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## Robert is going the extra mile for childhood cancer

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Robert Bird is taking part in the 'Great Cycle Challenge.' He is hoping to ride a cumulative 500km throughout October. Rob Williams

HOW far would you go to support a worthy cause?

Ipswich cyclist Robert Bird is prepared to travel 500km this month - all on his mountain bike.

The 29-year-old is taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge, an initiative which asks riders to clock up kilometres for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Mr Bird who works as a mobile mechanic in Springfield said he had been racking up his kilometres by pedalling to work and back.

"When I do a round trip it usually ends up being 50km," he said. "I'm doing this challenge with my partner Nina - I can see it becoming a competition to see who can reach the 500km first."

"We were keen to get involved because it's such a worthy cause."

Aside from the distance challenge, Mr Bird has also set himself a fundraising target of \$1000. He said numerous local businesses such as Jetts Fitness in Booval and the Ipswich Bike Hub had agreed to help him, by placing collection tins at their venues.

Funds raised will go to support work to fight childhood cancer.

To support Robert visit [greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/RobertBird](http://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/RobertBird).