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RFDS gets KCGM 'bogger' donation

An unusual arrangement facilitated by KCGM and Lakewood Mill has seen the Royal Flying Doctors Service receive a \$2,000 profit from two underground bidders.

"It all started when KCGM were approached by Chris Potts, the Registered Manager of Lakewood Mill, to secure two bidders for his underground operation," said General Manager John Shipp.

"The bidders are relics of the old underground operations on the Golden Mile, which are not part of our modern mining techniques – however they are useful for smaller operations.

"The expensive part was getting them back to surface. However instead of compensating KCGM for the lost man hours in retrieving the diggers, we asked Chris to make a donation to the Royal Flying Doctors Service," said Mr Shipp.

The "bidders" are a small piece of machinery used underground to shift mullock and ore. They are air driven (not diesel) and were used extensively in small scale mining on the Golden Mile for many years.

"They drive on rails and it takes 5 scoops of rock in their bucket to make up 1 tonne of ore – not exactly up to the scale needed in the Super Pit where our trucks are carrying up to 226 tonnes in four passes from our current diggers.

"However these hardworking machines are still a step up from the sweat and shovels they replaced," said Mr Shipp.

Mr Potts was pleased with the innovative arrangement, "It's a win-win for both myself and the Royal Flying Doctors Service. I get the help of the bidders and the RFDS gets a sizeable donation."

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