



MEDIA RELEASE

Thousands sign-up to play netball for charity

24 July 2008. One of the biggest events in netball will kick off on July 27 with more than 500 teams from across Sydney and NSW already registered to take part in the inaugural Cure Our Kids Netball Cancer Challenge.

In an unprecedented show of unity, eight separate netball associations from across the State are working to sign up teams from their current clubs to participate in the Challenge, with the aim of attracting 1000 teams across three carnival dates to raise much needed funds for Cure Our Kids.

Cure Our Kids CEO Carolyn Dodds has been overwhelmed by the ground swell of support shown by the associations and their clubs.

"We've had an incredible response in our first year, from Charlestown to Manly, out to Cobar and up to Coffs Harbour, the associations have been amazing, so much time and effort going into each carnival, I just can't thank them enough," said Carolyn.

Team registration costs \$50 for 10 players with all proceeds going direct to Cure Our Kids. The teams will range in age groups from under 9's through to senior levels.

Each participating association has an Ambassador, a child from their district who has undergone or is currently undergoing treatment for cancer at the Oncology Unit at the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Jasmin Davidson from Baulkham Hills is 14 years old and was a lover of netball before being diagnosed last year with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Right now she can hardly walk, the treatment has made her muscles very weak but she has agreed to be an Ambassador for the Baulkham Hills Netball Association, who are expecting to field 150 teams.

The first event in the Cure Our Kids Cancer Challenge kicks off on Saturday 27 July - for more information on the event or to sign up your association please contact Katrina Ortolan on 02 9938 3499

Cure Our Kids is an independent charity, which provides assistance to the Oncology Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and is currently embarking on a landmark project to provide a new purpose-built facility that will ensure the children of NSW and beyond continue to have access to cutting edge research and treatment.

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