

Getting active for a good cause

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Last weekend lawyers from national commercial law firm Piper Alderman took to the field and to the road to raise money for local charities.

On Saturday 9 August, Piper Alderman partner Scott Hay put his body on the line for over 200 oncology family members in the eighth annual Redkite Celebrity AFL Match. Held prior to the Sydney Swans clash with Fremantle, the event was again a huge success. The Swans have supported Redkite for the past eight years, but this is the first year the match coincided with a game against a fellow Redkite supporter, Fremantle.

The two celebrity teams were captained by Adam Spencer (ABC 702) and Merrick Watts (Nova 96.9), and included Andrew O'Keefe (Deal or No Deal), Joel Edgerton (Actor - Star Wars), Les Hill (Actor Underbelly), Craig Reucassel and Chas Licciardello (The Chaser), Marty Sheargold (Triple M), Scott Dooley (Triple J) and Ryan Fitzgerald (Friday Night Live).

This year Piper Alderman's Scott Hay came away relatively unscathed, with just a black eye to report. But others didn't get away so lightly. When Scott Dooley took a great mark to save a goal, only to then drop the ball over the line, he was immediately sacked from next year's team by his captain Adam Spencer! Rumour has it he's now planning talks with French rugby giants Toulon for next season...

It was a close game at 13 points to 10, with three goals scored in the two halves. But at the final siren, in a reversal of fortunes from last year, the white team (captained by Merrick Watts) came away with the win.



And in a weekend when the Olympics sprung into action, one sport just wasn't enough. On Sunday 10 August the activity continued with six courageous runners from Piper Alderman joining more than 70,000 people to tackle the 14km Sun-Herald City2Surf race.

Starting from Hyde Park in the city, the runners headed out towards Rose Bay, and Dover Heights before finishing at the famous Bondi Beach. Martin del Gallego, Niall Orr, Ryan Lynch, Maurice Lynch, Michael Milnes and Katia Metrailler all completed the course in respectable times, with the fastest finishing in just 60 minutes. It seemed the gruelling RSVP City2Surf 'Heartbreak Hill' posed little challenge for the Piper Alderman team, although there were a few sore limbs the next day.

Reinforcing Piper Alderman's commitment to the local community, the events raised valuable funds for Redkite, a leading Australian charity that supports children, young people and their families through the difficult journey of cancer, by providing emotional support, financial assistance and educational services.

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