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Sydney Markets Summer Fruit Auction Raises over \$75,000 for Charity

The inaugural Summer Fruit Auction was held at Sydney Markets Flemington today raising over \$75,000 for Save Our Sons, a charity dedicated to finding a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), and the Sydney Markets Foundation.

Following over three successful decades, which has seen hundreds of thousands of dollars raised for charity; the Sydney Markets Cherry and Mango Auctions were this year combined to become the Summer Fruit Auction.

Instead of the traditional first of the season boxes of cherries and mangoes, the prize of this year's auction lot was fifteen boxes of the best Aussie summer fruit sourced from around the country. The winning bid of \$30,000 came from a group of Sydney Markets wholesalers. The winning bidders Bill Chalk, Joe Antico, Tony Trim, Paul Signorelli, Hugh Molloy and Tony Antico also had the honour of being the first recipients of the Lui Cicco Memorial Cup, created in memory of the late Lui Cicco who was a well-loved member of the Markets community.

Nick Martelli, Summer Fruit Auction Committee Chair and one of the winning bidders said, "Lui was a dedicated charity worker and long-time supporter of the auctions. We're very honoured to accept this cup in his memory and to be contributing to such a worthy cause."

NSW Premier Mike Baird was in attendance participating in the day's proceedings by drawing the winner of the Summer Fruit Auction raffle. Also in attendance was NSW Opposition Leader Luke Foley, as well as Minister for Primary Industries Niall Blair, John Sidoti, MP, Andrew Fraser, MP Anthony Roberts, MP and Jodi McKay, MP. The event was also boosted by the presence of celebrities Angry Anderson, Ada Nicodemou, Rugby League legends Terry Lamb, Steve Mortimer, Steve Menzies, Laurie Daley and players from the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, South Sydney Rabbitohs and Manly Sea Eagles.

"Sydney Markets is honoured to be carrying on the long and proud traditions of the Cherry and Mango Auctions through the Summer Fruit Auction." says Sydney Markets Limited CEO Brad Latham. "After many years of being separate events, it was clear the two auctions had the potential to be about much more than cherries and mangoes. The Summer Fruit Auction gives us an opportunity to bring everyone together as a community to help those in need, while also celebrating the superb Australian grown summer fruit that we see coming through the Markets and the growers, wholesalers, retailers and distributors who work tirelessly to deliver that produce to our tables."

Sydney Markets is the largest central wholesale market in Australia, housing Sydney's Growers, Produce and Flower Markets which provide fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers to independent retailers, supermarkets, florists, providores, exporters, food processors, restaurants and caterers in NSW, the ACT and throughout Australia.



About Save Our Sons

Save Our Sons is committed to finding a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. There are a number of research facilities locally in Australia and overseas currently working on some very exciting clinical scientific trials which could help prolong the children's lives in the hope of finding a drug that could eventually halt this dreadful condition. With the assistance of our supporters, donators and volunteers, the funds raised through events, online donations and sponsorship, we look to make a difference to young boys suffering from DMD and with your help, save their lives.

About the Sydney Markets Limited

Sydney Markets Limited has a history dating back to the landing of the first fleet; the modern markets comprise two locations, Flemington and Haymarket. Each location has Wholesale and Retail facilities. Sydney Markets Flemington houses Sydney's Growers, Produce and Flower markets which provide fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers to independent retailers, supermarkets, florists, providores, exporters, food processors, restaurants and caterers.

Sydney Markets is the vital link of Australia's horticultural supply chain. Produce is received from approximately 20,000 growers Australia-wide with the wholesale operations supplying fresh fruit and vegetables to over two-thirds of the Australian population.

QUICK MARKET FACTS & STATISTICS

- Largest wholesale fruit, vegetable and flower markets in Australia and one of the largest food distribution centres in the Southern Hemisphere
- Sydney Markets at Flemington spans 42 hectares
- 24 hours a day, seven days a week operation
- An estimated 2,500,000 tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables, valued at \$3.0 billion, are sold through Sydney Produce Market and Sydney Growers Market annually
- Approximately \$100 million of fresh produce is exported from Sydney Markets annually
- Over \$150 million of fresh flowers are sold through the Sydney Flower Market annually
- Approximately 120 Wholesalers, 394 Produce Growers, 172 Flower Growers-Sellers and over 160 supporting businesses are located on site at Flemington
- Approximately 1,500 traders operate within the various community markets at Flemington and Haymarket
- Sydney Markets supplies thousands of retailers, providores, florists and food processors on a daily basis
- 500 semi-trailers and trucks unload here each night
- Around 140,000 customers are attracted to the community markets each week
- There is excellent access to all markets by public and private transport
- More than 5,000 people work in businesses at Sydney Markets
- Sydney Markets recycles up to 65% of the waste generated on site

Sydney Markets Foundation

The Sydney Markets Foundation was set up in 2010 to ensure the generosity of the Sydney Markets Community reaches directly the people and communities that are in need, particularly people associated with the Markets and the industry.

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