



media alert

SA firefighter joins Neil Sasche Foundation ride

Tuesday, 22 March 2011

A Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighter will be one of 12 cyclists who'll ride from Adelaide to Melbourne to help fundraise for the Neil Sasche Foundation (NSF).

Neil Sasche is a former SANFL and AFL footballer who was badly injured in an AFL football match whilst playing for Footscray in 1975. He never walked again.

The cyclists, who'll depart Adelaide on Wednesday, 23 March, met Neil Sasche last year, prompting their fundraising ride to Melbourne to raise awareness of spinal cord injury prevention.

MFS Communications Officer, Matthew Johns said many in the cycling group recalled Neil's impressive football career and wanted to support the NSF.

"During our 13 day journey, we look forward to riding through communities such as Hahndorf, Mt Barker, Murray Bridge, Meningie, Kingston, Millicent, Mt Gambier, Portland, Port Fairy, Warrnambool, Apollo Bay, Geelong and Melbourne.

"We'll be visiting schools along the way to deliver the Back to Basics education program, to help school children understand how they can look after their physical health," Mr Johns said.

The Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF), MFS and United Firefighters Union (UFU) – SA Branch will be supporting the cycling journey. The NSF hopes to raise \$100,000 along the way to assist spinal cord research and education.

The public is welcome to farewell the cyclists at Victoria Square from 7.30 am on Wednesday, 23 March. Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF) members will cook a free public breakfast (sausage sizzle), with the 12 cyclists due to depart Victoria Square at 9.00 am.

WHAT: Neil Sasche Foundation 'Ride for Safety' departs Adelaide

**WHEN: Wednesday, 23 March 2011.
Free public breakfast begins at 7.30 am, riders depart at 9.00 am.**

WHERE: Victoria Square, Adelaide.

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