

PRESS RELEASE



Celebrity CRICKET MATCH NOV 15

ARCHIE GRAY BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS CELEBRITY CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

Hosted by Mark Hughes Foundation to raise funds for brain cancer.

On the 8th of November 2022, Archie Gray lost his eleven and a half, month courageous battle with brain cancer. Archie was just 17 years of age. An absolutely outstanding and talented cricketer for Western Suburbs Cricket Club, who describe Archie as a "GUN". Archie at the age of 16, debuted in second grade, alongside his elder brother Finn. Archie was a year 11 student at St Patrick's College Strathfield, who was a friend to so many within the cricketing community.

Archie's last game of cricket was Western Suburbs vs Manly on Pratten Park, Ashfield and his last 4 days of life were spent at Bear Cottage Manly. For this reason the 2 clubs have come together to create a spectacular T20 cricketing event, with a mix of current players and yester-year players (celebrities), to celebrate Archie's passion for cricket and continue to raise awareness of brain cancer through Mark Hughes Foundation.

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VS

PRATTEN PARK - ASHFIELD
WEDNESDAY 15TH NOV 2023 5.30PM-9.30PM



The Mark Hughes Foundation (MHF) - is a Non-Profit, Health Promotion Charity that his wife Kirralee began in 2014, after Mark was diagnosed with brain cancer. They began the Foundation when they realised how underfunded brain cancer was in Australia in comparison to other cancers. The lack of funding meant very little research into treatments or cures for brain cancer and, as a result, not much has changed in the shocking brain cancer mortality rates over the past 30 years. To date the Foundation has raised close to \$30 million and in 2022 MHF announced a \$25 million Brain Cancer Research Centre at the University of Newcastle. The Mark Hughes Foundation Centre for Brain Cancer Research is an exciting step forward for brain cancer research in Australia.

Brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in children, and adults aged under 40 in Australia, yet alarmingly very little is known about brain cancer, its causes or how it is treated!

In 2019, there were 1,470 deaths from brain cancer in Australia. In 2021, it is estimated that there will be 1,528 deaths. In 2021, it is estimated that a person has a 1 in 161 risk of being diagnosed with brain cancer by the age of 85.

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION

