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## Community Magic on the Dancefloor

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Magic will be made when 900 community members hit the dancefloor at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Friday night for the Moonlight Magic Dinner Dance.

Corporate sponsors and community supporters join people who experience social and economic exclusion in an event that fosters inclusion and social connection.

Hosted by local not-for-profit organisation Micah Projects, the event is in its eighth year and bigger than ever.

“We started the event for people who would otherwise not have the chance to participate in a formal even like this”, says Karyn Walsh, Coordinator of Micah Projects.

“We think the high demand for the event stems from the fantastic feeling of community connection that we experience on the night. Everyone is equal on the dancefloor and you’ve never seen so many people so keen to have a boogie; the dancefloor is packed all night!” says Karyn.

“Last year we had a gentleman attend the dance who has experienced a lifetime of homelessness, trauma and disability. He told us it was the first time he had danced for 30 years. That’s why we hold the event”, says Karyn.

“It’s not a fundraiser – it’s a community event. We thank all of our donors for their generosity which allows us to subsidise the ticket price for about 500 of the dinner guests”, says Karyn.

“We wish to thank our government and corporate partners, especially major sponsors the Queensland Government and Grocon Constructors, for their support”, says Karyn.

Photo opportunities with Moonlight Magic Dinner Dance guests are available from 6pm.

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Moonlight Magic Dinner Dance**  
**Friday 5 August 6:00pm-12midnight**  
**Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Plaza Ballroom**

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