

SUPPORTER Q&A WITH PAUL HILLBRICK



Paul Hillbrick is a member of the Mater Dei Development Program Committee and the Race Day Committee. With his business partner, Paul also manages Hillbrick Bicycles, at Smeaton Grange, which builds and sells bikes to many in the growing Macarthur cycling community and beyond, including the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.

Q How did you first hear about Mater Dei?

A Having attended St Johns Primary School at Campbelltown, I was used to students from Mater Dei visiting the school regularly, so I had an early awareness of Mater Dei. As an adult, my involvement with Mater Dei came via my good neighbour and cycling combatant Mark "The Grenade" Scarce who negotiated my involvement with Mater Dei on a training ride. I know some parents of children with Down Syndrome and Autism and know what wonderful caring people they are, so being asked to help didn't take any arm twisting.

Q What have you learnt since you began your connection with Mater Dei?

A I've learnt how important fundraising is to ensure that the organisation can fund some of the services it provides in its school, living skills and early intervention programs.

Q You have stayed loyal to the cause for some time. Why?

A I believe that we all need to give back if we can, and it can be in just small ways. The children are great and the teachers and staff have a remarkable ability to be able to adapt and work with the students various needs.

Q Do you have a favourite story to tell about your time at Mater Dei?

A I have enjoyed being annually conscripted as the MC for the Mater Dei Race Day (see story below) and balancing the MC duties against potentially hostile punters who want hear "the call" and not me!

Q Who are the most inspiring people you have met?

A My parents who persevered with me and especially my mother, who at the age of 11, brought up herself and four younger siblings. My children. My old cycling coach Frank Giovanetti. My friend Janine Mladin who has an incredible attitude towards life after two brain tumour operations. Motor Nueron sufferer Sharn McNeil and her husband Russ who have such a loving and supportive relationship. Sports journalist Peter Kogoy who has a heart of gold. Glenda Graban who got the birth defect register renamed. The Mater Dei parents I have met. And many more. Let's just say I like people!

Q What is your mantra?

A Two ears and one mouth, use them in that order. Andyou don't know what you don't know.

RACE DAY HAS GREAT SUPPORT

Our popular Race Day at Kembla Grange was once again a great event this year. An enthusiastic crowd of 280 guests gathered on August 16 to celebrate our community and to have some fun whilst raising funds for Mater Dei.

For first time attendee and Committee member, Glenn Fordham from TRN Group, the day went quickly, was very enjoyable and had a friendly feel to it. "Throughout the day I was lucky enough to accompany some of our former school captains as they went around the tables with the Guessing Jar. They managed to bring a smile to everyone's face and help create such a lovely vibe in the room."

For the Organising Committee the introduction of a \$100 Club and a Guessing Jar to complement the Betting Jar

Game and Raffle was a very good idea. "Competing with the bookies for funds always presents a challenge to us, and this year was no different! Fortunately, our guests, supporters and sponsors were very generous and we were delighted to raise \$29,000 for the Mater Dei Community Access programs " said Committee Chair Tony Sanderson from the CDF, Wollongong. "A big thank you to everyone for their support."



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