

The Male Bag Foundation

creating a better world for men and the people who love them



Keeping you posted on our Big Ride



Greetings from the Male Bag Foundation. With arrangements falling into place very smoothly for our 2020 mission in South Australia, we are taking this opportunity to update our partner hospitals, community service groups and media contacts on our Big Ride in

October. There's been lots happening and sharing information will help us all. Let's start by letting you know we launch our fund raising for South Australia at the Phillip Island Car Classic Festival of Motorsport at Phillip Island (March), so thanks to the Victorian Historic Road Racing Register for taking us on board. Let the action start! **David Parkin OAM, Patron**

Partnerships and our \$120,000 pledge to men's health in South Australia



We are delighted to have our partnership agreements in place with the Riverland / Mallee / Coorong and Limestone Coast Health Networks. The Foundation has pledged \$60,000 to each for a transperineal biopsy machine to be commissioned by June 2021. A

giant thank you to Berri Lions Club and the Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group for stepping forward as our local community service group partners. We look forward to working with you! As a volunteer-driven charity we assure you every dollar raised will go to your community. Thanks also to Michael Chennell for volunteering to drive the lead car on the Big Ride. **Robert Glover, Chair** **October's ride, 1135 km on a postie**

Thursday 15 - Riders assemble in Adelaide and informal evening gathering. We have invited South Australia's Minister for Health to wave us off on 15 October.

Friday 16 - Adelaide ride departure event and on to our feature evening event with Berri Lions (225 km)

Saturday 17 - Berri to Naracoorte (337 kms) and possible event with the Local Prostate Cancer Support Group

Sunday 18 - Naracoorte to Mt Gambier for feature lunch event with Limestone Coast PCSG, then Warrnambool (283 km)

Monday 19 - Warrnambool to Port Melbourne (294 km)

Please note Male Bag members will be contacting Berri Lions, Naracoorte and Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group on accommodation and event plans.

Get on your bike and make a difference



Graham Trad is our 2020 Ride Director. A meticulous planner with an infectious smile, he is planning to drive and finalise

the route in June-July. For ride details call Graham on 0427 802 086. Thanks Graham!

We are now reaching out to past riders to join us. We will give a very warm welcome to new riders and groups wishing to sponsor a bike or riders.

We are asking past and potential new riders to register with Cath on cath@themalebagfoundation.org.au.

In addition, if you are interested in a loan bike, please call Mark Harris on 0409435345.

A Rider's Application Form will be available soon.

Media, get on your bike

As a charity run by volunteers, we depend heavily on media coverage to promote our brand, causes and events. **The key themes for October's Big Ride are for men to get a health check, and the MBF working with community groups to deliver the first advanced prostate cancer biopsy machines in regional South Australia.** It's a terrific story on men's health and leadership by the Foundation and the Health Networks.

Media reps please call Peter Keage 0470 264 594 to coordinate content, interviews and images. And think about joining the ride or attending our feature events in Adelaide, Berri or Mt Gambier.

Sponsors and donations



We value long-time sponsors including Mini Jumbuk from Naracoorte, so we are delighted to now be able to support Mini Jumbuk's local community. If you know other companies that might have an interest in backing our South Australia mission, please call Robert on 0407849111. Our website is open for donations 24/7.

Join us at the Bagger's Banquet, 15 May

The Bagger's Banquet is a MBF family catch-up. It's a fun evening and we encourage past, present and interested parties to join us.

The Banquet kicks off 6.30pm on Friday 15 May at Kew Golf Club. Hear from our 2019 recipient (Barwon South-West Victoria) and our 2020 recipients from South Australia. Berri Lions and the Limestone Coast PC Support Group may wish to say a few words, especially from the community's perspective. Please call Tony Clayton (0488444699) to register for the Banquet.

Interstate attendees requiring overnight accommodation, please call Peter Keage on 0470264594.

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