



**BIDDERS PLEASE:** Gareth Langford and Debbie Knight proudly display the masks they made which will be auctioned at the Mayor's Charity Ball next month.

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# Mask-makers show off faces

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MANY new faces appeared at the Mask Workshop at Art-space Mackay yesterday.

About 10 creative volunteers set about decorating gorgeous masks to be auctioned at the Mayor's Charity Ball next month.

Grapevine Group chairperson and workshop organiser

Debbie Knight said as well as fundraising for local charities, the masks would help raise the profile of the group which focused on positive intervention for suicide.

Paints, material, beads, butterflies, feathers and glitter were all used to create many original masterpieces, she said.

Other items up for auction at the ball on May 6 include

sporting memorabilia signed by the Brisbane Broncos, the Brisbane Lions and swimmers Leisel Jones and Susie O'Neil, artwork by Jennifer Marshall, Tom McCauley and Mike Wohlfardht and accommodation packages.

This year the ball, to be held at the Mackay Entertainment Centre, will raise money for Lifeline Mackay, Red Cross Mackay and the Macrossan

and Amiet Charity Foundation.

Guests will be entertained by bands from Mackay's own Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

Tickets to the Mayor's Charity Ball cost \$105 and include a three-course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks.

Dress is strictly formal.

Phone 1800 646 574 for bookings.