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## **RECORD \$36,000 PAID FOR A TRAY OF MANGOES!**

A record \$36,000 was paid this morning for the season's first tray of mangoes at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Mango Auction held at Sydney Markets, Flemington.

A huge crowd of fruit and vegetable traders, media and intrigued onlookers joined Dawn Fraser and other special guests to see a total of \$44,000 raised for The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The successful bidder was Joe Logozzo from President Avenue Fruit World in Kogarah, who was thrilled to have beaten off all challengers for the major prize.

For a while the bidding lingered around \$7500, but then Sam Agostino from Fresh World (in Burwood, Castle Hill and Penrith) leaped ahead with a huge bid of \$20,000. Joe Logozzo and Sam Agostino battled it out a further \$16,000 with Joe finally securing the tray of mangoes at \$36,000.

"I paid \$36,000 for the tray of 12 mangoes. I wasn't expecting to bid that high, but I was determined to outbid the others. There was also someone from the Gold Coast bidding over the phone, and I wanted to make sure the mangoes stayed locally."

"That's a pretty expensive tray of mangoes, but I'm really pleased to be able to help the kids at The Children's Hospital in Westmead.

"Some of the mangoes will be delivered to the children at The Children's Hospital at Westmead while the others will be taken to my store, President Avenue Fruit World in Kogarah, to be cut up and given to our customers.

"Although I bought the mangoes, many of the greengrocers and market traders also dug deep for the other auctioned items, all the proceeds will be going to the kids," he said.

Sydney Markets has long been a supporter of children's charities and activities, with the annual Mango Auction one of the highlights, the famous Cherry Auction to be held on 16 October, and the ever-popular Fresh for Kids™ Program.

Funds raised through the 2002 auction will help the Renal Laboratory in the Children's Hospital at Westmead to study the mechanisms of rejection and tolerance of kidney transplants with the hope of improving treatments for 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?

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

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is one of the world's newest centers 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 Renal Laboratory at The Children's Hospital Westmead. With around 10 children receiving kidney transplants each year, the Laboratory studies the mechanisms of rejection and tolerance of these transplants with the hope of improving treatments for children. The causes of glomerulonephritis in children and the development of less toxic therapies are also examined in the Laboratory.

Dr Stephen Alexander, Head of Laboratory, Children's Hospital Westmead was in attendance at today's Mango Auction.

## **Sydney Produce Market**

Sydney Produce Market 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.

## **Where the mangoes came from**

Tom and Regina Harbrow of Pine Creek, NT, are the suppliers of the mangoes at this year's auction. One of the most popular types of mango, the Kensington Pride, will be transported down to Sydney to be auctioned off as the season's first. Kensington Pride mangoes are extremely popular both in Australia and overseas. As well as supplying their mangoes to the people of NSW, Advance Produce Pty Ltd at Sydney Markets, Flemington, exports the Harbrow's mangoes as far away as Paris, Milan, Frankfurt and Vienna.