



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HANSARD – 13 FEBRUARY 2018

BRAIN CANCER FUNDRAISING

Mr JONATHAN O'DEA (Davidson) (13:43): Two young men in my electorate, Tom Boxall and Harry Scott, have had their friendship with the late Kian Mantle tragically severed through cancer. An undergraduate student of Macquarie University, Kian was diagnosed with brain cancer and battled against it for 18 months before his death at the age of 20 in June 2017. Kian had previously attended St Paul's Catholic College in Manly and St Martin's Catholic Primary School in Davidson. He was also a keen cricketer, playing for the Wakehurst Redbacks Cricket Club. In the past three decades the survival rate from brain cancer has apparently improved only slightly from 1 per cent. The Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group [SNOG] supports brain cancer patients and families and pursues research and education. I understand it was vital to Kian's care. I congratulate Tom, Harry, the Wakehurst Redbacks and all involved with the fundraiser for SNOG this Sunday 18 February—the KM Classic Charity Cricket Match. Held in honour of Kian's love for cricket, the occasion should bring people together while raising money for a thoroughly worthwhile cause.