

## Program of events

- 11.00 – Guests arrive, drinks & nibbles – live music by Luke Matthews and wood chopping demonstration by world champion axeman Laurence O'Toole
- 12.00 – Welcome by MC and comedian Des Dowling
- 12.10 – Baw Baw Big Blokes BBQ president Andrew Schreyer
- 12.15 – Lunch served
- 12.15 – Outline of the day by the voice of the Blokes BBQ Luke Patterson
- 12.30 – PCFA director Geoff Underwood
- 12.35 – Urologist David Dangerfield
- 12.45 – Break with live music by Luke Matthews
- 1.25 – Mick Molloy
- 1.45 – Sam Pang
- 2.05 – Break and draw first 20 of the 1-70 table knockouts
- 2.20 – Live auction
- 3.00 – Break and draw 40 of the 1-70 knockouts
- 3.20 – Dan Connell
- 3.50 – Break, raffle draws and 'fill up your fridge' winner
- 4.10 – Draw final 10 of the 1-70 knockouts.
- 4.20 – Baw Baw Big Blokes BBQ president Andrew Schreyer
- 4.30 – Event closes and buses 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. This year's lunch marks the tenth event and in its nine-year history to date it has raised \$1,477,000 for men's health and other Baw Baw Big Blokes initiatives. What started with a group of blokes getting together to plan a possible fundraising lunch at Exhibition Hall in Warragul quickly grew to a lunch for 700 blokes at Lardner Park. Such is the demand, this year's event was sold out in July.

The local community would have seen that the committee has delivered on its promise by donating a further \$50,000 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) after the 2022 event. This follows the \$710,000 in total donated to this organisation dating back to 2012. These funds are being used as part of the PCFA Young Investigator Program, assisting young researchers working for the PCFA to find a cure to prostate cancer.

Over the past 10 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.

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.

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.

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 8,000 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. Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. continues to support Live4Life Baw Baw – an initiative to provide mental health training in secondary schools in Baw Baw Shire. The committee see this as an essential service to benefit the young people in our community.

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. In 2023 Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. supported the same clinic and purchased a bladder scanner to help detect urological issues in patients. These initiatives deliver on the core mission of Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. which is to reduce the incidence of prostate cancer in Baw Baw Shire.

## Baw Baw Big Blokes Inc. office bearers

- Andrew Schreyer – President
- Jamie Power – Vice President
- David Wouters – Secretary
- David Wouters – Treasurer

## Committee

- Craig Debnam
- Michael Grogan
- Dale Cook
- Michael Blackwood
- Rachael Newton
- Luke Patterson
- Rob Hutchinson
- Duncan McNeil
- Dean Addison

