



TO ALL BRIGHTER DAYS SUPPORTERS AND PARTICIPANTS
- A MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGHTER DAYS FOUNDATION!

We are pleased to announce that our second **Brighter Days Festival** was a resounding success and we have raised in excess of \$100,000.00 which is amazing.

The **Cottonball Poker Run** from Whittlesea to Bright was a lot of fun and we had over 120 vehicles bikes and cars participate. The **Kids Car Rally** was a hoot and some very cluey kids took out the honours. Our poker run finished at the Alpine Hotel where a few keen poker players went on a card spending spree and we raised some great money for the causes.

The **Saturday Night Concert** down on the river was a great night with families, picnic rugs and chairs filling the spectacular setting and we were entertained by some fantastic bands and entertainers. A special video presentation about Eliza, an EB sufferer and her family raised some much needed awareness for Epidermolysis Bullosa, one of our chosen charities and we were honoured to have Eliza and her family in attendance for Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday morning saw the **Cooper Trewin Show 'n Shine Bike and Car show** take place in the Main Street of Bright and this turned out to be a cracking day, with the sun shining as much as the cars and bikes! The vehicles all looked great and our fundraising weekend continued.... the live entertainment outside the hotel all day was well received and everyone was hanging for the Harley-Davidson draw to happen at 5pm. Our trophy presentation came first though and there were lots of very happy winners for some great turned out vehicles... At 5pm we drew the raffle - one major prize ... a 2014 Harley-Davidson CVO Breakout, two airline tickets to Sturgis and \$2000 cash. On hand to draw the winning ticket was Kylie Trewin from the **Cooper Trewin Memorial SUDC Research Fund** (our other chosen charity) and Eliza, a serious EB sufferer and her family. Her Mum Simone Baird, is head of **DEBRA Australia** which raises money for EB Research and she was there alongside as Eliza read out the winner.

Our lucky winner was Shane Auton who actually bought 4 tickets. Shane lives in the Northern Territory and found about the raffle via HEAVY DUTY Magazine, one of our event supporters. Thanks to Neale and Viv Brumby from HEAVY DUTY for supporting the event.

But the weekend wasn't over just yet...Rob Trewin, father of little Cooper Trewin who died of SUDC, made an amazing speech which opened many of the crowds eyes to just what families who endure this terrible tragedy go through and it certainly touched many people as our Auction began in earnest.

The **SMOKIN O'BRIENS** then kicked into gear and we were treated to a fantastic family fun filled night which finished around 10:30 pm...

With lots of tired and emotional people making their way back to Melbourne Monday ...many of the DO-DAHS headed back via Mansfield and the ride again was fantastic.

The committee of the Brighter Days Foundation worked their butts off to make this event happen and a big thank you to all our Bright friends and members who pitched in and also worked extremely hard.

There are a lot of people to thank and anyone who reads this and helped us in any

part...THANK-YOU and you can bank on us chasing you again next year, as we hope to make this event bigger and better!

Now... where is the money going??

On Saturday March 29th 2014 we will be handing over two cheques to our two charities...**COOPER TREWIN Memorial SUDC Research Fund** and **DEBRA Australia**. Each Charity will receive a cheque for \$50,000 which we are very proud to be presenting. We will also be handing over to our raffle winner the keys to a brand new Harley-Davidson and prize totaling \$50,000 so come and watch us hand out over \$150,000 in cheques and prizes!

This presentation will be at Harley City in Brunswick and will be happening at 11.00 am Saturday March 29th...**THIS WILL ALSO BE FILMED FOR HDTV** another of our Media supporters. We hope to see some of you there if you can make it.

We will be launching another raffle in the next few weeks so keep your eyes open and get in early...this time we will be raffling a CVO Road King and tickets to Sturgis...

To all of our friends, committee members, Do-dahs and Brighter Days supporters...to all the musos, bands, Bright locals and businesses... to all the people who helped at the Melbourne end and who made the trip to Bright... Thanks so much for your help and support.

Our 2014 Brighter Days Festival has been a great success and make sure you spread the word and the love for **BRIGHTER DAYS FESTIVAL 2015!**

On behalf of the Brighter Days Foundation Committee
stay tuned and cheers,

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PRESIDENT

