

David Baxter Charitable Fund

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Mission

The David Baxter Charitable Fund aims to support research in the prevention and impact of Melanoma cancer on our community.

Also in future we hope to award talented Australian athletes with an athletic scholarship to help athletes achieve their full potential in their training and academic studies.

Aim for Melanoma Research Grants

- Inform, prevent or cure melanoma cancer
- Promote the latest within the melanoma research community
- Create awareness that melanoma is a serious disease that when established, in most cases, cannot be cured.
- Promoting annual self-examinations and early detection.

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About David Baxter

David had some spectacular success in the Victorian Athletic League. His first Gift win, still as a junior, was in the Caulfield Gift off 5m and he was a constant starter in the prestigious backmarkers handicap at Stawell. However, it was his achievements at Maryborough that will be forever remembered on the pro running scene.

1999 - MARYBOROUGH GIFT

- 1st - DAVID BAXTER - 0.75m - 12.36

2002 - MARYBOROUGH GIFT

- 1st - DAVID BAXTER - 2.50m - 12.30

Not only was David a 2 time winner of the Maryborough Gift but he also has the honour of being the tightest handicapped runner to win the historic race.



On the 2nd of July 2010, David Baxter lost his courageous battle with metastatic melanoma. He endured surgeries, chemotherapy, gamma knife radiation surgery and many intense sessions of radiotherapy. Somehow throughout all this he remained extremely positive and always thoughtful of others.

On the track David was the ultimate competitor who trained diligently, was humble in victory and defeat and for those who knew him, he was a breath of fresh air in the often self-centered world of track and field. David represented Australia indoors and out on the world stage. He won the rare sprint double over the 100m and 200m at the 1996 U20 National championships which saw him go onto compete in the World Junior Championship's. David also represented Australia at the World University Championships in 1997 & 2001, World Indoor and Outdoor championships in 1999 and in 2002 he won a Commonwealth Games bronze medal as part of the Australian 4x100m relay team.

His achievements in the Medical profession were also outstanding with degrees in Science and Medicine at Melbourne University, Orthopedic surgery at Oxford, research into Meningioma brain tumors, finally culminating with his acceptance into the Neurosurgical program at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

The David Baxter name will be remembered and his kindness will continue living through the fund. David was an extraordinary person and it is our ambition that the David Baxter Charitable Fund will honour him for many generations to come.