

Keeping you posted

The Male Bag Foundation

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



April 2020 Update



Greetings from the Male Bag Foundation.

We are all coming to terms with the massive changes forced upon us by COVID-19. The Foundation is no exception and this update brings our partner hospitals, community groups and media up to date with the changes to our fund-raising program to equip the Riverland and Limestone Coast Health Networks with trans-perineal biopsy machines.

While these changes are being taken to comply with the national COVID-19 protocols, the Foundation's Board assures our grant recipients that we will continue to work to deliver on our pledge to you and your community.

If you have any questions on our plans, please call one of our contacts listed in the update.

Meanwhile, keep safe and healthy.

David Parkin OAM - Patron

Racing start to fund-raising

Victoria Historic Road Register



The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the generosity of the Victorian Historic Racing Register (VHRR) who ran a Festival of Sport at Phillip Island, 5-8 March. It was the MBF's first up-close motorsport experience and we were blown away! Importantly, it was a great delight to see two volunteer groups coming together to raise \$8,500 towards our \$120,000 pledge to facilitate trans-perineal biopsy machines for South Australia. This was volunteerism at its best and the VHRR can be extremely proud in the knowledge that every dollar will go to supporting blokes in the bush and the people who love them. A huge thank you to the father and son Bennett Racing Team (Laurie and Nick) who turned up at the track



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with posties and were press-ganged into joining our ride on the Phillip Island's track.

First Grants to SA totaling \$60,000 posted



With partnership agreements in place with the Riverland/Mallee/Coorong and Limestone Coast Health Networks, our Board has agreed to make an immediate grant of \$30,000 to each Network. The Board looks forward to the commissioning of TBMs in 2021 and finalising the second round of grants.

We are keeping in contact with Berri Lions and the Limestone Coast Prostate Support Group to assist in refining event arrangements for The Postie Bike Ride – see update below.

The Foundation welcomes the initiative by the Federal Minister for Health, The Hon Greg Hunt, to fund more Specialist Prostate Cancer Nurses with funding starting on 1 July 2021. The MBF's wish is that the Riverland / Mallee / Coorong and Limestone Coast Networks are successful, especially as the first hospitals in regional South Australia to offer transperineal biopsies.

Robert Glover, Chair

Thanks Parliamentary Members!

The Hon. Tony Pasin MP

Since our last update, Federal and State Parliamentary Members have indicated strong support for the Foundation's work.

The Hon Tony Pasin's speech in the Senate on 6 March 2020 is the first acknowledgement of the Foundation's work in the House. See:

<https://www.tonypasin.com/male-bag-foundation/>

The Hon Steven Wade MLC, South Australia's Minister for Health and Wellbeing, has accepted our request to wave off our riders, and we look forward to that day! We and the community value this support.

Post-it note - 13 November 2020 for the Bagger's Banquet

It is impossible to know if COVID-19 protocols will be relaxed enough for the annual Bagger's Banquet to go ahead in the immediate future. We have optimistically booked the Kew Golf Club for Friday 13 November, starting at 6.30pm.

It promises to be a great evening, with the MBF family coming together - past, present and interested. Hear from our 2019 recipient (Barwon South-West Victoria) and our 2020 grant recipients from South Australia. Berri Lions and the Limestone Coast Prostate Support Group may wish to say a few words, from the community's perspective.

Keeping you posted

Please put the date in your diary / electronic device if we are allowed to make it happen, you will want to be there!

Big Postie Bike Ride planned for early 2021



We must delay our postie bike ride from October 2020 until appropriate COVID-19 protocols are in place. We are working towards running the ride in the first quarter of 2021.

The ride itinerary will remain the same - a five day ride from Adelaide to Melbourne with events at Berri, Naracoorte and Mt. Gambier.

Graham Trad, our Ride Director, is continuing to refine the ride itinerary and accommodation arrangements. If you have a suggestions or good contacts on either, contact Graham on 0418 400 573.

With some extra time, this is a call to past and potential new riders for early 2021 to register with Cath on cath@themalebagfoundation.org.au.

If you or your community group are interested in a loan bike for The Big Ride, please call Mark Harris on 0409 435 345.

Media support welcome

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

Media calls to Peter Keage on 0470 264 594 or email requests to PLKadvisory@gmail.com.

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We value our 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 0407 849 111.

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