



Family friendly fun run with a splash of Colour.. 5 km run or walk for the whole family. Everyone wear as much white as you can. **This event is to raise awareness and funds for The Children Tumour Foundation.**

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a group of three genetic conditions which gives rise to the potential for benign tumours to grow on nerves anywhere in the body. NF1 affects 1 in 2500 which is a lifelong condition with a wide range of severity. There is no cure.

This cause is close to the Parkes community's heart as it directly affects some of our members. Hamish is a 13 year old local boy who was diagnosed with NF1 at the age of 6 months old. Hamish has hundreds of benign tumours growing on all his nerve endings throughout his whole body with most concerning being in his spine, spinal cord and pelvis, he suffers from muscle weakness, learning difficulties and great deal of pain. He is no stranger to Westmead Children Hospital, he visits every 3 months for scans and various doctors appointments and has done so since he was 5 year old. Hamish takes this all in his stride and is a very happy boy who is inspirational and loved by all who he has contact with.

Emma is a 28 year old female Early Childhood Educator who was diagnosed as having the genetic condition Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1) at the age of 3 years 9 months. NF1 causes benign, often painful masses to grow on her nerves, which appear as subcutaneous lumps; these can occur anywhere. Emma is also affected by low muscle tone, poor coordination, early developmental delay and some low level learning difficulties. She has compensated for her difficulty with visual learning by developing her auditory learning skills. She has a long term relationship with the Neurogenetics clinic at Westmead Children's Hospital since the age of 4 years, where she is part of continuing studies into the long term effects of NF1.

As a result of her condition, Emma is regularly monitored using annual, full body PET scans, followed by appointments with specialists at Westmead. This usually occurs in the weeks immediately surrounding Christmas.

While Emma's condition is permanent, it has not affected her ability to hold full time, permanent employment in her career area.

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