

## Bollywood Mania, PKS Foundation Fundraising Event



Pallister-Killian Syndrome (PKS) is a rare genetic disorder. It is estimated that there are some 500 – 700 cases of PKS diagnosed worldwide. In Australia there are around 20 known cases but it is suspected that there are many more undiagnosed cases out there. Most of these cases have been diagnosed in the last 5 years with an increasing diagnosis rate. Being so rare, the condition is often undiagnosed during pregnancy. Sometimes it is identified through an anomaly picked up during ultrasound and further investigation is undertaken. More often PKS is identified at birth or soon after due to characteristic appearance or other complications. Many people diagnosed with PKS are not unable to walk or talk. Many do not communicate at all. These individuals are dependent on others for every thing in life often including feeding, recreation, physical activity, socialisation, education and personal care.

As a result of its rarity, very little information and support has been available to the families in the past. Most medical professionals have never heard of PKS. PKS Foundation of Australia (PKSFA) is a not for profit organisation and has been established to provide help and support to individuals and the families of those diagnosed with PKS; raise awareness and conduct research into the many of the little-known facets of this disorder. PKSFA aims to maximise the quality of life of individuals diagnosed with PKS by providing financial support with equipment purchase and



therapy/respite services; supporting parents and family; promoting research into PKS and raising community awareness about PKS.

On the 10th of October, the PKS Foundation of Australia, with the help of few volunteers is organising its first inaugural fundraiser in NSW called the "PKS Bollywood Mania". The event is to be held at the IronBark Hall in Cherrybrook from 6:30pm. There will be three course, authentic Indian meal; DJ and dance floor; lively Bollywood dance performances, plenty of raffle and door prizes and lots more fun! The best part is that it is all to raise funds for a great cause. Tickets are selling fast, so book yours today.

For more information and online booking, visit [www.pks.org.au](http://www.pks.org.au)

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