



Herbert River Express (Ingham)

Tuesday 26/05/2009

Page: 7
Section: General News
Region: Ingham QLD, AU
Circulation: 2792
Type: Regional
Size: 127.87 sq.cms.



slice
slicemedia.com

press clip

Tour de Cure charity riders bound for Ingham

HAVING already raised more than \$1 million to date, the third annual Tour de Cure, an annual bike ride that raises much needed funds for Australian cancer charities, is scheduled to arrive in Ingham on Friday, June 5.

A group of more than 50 Australian men and women comprise the Tour de Cure team, who will be in the midst of a 1,555 marathon journey from Brisbane to Cairns, all in the name of raising money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Camp Quality, The Leukaemia Foundation, and Cancer Council Australia.

Ingham will be the eighth official pit stop on the 2009 Tour de Cure, which aims to

raise \$650,000 this year alone.

A number of community activities will be held to celebrate the arrival of the Tour de Cure team in each region on the journey from Brisbane to Cairns, with Ingham hosting the cure cancer category jersey presentation dinner at the Lee's Hotel on the night of June 5.

Tour de Cure category jerseys (a different colour representing each charity) are awarded at the end of the day to the cyclist who best displayed qualities during the day including focus, support, guts, being a doer and a having a great attitude.

The event is a great opportunity for the Ingham community to get involved with Tour de Cure, charity co-

founder Geoff Coombes said.

"Having already ridden 1,287km from Brisbane, our team will look forward to this social catch-up with the locals and a chance to raise some extra funds for a cure," he said.

The following morning, the Tour de Cure team will continue on their final two legs of the journey up the balmy east coast of Queensland, stopping in Mission Beach before ending in Cairns on Sunday, June 7.

Ranging in age from 20 to 53 and hailing from Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, the Tour de Cure team of riders and volunteer support crew represent a broad cross section of the Australian community,

from CEOs to firefighters, lawyers to health professionals. But what they all share is a belief that a group of people working hard to achieve a common goal can make a positive difference; in this case raising money to find a cure for cancer.

Each cyclist must commit to raising \$10,000 in donations in order to participate, and leave their families and businesses to participate in the 10 day event, as well as train for at least six months leading up to it. Even support team members raise \$3,000 each and volunteer their time for the duration of the tour.

To donate, or to find out about Tour de Cure activities, visit www.tourdecure.com.au.