

## **Charity golf day a roaring success!**

A total of \$25,000 will be donated to Careflight rescue helicopters thanks to the generosity of keen golfers at the annual Wisemans Ferry Police and Citizens Golf Charity Day.

More than 100 players teed off at The Retreat at Wisemans' golf course last Tuesday, November 10, raising much needed funds for a charity that is considered a lifeline in times of emergency for those living in the remote Forgotten Valley area.

The funding will enable a fully trained doctor to travel with the helicopter on its rescue missions.

The event organising committee, headed by Shane Black have labeled the 22nd annual charity day "a huge success" and would like to thank the community for their support and generosity.

Careflight spokesperson Don Kemble thanked golfers for their enthusiasm, saying the emergency rescue service had a long history with the Wisemans Ferry area.

"We appreciate the long relationship that CareFlight has had with the Wisemans Ferry Community," he said.

"It's not just the funds raised- while they are essential to our ongoing existence, it's the balanced reliance that means so much.

"We rely on the community for funding and they rely on us for not only the rapid response critical care, but also for the opportunity to unite around a common cause.

"This area has a special importance for our organisation and I know that the local community looks skywards with pride when they see an emergency helicopter passing overhead."

Funds on the day were raised through the golf competition, auction and chocolate wheel. Bidding at the auction was generous, with punters taking home a range of goodies including a Brett Lee signed cricket bat, signed Craig Lowndes photo, Able Houseboats accommodation package, signed football jerseys, and numerous dinner vouchers from a range of restaurants.

Tony Gowing from The Retreat at Wisemans said he was very supportive of the day. "We're thrilled to be behind a community event such as the golf day," he said.

"Careflight is a vital lifeline to the people of Wisemans Ferry and surrounding areas and as a local business we are glad to be able to help out."

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