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Tailor-made 'Richie' replica jacket going under the hammer to support medical research

Australians are being invited to place their bid for a chance to take home a one-of-a-kind replica of Richie Benaud's iconic cream jacket, complete with an original spare Channel 9 Wide World of Sports embroidered pocket.

John Cutler is a fourth-generation tailor who owns J.H. Cutler Bespoke Tailor in Sydney, a business established by his great-grandfather in 1884. When former Nine Network boss Kerry Packer founded the World Series Cricket, he commissioned John to come up with a jacket for Richie which was different to other commentators. John created the famous cream jacket, and it was written into Richie's contract that John would make his jackets from then on.

Now a philanthropist, John will be generously donating his time and supreme tailoring skills to create a bespoke replica Richie Benaud jacket, which will be auctioned-off at the **Centenary Institute's Foundation Fundraising Dinner on Thursday 20th September 2018 at the Art Gallery of NSW.**

The jacket will be made from the same fabric used to make one of Richie's jackets, and will feature one of the original spare Channel 9 Wide World of Sports embroidered pockets. The successful bidder of the auction item will also receive a copy of John Cutler's book "Making The Cut", which details the story of the Benaud Commission.

The Centenary Institute welcomes any interest or bids in the lead-up to the auction on Thursday 20th September. We encourage any interested parties to join us at the Fundraising Dinner ([tickets can be purchased here](#)) or contact Centenary on (02) 9565 6100, asking for Sarah Ferguson. Telephone bids can also be taken on the evening.

The aim of the Centenary Institute Foundation Fundraising Dinner is to raise \$250,000 to support our most precious asset – our brilliant scientists – through the provision of annual fellowships so they can further their research and become our Future Leaders. Our work focuses on inflammation, cardiovascular disease and cancer, including skin cancer which sadly claimed Richie's life in April 2015.

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Richie Benaud in his iconic cream jacket. This image was taken by his wife Daphne and features in the book "Making The Cut".

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About John Cutler:

- John Cutler is a fourth-generation tailor who owns J.H. Cutler Bespoke Tailor in Sydney.
- His great-grandfather established the family business in 1884. John took over the reins of the business from his father Bruce, aged 27.
- He's been named by Forbes Magazine as one of the Top 10 Bespoke Tailors in the world.
- John's clients have included five past Prime Ministers including William 'Billy' McMahon and Bob Hawke, and Australian conductor Sir Charles Mackerras. He's also worked with British musicians Elton John, Boy George and Rod Stewart on their performing outfits, as well as American actor Owen Wilson.
- Some more unusual clients include the Head of the Chamber of Commerce in Nagoya, Japan, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop in New York, and the Russian Nuclear Submarine Commander.

About the Centenary Institute:

- The Centenary Institute is a world-leading independent medical research institute located in Camperdown, with close affiliation to RPA Hospital and the University of Sydney.
- Our scientists are working to better understand disease in order to find cures to some of the most prolific chronic diseases, including cancer, inflammation and cardiovascular disease.
- Many of our scientists are also clinicians, meaning we are well-placed to put research into practice.