

**Media Release**

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## **Wayne Gardner fulfils a kids dream...**

In a once off opportunity, Motor racing legend Wayne Gardner will fulfil the dream of a boy from the Youth Insearch program. On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 13 year old Ben Hamilton from Rooty Hill in Sydney's west will meet his hero.

Unbeknownst to Ben, this unique experience will begin with him being collected from school and transported via Helicopter (donated by Heliflite) to Eastern Creek Raceway. Then he will be introduced to Wayne where he will be taken on a ride around the track.

The majority of young people involved with the Youth Insearch program have come from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds and have dramatically turned their lives around, now becoming positive contributors to society. Ben is one of these.

Youth Insearch is an organisation that has been rebuilding the lives of over 23,000 young people over the last 18 years. They conduct Weekend Camps and follow up Support Groups where a trusting environment is created.

Young people feel comfortable to discuss issues of an emotional nature such as drug & alcohol abuse, family breakdown, sexual abuse and grief related issues. They are able to relate and seek positive alternatives to anti-social and destructive behaviour.

"I get frequent requests of this nature but, after learning about the fabulous work that Youth Insearch does through my racing friend Paul Edwards, I am only too happy to make this boys dream a reality" said Wayne Gardner.

This will begin at Chifley College, Bidwill Campus at Bidwill at 11.00am.

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