



## INTRODUCING THE PARAPLEGIC BENEFIT FUND



### “INSPIRING LIFETIME SAFETY”

PBF is a national not-for-profit organisation which aims to prevent spinal cord injuries and enhance the lives of those already having sustained the injury. This is achieved through Injury prevention, Gifting and Membership. We are primarily funded from membership and have nearly 80,000 members.

PBF Australia was founded by the late Sir George Bedbrook (world-renowned spinal surgeon) in 1984.

PBF is proud to have Matthew Pavlich, the captain of Fremantle Dockers Football Club, as our ambassador.

#### ***PBF Sporting Club Membership***

Sporting club membership is a way for clubs to add an extra benefit for members while also supporting a charity.

Our sporting club members include Sunday Football League, WA Amateur Football League, Mercantile Football Association, WA's Football League, Curtin Rugby Union Football Club and numerous country football and rugby clubs.

#### ***PBF Membership Benefits***

PBF members are eligible to claim **\$100,000** payable on sustaining a permanent spinal cord injury.

The financial benefit of being a member aims to be available in the first couple of weeks following an injury when the money is needed the most. The payment is independent of any insurance payment and is aimed at helping patients with the costs of rehabilitation while they wait for any potential insurance claims to settle, which can take years.

Members are covered 24 hours a day, whether they are injured in connection with the sporting club or not.

## ***PBF Sporting Club Membership Fees***

PBF offers sporting clubs the following discounted annual membership rate;

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Sporting Club Individuals</b>	<b>Discount</b>	<b>Inclusive Partner*</b>	<b>Family Membership*</b>	<b>Discount</b>
<b>Cost</b>	\$12	67%	\$20	\$30	45%
<b>Notes</b>	Teams – of minimum 20		Sporting Clubs Members partner	Family including children up to the age of 17	

\* Sporting club members have the opportunity to choose an inclusive membership which extends to their immediate family; each sporting club member needs to sign up their partner / family and pay for the membership separate to their sporting club membership:

### ***PBF PREVENTION Presentation***

As part of sporting clubs membership, PBF offers one prevention presentation free of charge to the club.

This unique program, provides a personal testimony from an individual who has sustained a permanent spinal cord injury and demonstrates the potentially devastating consequences of unsafe behaviour through a personal first hand account of a serious injury.

The power of a personal testimony cannot be understated. The presentation inspires individuals and leaves them motivated to embrace safety in all areas of their lives.

### ***Why PBF?***

- Almost every day in Australia, someone suffers a spinal cord injury – 348 new cases in 06-07
- Spinal cord injury is the most expensive injury
- Young people are significantly over represented
- 70% of spinal injured have NO access to compensation
- Insurance companies can take several years to establish validity of claim
- 60-70% never return to the workforce
- Lifetime support for a Paraplegic is estimated at \$2.85 million – and double that for Quadriplegia

The **personal cost** is **immeasurable** to those involved, their families and relatives

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