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## ***\$25,000 PAID AT MANGO AUCTION***

# **FLEMINGTON TRADERS OPEN THEIR HEARTS!**

A whopping \$25,000 was paid this morning for some of the season's first mangoes at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mango Auction held at Sydney Markets, Flemington.

A huge crowd of fruit and vegetable traders, media and intrigued onlookers joined soccer stars from Sydney FC, Dwight York and David Zdrilic and other special guests to see a total of \$32,000 raised for The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The successful bidder was greengrocer Sam Agostino, owner of Fresh World at Castle Hill, Burwood and Penrith.

Sam was delighted to have bought the mangoes for the second time.

Sam is a quiet, reserved person who is not usually in the limelight, but was happy to bid for the mangoes to raise money for the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Angela D'Amore, MP for Drummoyne and Joe Fuda of Advance Produce will deliver the mangoes to the children at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

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 Joe Fuda at Advance Produce, the famous Cherry Auction to be held on Wednesday 27 October, and the ever-popular Fresh for Kids™ Program.

Funds raised through the 2005 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?

## **Advance Produce, 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 Joe Fuda of Advance Produce Pty Ltd in the Sydney Markets has been organising the Mango Auction for the past 14 years.

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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 fund raising 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.