



INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Running, cycling and rowing are on offer at the 16th Annual Phil Botha Memorial Charity run next Wednesday

With the Olympics and Paralympics over, Parliament House staff and the public will have the chance to get their own taste of some Olympic sports during the 16th Annual Phil Botha Memorial Charity Run next Wednesday 26 September 2012.

There is something for everyone this year with running, cycling and rowing activities on offer. See below for more details:

Running

A team of dedicated Parliamentary Security Officers will spend 12 gruelling hours running laps of Parliament House from 5.00am until 5.00pm (feel free to join them for a lap at any time during the day).

At lunchtime, the 3rd annual challenge relay will take place with two-time winners the Parliamentary Security Service (PSS) looking for a '3 peat' (and the Health and Recreation Centre Team suggesting *their* names could already be engraved on the trophy). So far there are about 14 (mostly) determined teams lining up to take on the PSS officers. Entry is still open for any teams wishing to participate. Contact Parliamentary Security Officer [Mark Aston](#) to register.

Cycling

On the Rivet bikes at Tuggeranong has donated two stationary bicycles so you can test your speed and see who our next Anna Meares / Cadel Evans might be. Entry fee is a gold coin donation and there will be prizes and trophies for the best male and female.

Rowing

Gymquip Fyshwick has donated two rowing machines to test your rowing prowess and possibly become a member of the oarsome foursome! Entry fee is a gold coin donation and there will be prizes and trophies for the best male and female.

Senator Kate Lundy will be looking to set the benchmark in the rowing when she attempts to set a fastest time early in the morning.

Food

Of course, if you prefer to be a couch potato spectator you will be able to do so while enjoying the barbecue breakfast or lunch in the demonstration area at the front of Parliament House.

Don't miss the pie drive!

Bryant's Pies will also be available and you can order by sending an email to [Mark Aston](#) by 2.00pm on 25 September. [Click here for a list of pies and prices](#). Pies will be available for collection on the day at 11.00am at the demonstration area at the front of Parliament House.

Welcome back Mark Shaw

We are pleased to announce that former PSS officer Mark Shaw will be returning to the charity run for the first time since 2006. The original charity run in 1997 only happened because Mark organised it. Mark is now with the AFP and has recently transferred back to Canberra from Brisbane.

The charity

Of course, this is a charity event so all monies raised on the day will be donated to Make-A-Wish Australia assisting children with life threatening illnesses. Donations can be made on the day or prior to the day by one of the following methods:

- Cash
- Cheque made out to Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Phil Botha Memorial Charity Fund
- Bank deposit to: Westpac, BSB 032705, account number 105212

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

About the Phil Botha Memorial Charity Fund

The Phil Botha Memorial Charity Fund is the official charity fund of the Parliament House Security Service. It was established in 1997 to assist children and cancer related charities. Since 1997, the fund has donated more than \$100,000 to various charities.

For information contact or to register for any of the events contact [Mark Aston](#).