

PBF joins forces with SA research project

PBF has developed an exciting new partnership with South Australian research organisation, The Neil Sachse Foundation.

Named after its CEO and football legend, Neil Sachse, the foundation raises money to enable research into a cure for spinal cord injury.

It also develops treatments, co-ordinates the development of new technologies and undertakes clinical trials.

PBF has donated \$10,000 to the foundation to assist in its research efforts.

PBF CEO Warrick Welsh made the presentation to Neil Sachse in Adelaide earlier this year and said he was excited about the partnership and the developments by the foundation.

Neil was playing in the VFL for Footscray in 1975 when a collision with an opponent left him a quadriplegic.

His passion to find a cure for the devastating injury now drives the foundation and PBF is proud to be associated with Neil and his work.



PBF CEO Warrick Welsh hands Neil Sachse a cheque for \$10,000 for his organisation's research project.

Music by Moonlight

The 2007 Music by Moonlight event in Brisbane will be held on September 21 and 22 in support of PBF.

The event will be held at the Full Moon Hotel in Moreton Bay and guests will be treated to a night of French music and superb food and wine.

Drinx Group National Marketing Manager Brett McCall said this year's event would hold something special for everyone.

"We are delighted to be able to assist PBF," Brett said.

"We invite members, friends and family to join us as we enjoy music from some of the great French composers, including great modern French artists such as Edith Piaf and Charles Aznavour."

For more information, visit www.fullmoonhotel.com.au or call Marshal Shaw on 0400 200 202.

Alternatively, call 136 246 to buy tickets.

Helping hand to make the Sargood Centre a reality



PBF Corporate Relations Officer Tony South presents a cheque for \$2,500 to SCIA CEO Greg Bergin at the official launch.

PBF recently donated \$2,500 towards the development of The Sargood Centre in northern Sydney.

The centre will be a much needed rehabilitation and respite centre for people with spinal cord injuries and will be built in Collaroy, NSW.

The centre will provide support for people with spinal cord injuries and their families to manage the impact of the injury.

PBF believes the centre is much needed and fully supports Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) in their efforts to make the centre a reality.

For more information on the centre and how you can help, visit www.sargoodcentre.org.au

PBF gets behind the bash



Players battle for the ball at The Bash, sponsored by PBF earlier this year.

The annual Queensland Invitational Wheelchair Rugby Championships, affectionately known as 'The Bash', were held in Brisbane earlier this year.

PBF is the major sponsor of the event and was proud to support athletes in the action-packed weekend.

Athletes came from throughout Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia for the event, with Steve Porter named most valuable player.

Networking lunches in Brisbane support PBF

Guest speakers and great lunches have proved a winner for PBF with the Grand Central Hotel in Brisbane now hosting networking lunches in support of the gifting program.

The 'Clubhouse' lunches include guest speakers such as Greg Ritchie, Chris Roche, Trevor Gilmeister and Gary Belcher. Hotel General Manager Matt

Coorey said he was delighted to help PBF.

"We hope to grow the fundraising contributions to PBF and strengthen our partnership as the Clubhouse concept gathers momentum," Matt said.

For more information on upcoming networking events, call Matt on (07) 3220 2061 or Queensland Manager Marshal Shaw on 0400 200 202.

Gift program helps Adam back behind wheel



Adelaide Independent Taxis Marketing Manager Evelyn Michas and Chairman Jim Triantafyllou with Adam Hughes.

PBF and corporate member Adelaide Independent Taxis (AIT) teamed up in June to help South Australian teenager Adam Hughes.

The two organisations bought a much needed latex mattress for Adam and also

paid for driving lessons to help Adam learn how to drive with hand controls.

The Adelaide teenager became a paraplegic in a road crash in 2005 and said both gifts would make a huge difference.

"The lessons are great as I have just got my car fitted with hand controls and will be able to get a licence and look for work," Adam said.

"The mattress is also excellent and will help out with pressure sores and hopefully mean I won't have to go to hospital as much."

Thanks to AIT for its valuable support!

New ambassador on board for PBF

PBF extends a very warm welcome to its newest ambassador in South Australia, Senior Australian of the Year, Phil Herreen.

Phil knows first-hand about spinal cord injury and the impact it has after he became a paraplegic in a speedcar race in 1993.

Since then, the former speedcar champion has become an advocate promoting awareness about spinal cord injury and helping others with the injury through his role as a peer support officer with Paraquad SA.

Phil was officially welcomed as PBF ambassador at a function in Adelaide this year and we look forward to a great partnership for many years to come.



Prime Minister John Howard with Senior Australian of the year and one of PBF's new ambassadors, Phil Herreen.

Team PBF taking on the Perth City to Surf fun run!

PBF is entering a team in this year's Perth City to Surf fun run on Sunday, August 26, and we need your support!

We are sponsoring the Wheelchair event and are encouraging everyone, both abled and disabled, to get involved and join our team.

You can choose to walk, run or wheel from the 12km, 11km wheelchair or 4km starts (can also wheel from 4km).

Team PBF entry is \$50 and includes the race entry fee, t-shirt and other goodies in the Team PBF pack and a delicious breakfast in our corporate marquee at the end of the event.

Any extra money raised will go towards the PBF gifting program, which helps buy equipment for people with spinal cord injuries.

To be part of Team PBF, contact Tamara Akers on (08) 9443 1777 or email takers@pbf.asn.au.

What better way to get fit, have fun and support PBF and the wheelchair participants!



PBFPREVENTION - road presenters Symon Still and Anton Zappelli have been on the road in the last few months delivering the program to teenage drivers in regional WA.

Earlier this year, Anton travelled to the Pilbara region in partnership with Woodside, sharing his story with Year 10 to 12 students in Karratha.

Some of the main messages students said they took out of it included:

"I will remember that even small actions could have big consequences" and "Stupid mistakes can make a huge difference to your life."

Anton also recently returned to his home town in Kalgoorlie to deliver the powerful program to youths in the Goldfields, thanks to sponsorship from corporate member Mitchell Corp.

In May, Symon spent a week in the South-West WA region delivering the program to youths in Bunbury, Busselton, Mandurah, Pinjarra, Nannup, Manjimup and Harvey.

The trip was in partnership with the WA Department of Health and received lots of great feedback.

Thanks to all our partners for their support.



Thank-you Sunrise Medical!

Thanks again to Sunrise Medical for its ongoing sponsorship of PBF News.

Sunrise Medical manufactures and markets rehabilitation and respiratory products, including several brands of wheelchairs, accessories and other items.

For your nearest outlet, contact (02) 9899 3144 or visit www.sunrisemedical.com.au

Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) Spinal Unit Dr Tim Geraghty was awarded PBF's highest honour at a presentation ceremony at the Brisbane facility in May.

Dr Geraghty was given life membership of PBF in recognition of both his formal and informal contribution to the charity, which included several years' service as a former director on the PBF Australia board.

He has always made himself available to the charity for consultation and advice and was extremely supportive during the formative years of the Brisbane branch.

PBF supporter and member Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman made the presentation to Dr Geraghty, who said he was honoured to be given the prestigious award.

"I hope to continue my association with PBF for many years to come and I would also like to thank PBF for their past and ongoing assistance to people with spinal injury and their families as well as to the Spinal Injuries Unit here at PAH."

Lady Mayoress Newman recently became a member of PBF, along with her husband, Mayor Campbell Newman and their children.



Brisbane Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman presents Dr Tim Geraghty (middle) with his PBF life membership. Also pictured is PBF Queensland Manager Marshal Shaw.

Wild West Tour a big success

Athletes from around the world descended on Perth earlier this year for the Wild West Handcycling Tour.

PBF was one of the major sponsors of the tour, supporting Wheelchair Sports in its goal to host a world-class sporting event for local, national and international handcyclists.

WA athletes held their own amongst the international competition with Craig Parsons winning the A2 Class and Grant Boxall coming third in the same division.

Nigel Barley came second in the C1 Class while PBF presenter Peter Allen came fourth in B class.



PBF CEO Warrick Welsh with place-getters in the B Class of the Wild West Handcycling Tour.

Congratulations to all the competitors and organisers.

PBF was proud to be a part of the event.

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Postie Bike Challenge supports PBF



PBF member and recipient of the member benefit Robbie Wynne, with Challenge organiser Dan Gridley. Robbie sustained a spinal cord injury in a motorbike accident and has now modified a bike to allow him to continue riding. He is considering taking part in the Challenge!

Strap on your helmet, pull on the leathers and get ready to feel the power of a Honda CT110 postie bike!

The Sixth Annual Postie Bike Challenge will be held from October 16 to 27 and will support PBF this year.

Entrants will ride postie bikes from Brisbane up through the Queensland Outback to the Gulf of Carpentaria and across to Cooktown before ending in Cairns.

The adventure will cover more than 3600km and entrants will enjoy a wide range of experiences including a night at a working cattle station, a dip in the crystal clear Gregory River and a night at the hot springs after crossing the Savannah.

Entry is \$4750 and includes the bike, all meals, fuel, rider notes, a one-way air ticket from the destination to the closest capital city to your home in Australia, support truck, mechanical support and a celebration dinner and hotel accommodation in Cairns.

At the end of the event, participants are encouraged to donate their bikes to Rotary, which will then sell them to raise money for some of its various community projects.

The Challenge will also support PBF, raising money along the way through the various communities and generally raising awareness of our organisation.

Postie Bike Challenge Director Dan Gridley said as a motorcycle enthusiast he was very aware of the seriousness of road accidents and he was happy to support PBF.

"The work that PBF does in raising awareness of spinal injury, and through supporting members and families once injured, is fantastic."

PBF Queensland Manager Marshal Shaw will saddle up for the Challenge and said he was thrilled organisers were getting behind PBF.

For more information on the Challenge, contact Dan Gridley on (07) 3831 2147 or email info@postiebikechallenge.org.

Member suffers spinal cord injury

PBF would like to offer its best wishes to Glen Neville, his parents Terry and Wendy and the rest of his family in Esperance.

Glen suffered a spinal cord injury at Cottesloe beach (Perth, WA) and is currently undergoing rehabilitation at the Shenton Park Spinal Unit.

We are all thinking of you and wishing you as much recovery as possible.

Life membership for PBF founding member

One of PBF's founding members, Grant White, has been awarded life membership after resigning from the PBF board last year.



Grant is the son-in-law of PBF founder, the late Sir George Bedbrook, and was made a full board member of PBF in 1985.

He was also appointed Executive Director of PBF in 1985 and served in that position for many years.

Grant opened the Queensland branch in 1995 and was instrumental in developing the corporate membership program.

His input has been integral to the success of PBF. Grant has resigned due to his work and family commitments and we would like to wish him all the best and thank him profusely for his service and support to PBF.

Other board members Jon Morris and Steffi Schwarz also recently left the board and we thank them both for their support.