



## “The Ham Run” - Jeans for Genes

*It's a family affair*

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Mark Mingay, long time Toowoomba resident and former pig farmer from Griffith N.S.W. is preparing to do some serious driving all over South East Queensland this December, and a huge part of the reason lies with his little 2-year-old mate Hugh Jensen.

Hugh is one of 467 people in the world who has been diagnosed with a microdeletion of the 6<sup>th</sup> chromosome. An extremely rare gene disorder that in their search for answers sent his desperate parents to the brink of insanity.

Gratefully, thanks to the amazing work of the Children’s Medical Research Institute, the Jensen’s were finally able to get some answers. These answers unlocked an entire world of possibility for Hugh and many of the unknowns in his future, became manageable and exciting, instead of scary for him and his family.

Luke and Michelle Jensen, the young new Toowoomba business owners of Westridge and The Ridge Meats, feel indebted to the Institute and are determined to give back.

“Without this research, we would have continued walking around in the dark, blaming ourselves and not being able to get help for our little boy,” said Michelle.



“We would like to help to make sure that other parents do not have to endure the same hellish ordeal that Luke and I went through, and we believe that funding more research and awareness will help towards achieving this.”

Westridge Meats, has been awarded twice the highly acclaimed title of “Australia’s Best Ham” and this Christmas, they plan to sell and deliver their award-winning hams all over South East Queensland.

“Five dollars from every ham sold this Christmas goes to ‘**Jeans for Genes**’, which is the main charity initiative that funds the Children’s Medical Research Institute.” said Michelle.

Michelle’s father, Mark Mingay is pleased to be doing the delivering, and looks forward to hitting the road. “Christmas is such a special time for families to come together.” said Mr Mingay.

“So many of the best memories are made around the dinner table, and I’m pleased to be able to deliver the most important part of the meal, the ham!”

\$5.00 from each ham sold this Christmas will go to the ‘**Jeans for Genes**’ initiative.

Hams can be purchased via the website [www.thehamrun.com.au](http://www.thehamrun.com.au), or ordered in store at Westridge and The Ridge Meats.