

Individual tickets will cost \$75 each or \$70 each for a pre-booked table of 10.

Tickets can be purchased from Black Toyota in Dalby, or by calling Melissa Carmichael on 0438 545 696 or emailing melcar81@tpg.com.au

Local portraits

● BMO Accountants partner Peter McKinnon is one of the local people featured in the Dalby Spring Art Show portrait prize being exhibited at the Dalby Regional Art Gallery throughout September.

The Spring Art Show is a fundraiser for Our Lady of the Southern Cross College.

The event forms part of the Discover Dalby Spring Sensations Festival running throughout the month of September.

BMO Financial Solutions principal Shane Lee said it was great to be part of such a successful event.

"It's important to support a local school and this event gets better each year with a large array of different artwork on display and for sale," Mr Lee said.

"This year the concept of having portraits of local business people was definitely a talking point and was interesting to see how different artists portrayed the images of these people."

The art exhibition will be open until Thursday at the Dalby Regional Art Gallery.

Hero rewarded

● LOCAL hero Randhir Shinmarh has been awarded the Outstanding Bravery Medal at the Queensland Pride of Australia awards in Brisbane.

Mr Shinmarh was recognised for his courageous actions earlier this year, when he saved two men from a burning car minutes before it exploded.

Describing his feat as "acting on instincts", Mr Shinmarh was sleeping when he heard a vehicle crash into a tree just outside his home.

"At about 3.10am in the morning I heard one squealing car crashing into something," Mr Shinmarh said.

"I came out of my house and saw a car ... on fire."

With one of the men unconscious and inside the car, Mr Shinmarh was able to drag him out, minutes before the car's tyres exploded and the entire vehicle went up in

flames.

Up against two other nominees at the awards at Customs House, Mr Shinmarh said he had no idea he was the winner until it was announced.

Mayor Ray Brown commended his actions, stating there was "no higher accolade".

"Dalby and the community should be very proud to have such a citizen in the region," Cr Brown said.

"There were no pre-emptions of emotions involved with it.

"He put his life at risk to save others ... this is a wonderful achievement."

Mr Shinmarh will now head to the national Pride of Australia awards which are held in Sydney later this year.

— Laura Hunt, Dalby Herald

BELL Bible school

● BELL Presbyterian Church will hold a vacation bible school each morning from tomorrow until Thursday.

The school will be suitable for children aged five to 12 years.

For more information call the Bell Presbyterian Church on 4663 1221.

ST GEORGE River Dragon Festival

● FOR something fresh and original the picturesque town of St George will be holding the inaugural River Dragon Festival on the Balonne River from October 8 to 10.

The exciting program includes a boat parade, children's activities including water slides and face painting, dragon boat races on the river, a barbecue breakfast and a classic car display.

There will also be opportunity to kick back and relax at the Jazz, Boots and Blues event at Riversands Vineyard while enjoying a glass or two of award winning wines.

For more information visit www.westerndownsholidays.info or call 1800 688 949.

Oakey Student success

● DURING the Toowoomba Heritage Ag Show several students



BMO Financial Solutions principal Shane Lee (left) and BMO Accountants partner Peter McKinnon come face to face with Peter's likeness at the Dalby Spring Art Show.

PICTURE: SUPPLIE

from the Oakey State High School agricultural department participated in the junior paraders' section.

Jason Beckman and Blake

Dawson competed in the Over 16 junior paraders' section along with approximately 40 other students from schools all over the Darling Downs.