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MIDWINTERBALL

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**FEDERAL POLLIES STUMP UP FOR AUSSIE CHARITIES  
AHEAD OF 2022 MIDWINTER BALL**

**Sunday, 28th August 2022**

Fancy a game of tennis at the Lodge with the Prime Minister? Dinner with Labor's powerhouse duo of Tanya Plibersek and Penny Wong? Or maybe a night of cricketing entertainment with Opposition Leader Peter Dutton?

Following a two-year hiatus, the Midwinter Ball is back with its Charity Auction. Bidders will have a chance to win a range of unique experiences with Australia's highest-profile Federal Parliamentarians -all in the name of charity.

With many Australians struggling to make ends meet, this year's eBay Charity Auction will raise much-needed funds for some of the nation's most deserving charities including Rural Aid Australia (helping communities deal with natural disasters), OzHarvest Australia (food for families in need), Fearless Women (support for young women and girls), Roundabout Canberra (help for families in the capital), Pink Elephants (supporting families through miscarriage) and the Ukraine Crisis Appeal (set up by the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations).

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the Midwinter Ball was a fantastic opportunity to raise money to support well-deserving charities. "The Midwinter Ball Charity auction is a unique event that has successfully raised more than \$4.4 million for charity," he said. "I urge everyone to dig deep and make this year's event a success. I'm looking forward to sharing a game of tennis and pool at The Lodge with the winning bidders very shortly."

Press Gallery President David Crowe welcomed the generosity of Parliamentarians who are supporting this year's auction. "The Ball has been a great success over 20 years in raising over \$4.4 million for charity and it has done this by being an event for all side of politics in Parliament House," he said. "All this support has a very real impact because the funds will go to important work that helps people who are doing it very tough."

eBay Australia's Managing Director David Ramadge added that he hoped this year's auction would raise a record amount. "eBay works with charities and not for profits across Australia and around the world. We're proud of our support for the Midwinter Ball Charity Auction.

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With experiences available across the political spectrum we encourage everyone to get bidding for some great causes,” Ramadge said.

The items to be auctioned include:

- A game of tennis at the Lodge with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese
- Pool or snooker with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at The Lodge
- Dinner with Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek
- A night of cricket with Opposition Leader Peter Dutton at a Brisbane Heat Big Bash League match
- A round of golf (and a drink at the 19th hole) with Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles
- Dinner in Canberra with independent MPs Zoe Daniel, Monique Ryan, Allegra Spender and Kylea Tink
- An NRL experience with Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers watching the Brisbane Broncos
- A night of fine dining with Senator David Pocock at one of Canberra’s best restaurants
- Business class return on board Qantas to either London or Los Angeles
- 2022 AFL Grand Final Package on September 24 with hospitality in the 1<sup>st</sup> Class luxurious September Club
- Dine at the National Press Club of Australia with 6 senior political journalists from Canberra’s Press Gallery.

To bid on the eBay Midwinter Ball Charity Auction visit:

<https://www.ebay.com.au/str/bidforgood>

The auction will go live on 5pm Sunday 28 August and close 5pm Wednesday 7 September.

The Federal Parliamentary Midwinter Ball begins 7.00pm on September 7.

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