



Wes Crooke was a warm and loving soul, with a unique perspective of the world. His cheeky, quirky behaviour and abstract words used in completely unrelated contexts made him a joyfully contagious person to be around. Popular and very loved.

His strength and determination along with his natural irreverence, by chance led him to be the Number one Australian Springboard Diver several years running, for his age group. Overall winning countless competitions. His competitive nature was second to his sense of fun and community. Those meeting him later in life would never realize just how good he was, as he was also incredibly modest.

Wes travelled extensively around the world and always showed great understanding, acceptance, interest and empathy to those living in third world countries. For Wes, beauty was not superficial, but found more in the depth of the eyes, the life story and the weathering of the face.

Wes's determination was evident in his fight with brain cancer. His first battle lasting two years and second 11 months. True to his spirit he continued to take chances and enjoy life as much as he could. He never once said "why me?" His fierce determination and focus never allowed anyone else to place their pity on him. Rather he would comment loudly 'Aren't we lucky'.

Wes fathered two beautiful boys Liam and Finn with his partner. They were two and three years old when he passed away. It is for his boys who struggle to understand why dad can't come home, that we hope to continue his legacy with the Wes Crooke Scholarship/ Endowment.

So how can you help?

Our first campaign is to raise \$5k for 20 doctors to be educated.

To honour the journey that Wes walked we would like to encourage you to join our team to run or walk in the Melbourne Marathon. We don't care if you hop, skip, jump, dance, roller skate or three legged race to the finish line! **It is about feeling good and doing good with your friends!** Elect the km's you wish to run and we will collectively fundraise for Specialist without borders.

Share this link to your friends and ask them to pledge money for you to finish this race. Lets continue to keep Wes's generosity alive and celebrate how lucky we really are. **Fundraising Drive will begin in September!**

Register at: <http://melbournemarathon.com.au/>

Go to: Register Now – click on the list of distances.

Click on: Click Here To Register

Select - which distance you want

(Note: There is a 3km walk and 5.7km run/ meander option!!)

Click off on the terms and conditions - Next Register your details

2015 Team Avents – Choose a Team

Select - Wes Crooke Scholarship/Endowment SWB

Password: RNTWELKY

Enter personal details

Go Fundraise section – Select - Another charity not listed here

Move onto payment details:

Thanks again for getting on board it will be a great feel good day and good karma all round.

PS: Does anyone know where I can get us some John Mac Enroe/ Olivia Newton John- headbands for the team????

