

Bikers for Blue Angels

THE Blue Liners Touring Motorcycle Club for police and their friends will arrive in Tamworth on Saturday, May 16 for their annual charity ride.

This year the Blue Liners have chosen to support the Blue Angel Foundation, which was established in 2003 in memory of Tamworth woman, Wendy Hetherington, who passed away after battling cancer.

The Blue Angels work in conjunction with the Tamworth Hospital Oncology Unit and the community to help cancer patients.

Throughout the course of the weekend the Blue Liners travelling in groups or on their own will converge on Tamworth from all over NSW, Victoria and Southern Queensland.

On their arrival in Tamworth the Blue Liners will be escorted through the city by police from the Oxley local area command before stopping at the Lonovard Hotel for



Loosely Woven: The concert band on Tuesday night. 220409RCA05

Billabong and the big beat

A LARGE crowd turned out to support Billabong Clubhouse on Tuesday night.

The clubhouse, best known for supporting mental illness patients around the region, held a concert to raise money for for the cost of running its "breathe easy" quit smoking program.

Billabong Clubhouse director Robyn Lame said about 50 people attended the concert at the Tamworth Bowling Club to support the cause.

"It was a good and successful night," she said.



LEFT - Successful: Anna Clarke-Doyle, left, and Gail Leslie. 220409RCA02

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BELOW - Breathe easy: Yvonne Terdinnick, left, and Pauline Cambourne at the fundraising concert for Billabong Clubhouse. 220409RCA03



Fundraiser: Judie Mitchell, left, and Vivienne Clements. 220409RCA04



dinner.

On Saturday they will travel to the Wallabadah Pub for a barbecue.

Last year more than 190 Blue Liners rode through Tamworth to raise money for Riding for the Disabled.

More information about the charity ride and a registration form can be found on the Blue Liners website www.blueliners.com.au

Service gets new moniker

THE Tamworth Dementia Respite Service will change its name in the coming weeks.

Service president Patsy Chilton told *The Leader* public interest had sparked the change.

"We've found the words dementia and respite don't go down well with people," she said.

"We've decided to call it The Oakwood Centre because there's a great big oak tree at the front (of the Marius St service).

"One of our staff members came up with the name.

"It's been passed and will be verified by the committee," Mrs Chilton said.