

# Tom humbled by Tour de Cure

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TOM Hogbin knows he'll be pretty sore this time next week, but he reckons it's all worth it.

The 22-year-old, who grew up in Coffs Harbour, is one of 26 riders pedalling from Melbourne to Sydney on the Tour de Cure to raise money for cancer research.

Their target is to deliver \$550,000 to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, and Camp Quality.

Tom has already raised close to \$11,000.

The cause is close to Tom's heart, considering cancer has taken three of his grandparents.

"I'm young, fit and healthy, so I thought it would be something good for me to do," he said

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He is following in the footsteps of his father, Cr Ian Hogbin, who rode in last year's inaugural Tour de Cure from Brisbane to Coffs Harbour.

Tom has always been a keen bike rider, but he cranked it up last year to build up his strength, following two knee reconstructions due to soccer injuries.

The tour group will complete the nine-day, 1200km-trek when they arrive in Sydney on Tuesday.

"I'm really happy and proud to be involved. It's a bit humbling to be doing it," he said.

Tom, who completed his HSC at Bishop Druitt College, is a third-year economics student at the University of NSW.