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**Mates running:** Simon Duckworth, who joined the Aglime of Australia Mates 500 Relay at Trayning, pounds the pavement past Merredin cemetery in March.

## Running mates raise \$100,000

THE 1500 kilometre 11-day running Aglime of Australia Mates 500 Relay through the Central Wheatbelt in March raised more than \$100,000 for the Regional Men's Health Initiative and Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Chairman of Aglime of Australia Mates 500 Relay, Paul Omodei, announced the amount raised last week, saying it exceeded expectations.

"We are humbled at the level of support we received, both during the run and at the health promotion events at night," he said.

Sixteen runners from regional areas ran through 40 regional towns from Mukinbudin to Manjimup, running an average of 26 kilometres a day to raise awareness of men's health issues.

Evening health promotion events were also held at Mukinbudin, Wongan Hills, Merredin, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kulin, Kukerin, Gnowangerup, Wagin and Kojonup.

Guest speakers included West Coast Eagles players Nic Naitanui and Dean Cox, former AFL coach David Parkin and players Glen Jakovich and Ross Glendinning, champion Australian cricketer Bruce Yardley and Bali bombing survivor Peter Hughes.

It was the third relay in the past four years and brought the total raised to more than \$220,000.

The money has been split between RMHI and PCFA.

To find out about future Mates 500 relay events or to donate, visit [www.mates500relay.org.au](http://www.mates500relay.org.au) or find them on Facebook.