

Racing car driver Jimmy Vernon wins Round 1&2 Australian Production Cars 2022 for Kids with Cancer

Round 1, Sydney Motorsport Park 26-28 May WINNER: Jimmy won for 19-month Congenital Acute Myeloid Leukaemia patient, Ashton. Round 2, Queensland Raceway August 5-7 WINNER: Jimmy won for Dominic, age 12, diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma of the spine



Sydney, New South Wales Aug 8, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - At just 25 years old, Jimmy Vernon is making waves in Australian Motorsport, and alongside driving towards becoming a world-class motoring name he is striving to make a big difference in the lives of children and families who sadly, and too often devastatingly, experience paediatric cancer – with almost 800 children diagnosed with cancer every

year.

In 2022, the Jimmy Vernon Racing Team is driving a Mitsubishi Evo X fighting in the Australian Production Car Championship, A1 class. In five rounds taking place all over Australia, Jimmy Vernon will be driving for Kids with Cancer, dedicating each round to a child currently fighting paediatric cancer. The child will be featured on Jimmy's helmet, and the kids and their families are being invited to a trackside day of fun and excitement to meet Jimmy and his team. Jimmy and his team have also pledged 20 percent of all corporate sponsorship funding to the Kids with Cancer Foundation for 2022 and beyond.

100 percent of direct donations made to Kids with Cancer Foundation go towards supporting Kids with Cancer and their families through providing financial support, critical hospital salaries and infrastructure, cancer research, Care Packs, wigs, and more. To fund operational costs, Kids with Cancer Foundation runs three [\\$2 'Winners Choice' lotteries](#) each year.

Kids with Cancer Foundation CEO, Todd Prees, said: "We are thrilled to have Jimmy Vernon as such a passionate Ambassador for Kids with Cancer. Jimmy has been involved for several years, actively helping with funding support, fundraising activities, and fun experiences like these track-side days.

"This year Jimmy and his team have truly taken their support to a huge new level, and one that will make an incredible difference in the lives of hundreds of kids with cancer and their families. We would like to say a huge thank you to Jimmy, and to all our supporters who help us to make a difference in the lives of Kids with Cancer."

Jimmy Vernon said: "What does being an ambassador mean to me? When I see the enthusiastic smiles on their faces at the racetrack, when I know I am making a difference in their lives, it means the world to me. To be in a position to show the family a fun day out enjoying the sunshine and fast cars, it's a feeling that words can't describe."

Dominic and his journey with Ewings Sarcoma of the spine

Dominic, age 12, was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma of the spine in May 2022. He is being treated at Queensland Children's Hospital, with treatment including surgical intervention and chemotherapy.

Todd Prees said: "We are all working to support Dominic and his family through this challenging time. The fact that Jimmy raced and won with Dominic on his helmet has certainly created some excitement."

Ashton and his journey with Congenital Acute Myeloid Leukemia

In November 2020, at just five days old Ashton was diagnosed with Congenital Acute Myeloid Leukemia and started chemotherapy immediately at The Children's Hospital Westmead. In November 2021, Ashton received a bone marrow transplant and since then has continued with regular appointments and check-ups, growing and developing every day – walking climbing, smiling, laughing, and into everything. Kids with Cancer Foundation has been working with Ashton and his family to provide support throughout their challenging journey ([follow Ashton's journey on Facebook](#)).

Jimmy Vernon said: "Ashton was riding with me on my helmet all weekend during round one. The best part of the weekend was having Ashton and his family at the track to cheer me on. Seeing Ashton and his brother Levi get so excited about the race cars and the big gleaming smiles they both shared was really amazing and we were thrilled to win the round for them."

ABOUT Kids with Cancer Foundation

Kids with Cancer Foundation (KWCF) was established in 1998 to raise much-needed funds to support the nearly 800 children diagnosed with cancer every year and their families.

KWCF provides direct financial assistance to families in the form of payments for mortgage, rent, transportation, utilities, and other bills or by supplying much-needed grocery vouchers, white goods, wigs, and sadly sometimes funeral expenses. KWCF does not cap the support it provides each family – if there is a need, KWCF will assist.

KWCF funds clinical hospital staff, including paying the salaries for oncology fellowships, clinical nurse specialists, and social workers, as well as contributing to the funding for research and hospital infrastructure.

KWCF provides a weekly delivery of Care Packs to children's hospitals across Australia – currently producing 480 per month. Each Care Pack is carefully put together with healthy snacks and some activities to take the children's minds off cancer treatment.

To learn more about Kids with Cancer Foundation and how you can get involved, including fundraising, donating, Wigs4Kids, Scare Cancer October, or volunteering, visit kidswithcancer.org.au



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