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### Beechworth Businesses Raise \$2,700 For Burke Museum

Beechworth Chamber of Commerce held their Christmas function in the Burke Museum last Friday and raised over \$2,700 in a silent auction, which will provide support to the preservation of the museum collections and support future acquisitions.

The auction took place in the exhibition *Street of Shops*, a collection of shop frontages representing Beechworth's shops back in the gold rush era. Beechworth's Chamber of Commerce members bid to adopt a shop front for a period of five years.

"This is an excellent new initiative to encourage our local businesses to take ownership of the work of the museum," said Grant Collie, Director of the Burke Museum.

"Many of the Chamber of Commerce's current members are descended from the original trading families of Beechworth so it seems quite fitting they would support *Street of Shops*," said Grant.

The list of businesses that sponsored a shop front in the Silent Auction include The Hibernian Hotel, Xpress Beechworth (newsagency), Beechworth Pharmacy, My Beechworth Secretary, Beechworth Squash and Fitness, Country Charm Cottages, Beechworth Home Timber and Hardware and Beechworth Primary School.

The auction is an extension of the Friends of the Burke Museum's 'adopt an object' program which encourages individuals to adopt an object from the museum collection in their own name or, more usually, a young relative.

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