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### **Local cricketers and Test stars to support organ donation**

Players from several local cricket clubs and the Commonwealth Bank Southern Stars will come together in late October in cricket matches to raise awareness for organ and tissue donation.

The teams, which will play the Australian Transplant Cricket Club (ATCC), are being arranged by local sports management company, 14 Degrees, through its Cricket Carnival program.

“We played our first David Hookes Tribute Series match in October last year against a 14 Degrees team at Allan Border Oval, Mosman. This year we’re keen to raise awareness about organ donation in the fast-growing North West Sydney area and we’ve had really great support from the North West Sydney Hurricanes, Tigers and Kings Langley cricket clubs”, said ATCC Chairman, Jeff Sewell.

An alliance of North West Sydney Hurricanes and Tigers will play against the ATCC at Bruce Purser Reserve, Rouse Hill, on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October. A few days earlier, on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, a combined Kings Langley and 14 Degrees team will play against the ATCC at Old Kings Oval, Parramatta. Cricket Australia is supporting the cause by releasing Commonwealth Bank Southern Stars Test players Lisa Sthalekar and Alex Blackwell for the Rouse Hill match.

“The ATCC players are passionate about cricket and very inspiring to watch. They really demonstrate the second chance that organ donation can make to people’s lives. All the clubs agreed this was an important cause to support and it could become an annual affair for North West Sydney. We expect many ‘classic cricket’ moments to be re-lived at the get-together at a local venue on the Friday night”, said Shaun Martyn of 14 Degrees.

More can be learned at [www.cricketcarnival.com](http://www.cricketcarnival.com). Sponsorships are available to North West Sydney businesses that would like to be associated with this important cause.

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