

Charlie Teo with Louise de Bomford-Scott who organised last year's Sparkle Ball and is also a cancer survivor thanks to Charlie Teo.

Last year's Sparkle Ball at The Mindil Beach Casino & Resort was a huge success raising \$110,000 for the Charlie Teo Foundation. This year the event will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre and it's ...

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# DREAMING WITH THE STARS



Mark and Tim, who bought 'A Day with Charlie' at auction, with Charlie and Louise at The Sparkle Ball.

When Sinead Strawbridge and Seona Dayman's brother, Brendan Roe, was told he had a brain tumour, doctors said he had just a couple of years to live. That was six years ago. After his initial operation, Brendan, who works for Office National in Alice Springs, sought a second opinion from one of the world's top neurosurgeons. 'Professor Charlie Teo has given Brendan hope,' Sinead said. 'He's extended Brendan's life expectancy, and enjoyment of life and work. That's why we want to help with a fundraising ball, knowing that together, through Professor Teo's research, we will find a cure for brain cancer.'

'Because of Charlie's reputation we have an amazing range of sponsors and top-line artists involved, and all are proudly supporting our Dreaming with the Stars Ball on 14 September at Alice Springs Convention Centre.' The ball will be a star-studded event with Chocolate Starfish and other surprise artists rocking the dancefloor, and guest appearances by Richard Wilkins and his son Christian. The three-course, sit-down dinner is being prepared by award-winning Australian chef Luke Mangan and his assistant, and will be accompanied by premium beers and wines. At just \$250pp it is great value, and guests will be supporting the Charlie Teo Foundation, and the Professor's endless quest to find a cure for brain cancer.

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Andrew Dayman, Seona Dayman, Charlie, Sinead and Matthew Strawbridge.



Charlie Teo's magnetism is apparent with a bevy of Darwin beauties at The Sparkle Ball.



Brigitte and Dave Cannon at The Sparkle Ball.



The very glamorous Sparkle Ball at Mindil Beach Casino & Resort.



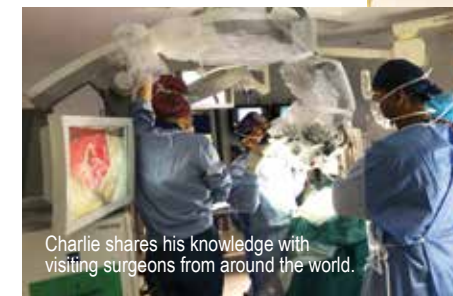
Tim, Mark and Charlie at the end of a surreal experience, yet for Charlie, it's all in a day's work.



Charlie, the humble genius, between patients.



The man at work.



Charlie shares his knowledge with visiting surgeons from around the world.



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*It was amazing to watch Charlie Teo save someone's life by operating on a very delicate and highly precise area of the human body, the brain. It was a fascinating, tense yet joyous experience.*

## MEET PROFESSOR CHARLIE TEO

### The Man

He's charismatic, caring, controversial and selfless. Sydney-born and educated, Charlie admits to being a nerdy teenager. After failing his medical exams three times, when he finally passed the College of Surgeons still didn't find him acceptable. He didn't fit the mould. He wasn't aloof. He rode a motorbike (and still does), plays the bagpipes, loves ABBA, enjoys clubbing and is emotionally attached to his patients and his work. 'My mother, Elizabeth, taught me kindness, honesty and generosity, and my family keep me grounded,' Charlie said. Charlie wholeheartedly believes a doctor should always treat his patients as he would his own family. After Darwin's fundraising ball last year, many guests joined Charlie on the dance floor at Throb, when a guest hurt her arm. Charlie accompanied her and her daughter to Royal Darwin Hospital. While waiting in Emergency, a passing doctor recognised him and asked why he was there. Charlie then began helping the ER, stitching a lacerated arm of a newly arrived patient. Then, when Resident editors Tim Palmer and Mark Marcelis and Tim's mum, Colene Lunn, were experiencing their auction prize of 'A Day with Charlie' in theatre, Charlie organised for Colene to meet

Engelbert Humperdinck, her lifetime idol. His genuine warmth and approach to life is infectious.

### The Surgeon

Charlie is radical and loves a challenge, but still has a surgical routine. He's an internationally renowned neurosurgeon, teacher, mentor, and the Director of Sydney's Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery. He's the only Australian neurosurgeon Board Certified in both Australia and the US, and although often at odds with the establishment, he's renowned for getting results, extending the lives of many children and adults with brain tumours, some previously considered as inoperable. He's saved countless patients in Australia and around the world, prolonging and enriching their lives, earning him a Member of the Order of Australia in 2011. 'All I care about is my patients. My determination and inspiration come from them. Every day they teach me extraordinary hope and courage,' he said. Initially embarking on a career in paediatric surgery, Charlie finally sub-specialised in paediatric neurosurgery. He teaches courses in his pioneering procedures, particularly his keyhole approach to neurosurgery, several times a year in the US. He also educates neurosurgeons from developing countries,

including Indonesia, Vietnam and Peru, and treats children with neurological conditions in those countries.

### The Mission

'It's my dream to find a cure for brain cancer,' Charlie said. He is a tireless campaigner in the fight and his commitment to awareness and research began in 2011 when he founded Cure for Life Foundation (now Cure Brain Cancer Foundation). In 2017 he founded the Charlie Teo Foundation, which continues to raise awareness and fund the frontline of brain cancer research, with a focus on Australian research, clinical trials and patients. 'I founded the Charlie Teo Foundation because I wanted to challenge the way funds raised were used,' he said. 'We use a different model to the traditional not-for-profits, with more funds used for research, not tied up in administration and running costs. The Foundation operates on a volunteer basis, with just three employees.' An extraordinary man, Charlie is making a real difference to people with brain cancer and their families. He's accessible to people from all walks of life, despite his progressive thinking, global presence and endeavour for excellence. For five consecutive years, Charlie has been named the Most Trusted Person in Australia.