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Footy kicks Tassie cancer research goal

The Mick Callinan Fund, set up in memory of the late Tasmanian football identity, has just kicked in \$3500 for local cancer research.

Fund president Scott Morrisby presented part of the proceeds from a recent star-studded sports dinner to The Cancer Council Tasmania CEO Lawson Ride yesterday.

Mick Callinan, who helped the careers of countless young Tasmanian footballers, died of cancer in December 2005. His dying wish was for friends to set up a fund to raise money for junior football and cancer research in Tasmania.

Callinan mate and Fund patron Sydney Swans football operations manager Andrew Ireland hosted the recent dinner that drew footy stars past and present such as Stuart Maxwell, Paul Williams and Matthew Richardson.

Mr Morrisby said a further \$3500 from the dinner was earmarked to help the careers of disadvantaged emerging junior footballers in the state.

Mr Ride thanked dinner organisers and said evidence showed that cancer research in Tasmania produced better outcomes for Tasmanians.

"The money raised at the Mick Callinan dinner honour the memory of a man who gave selflessly to young Tasmanians and will make a real difference to the lives of those affected by cancer, both now and into the future," Mr Ride said.

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