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Connecting people, connecting communities

Variety, the children's charity, is the beneficiary of nearly \$200,000 raised through EastLink's recent 'Tango in the Tunnel' charity dinner.

More than 550 guests attended the Tango in the Tunnel, held in one of the brand new three-lane tunnels underneath the Mullum Mullum Valley, in the lead up to EastLink's official opening.

Guests were taken by bus through the inbound Melba Tunnel before crossing over to its sister underpass – Mullum Mullum. Once safely inside their underground dining room, guests partied in style, enthusiastically participating in the pledge drive, raffle and silent auction, smashing the event's fundraising target of \$180,000.

Variety CEO Norm Hutton said money raised during the event would be allocated to improve the lives of Special Needs Children in the EastLink corridor.

"As a result of the enormous generosity shown by all involved, Variety is thrilled to provide Sunshine Coaches and Liberty Swings for schools and playgrounds in Glen Waverley, Dandenong, Casey, Yarra Ranges and Knoxfield," Mr Hutton said.

"In addition to this much-needed equipment in the area, Variety will present up to 150 new bikes to selected community groups along the EastLink route as part of our annual 3AW Radiothon Bikes for Kids program.

"We thank the community, Theiss John Holland, ConnectEast and stakeholders for their support."

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