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## **A WHOPPING \$31,000 RAISED AT THE 2008 MANGO AUCTION**

\$7,000 was paid this morning for some of the season's first mangoes at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mango Auction held at Sydney Markets, Flemington.

A huge crowd of fruit and vegetable traders, and intrigued onlookers joined special guests, from Cronulla Sharks, Ricky Stewart and Reece Williams, Sydney FC Simon Collosimo and many more to see a total of \$31,000 raised for The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The successful bid was from the partnership team of David Healy and David Russo of David Russo Pty Ltd and Country Gardens in Westfield at Warrawong.

The people of Sydney Markets have been supporters of children's charities and activities for a long time, with the annual Mango Auction run by Nick Martelli of Allcrops Produce, and the famous Cherry Auction to be held on Wednesday 22 October.

Funds raised through the 2008 auction will assist The Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine to continue to provide sports medicine and sport and exercise science to sick, disabled and able-bodied children.

The mango season usually runs from late September through to March, and they are grown in the hot and humid conditions of northern Australia. The "*Kensington Pride*" mangoes auctioned today came all the way from Pine Creek in the Northern Territory.

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## **Who was involved in the Mango Auction?**

### **Allcrops Pty Ltd, based at Sydney Markets, Flemington**

Sydney Markets is the largest fresh fruit and vegetable wholesale market in Australia and one of the largest in the world. These markets play a significant role in the horticultural industry and the economy of New South Wales. This market primarily caters to professional buyers from supermarkets, restaurants, greengrocers, exporters and food processors.

Wholesaler Nick Martelli of Allcrops Pty Ltd in Sydney Markets organised this event.

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### **The Children's Hospital at Westmead**

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is one of the world's newest centres for paediatric care and also one of the oldest children's hospitals in NSW – established in 1880. The money raised at the Mango Auction will go to the Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine

(CHISM). CHISM commenced in 1996, and provides comprehensive, specialised services in children's sports medicine and sport and exercise science for sick and disabled children as well as those who are able-bodied.

CHISM is a world "first". No other Children's Hospital focuses on diagnosis, treatment and prevention services for sick and disabled children in sports medicine and sport and exercise science, within the one Institute.

CHISM is funded solely through public donations, special fundraising functions and some fee-for-service programs.

### **Where the Mangoes Came From**

Michelle Hill of Pine Creek, NT, was the supplier of the mangoes at this year's auction. The mangoes were the popular Kensington Pride variety. As well as supplying mangoes to the people of NSW through Advance Produce Pty Ltd at Sydney Markets, Flemington, she also exports them as far away as Paris, Milan, Frankfurt and Vienna.