



Press Release

Australia now has a group of volunteer motorcyclists, Nationwide, with the express purpose of offering a last resort for the transport of blood and medical supplies to and from where they are required when all other options are exhausted, free of charge, thereby freeing up more money for the delivery of healthcare. They are called Bloodbikes Australia.

Inspired by the Bloodbikes movement in the UK and Ireland, Founder, Peter Davis, started it here in Australia three years ago. Peter says "I had a mate Volunteering for Bloodbikes Scotland and thought, what a great idea, a chance to do what I love, riding motorcycles, and doing some good."

Bloodbikes Australia is a group of independent volunteers operating under the name of Bloodbikes Australia and agreeing to a specific set of rules which forms the individual agreements that is collectively their commitment to each other and the healthcare providers for whom they volunteer.

Peter started the process with Mater Pathology in Brisbane, first transporting blood then with a further nine volunteers in the Brisbane Region transporting all manner of Pathology, medicines and equipment. It is expected that soon the transport of donor breast milk will be added the list. Through word of mouth and other mediums Bloodbikes Australia now has more than 464 volunteers in all states of Australia including the ACT and NT, with 12 volunteers in the ACT.

Since the commencement of operations in Australia, three years as from September 2, 2019, we have made around 4200, pick ups and deliveries, (674 in ACT for Canberra Health), for 53 healthcare providers in Cairns, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast,

Hervey Bay, NNSW, NW NSW, Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Tasmania.

These deliveries include, blood, biopsies, COVID tests, clinical Trial program tests, Cornea for transplant, paperwork and files as well as personal items returned to patients who left them behind upon discharge, medical consumables for in home patients and stem cells.

Specially relevant to remote regions is transporting equipment and medicines to patients treating themselves in their own homes. Also us full in remote areas is picking up and dropping off, medicines and equipment two aircraft that are heading further afield.

Bloodbikes Australia volunteers, volunteer for 53 healthcare providers Australia wide, included Gold Coast University Hospital, Griffith University Institute for Glycomics on Gold Coast, Redlands Private Hospital and St Vincent's in Sydney, Toowoomba Hospital, Werribee Mercy Hospital, Lismore District Hospital, Melbourne Eye and Ear Hospital and St John of God in Perth and Canberra Hospital, just to name a few.

Founder Peter Davis goes on to say “ our challenge now is to get more healthcare providers to realise what we offer. Which put simply is a last resort alternative to transporting what needs to be moved. Critical to our operation is that we only offer services as a last resort, we do not want to interfere with commercial arrangements or anyone's employment but when all other options are exhausted we are available.”

Peter also emphasised, “Bloodbikes Australia Volunteers are not “wannabe” police or ambulance, we are NOT emergency vehicles and we abide by all road rules.” Every volunteer, volunteers their time, fuel, tolls and motorcycles and all have a Nationally recognised Certificate in Blood Transport.” We do not need or want money.”

So if you're interested in following Bloodbikes Australia go to the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Blood-Bikes-Australia-100659697987471/> , or their website bloodbikesaustralia.com.au or if your involved in a hospital laboratory and can see a value in utilising the Bloodbikes Australia free volunteer services or indeed if you are a keen, experienced motorcyclist then drop a line to bloodbikersaus@gmail.com.

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