dirx.

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