

Program of events

11.00 – 11.55	Guests arrive, drinks & nibbles. Live music by The Jars Bros.
11.55 - 12.00	Baw Baw Big Blokes BBQ president Duncan McNeil
12.00 – 12.15	MC Luke Patterson
12.15 – 12.20	John Strachan state manager VIC/TAS PCFA
12.20 – 12.30	Dr Scott Donnellan Director of Urology Monash Health and Director of Urological Services West Gippsland Hospital
12.30 – 1.00	Lunch served. Live music by The Jars Bros.
1.00 – 1.40	Warwick Capper
1.40 – 1.50	Break and draw 20 of the 1-70 knockouts
1.50 – 2.50	Danny Green
2.50 – 3.00	Break and draw 20 of the 1-70 knockouts
3.00 – 3.25	Major auction live
3.25 – 3.30	Announcement of silent auction items and raffle draws and draw 20 of the 1-70 knockouts
3.30 – 4.10	Comedian Rob Brown
4.10 – 4.20	Draw final 10 of the 1-70 knockouts and around the world ticket draw
4.20 – 4.30	Baw Baw Big Blokes BBQ president Duncan McNeil
4.30 – 4.45	Guests depart

The story so far...

The Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. committee is busy year round, planning for the following year's event and making sure the funds raised are dispensed wisely. The local community would have seen that the committee has delivered on its promise by donating a further \$80,000 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) after the 2018 event. This follows the \$570,000 in total donated to this organisation following the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 events. These funds are being used as part of the PCFA Young Investigator Program, assisting young researchers such as Dr. Renae Taylor working for the PCFA to find a cure to prostate cancer.

Over the past 7 years, the committee has funded a convenience advertising campaign which has been placed with the assistance of Baw Baw Shire in all public toilets in the shire. These framed posters are available to all members of the community through the local Community Bank® Branch network.

The funds raised have also been used to purchase specialist equipment for the nurses at the West Gippsland and Latrobe Regional Hospitals. This equipment is used as educational aids for prostate cancer patients and their family members. Funds have also been donated to a medical workshop and a fundraising event at West Gippsland Hospital.

In 2015 a Uroflow Meter was purchased for the West Gippsland Hospital. The machine measures the volume of urine released from the body, the speed with which it is released, and how long the release takes. This machine assists in the early detection of prostate issues in local men, amongst other uses. Funding was also provided to West Gippsland Hospital to furnish new accommodation units used by visiting specialists. This modern accommodation is appreciated by those who use it.

Funding was also provided to support a drugs forum held in Warragul in 2014. The forum focussed on the issue of the crystal methamphetamine (Ice) use in the community.

The committee has also dedicated a portion of the funds raised to an important community initiative that has brought tangible benefits to thousands of young people. Since 2013, every Year 9 student in Baw Baw Shire has completed a level 1 first aid course. Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc has funded this first aid training for over 5,770 students to date. This training will provide the community with a great resource as well as having contributed to a life-long learning experience for the participants. Many of you will have children or grandchildren who benefit from this program. This program is funded solely by these once a year Baw Baw Big Blokes BBQs.

In 2017, Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. supported a new prostate cancer clinic in Warragul by purchasing a Uroflow Meter and related technology being used in the clinic by members of our community. This initiative delivers on the core mission of Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. which is to reduce the incidence of prostate cancer in Baw Baw Shire.

Since 2018 Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. has funded a mental health first aid training initiative for secondary school students in Baw Baw Shire. To date 1070 local students have received this training. Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. believes that the mental health of young people in our community is an important issue and is one that should receive our support.

Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. would like to thank the sponsors, supporters and guests for their continued support of the Baw Baw Blokes BBQ.

Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. office bearers

Duncan McNeil - President
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