

Peter gears up for cycle fundraiser

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IN THE SADDLE: Peter Potroz is participating in the Great Cycle Challenge, which raises money for the Children's Medical Research Institute. He will be riding around the Solomon Islands during October to raise money for the cause. Photo: Mike Knott / NewsMail

PETER Potroz will swap his everyday attire for riding gear in October when he cycles around the Solomon Islands to raise funds for sick children.

The Bundaberg man is one of more than 6000 people taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge-Riding to Fight Kids' Cancer - a national fundraising initiative for Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI).

Participants can ride any distance, anywhere, any time as they chase their goal for the month - including on an exercise bike with friends at the gym or by getting the kids involved in weekend rides for the whole family.

"There is about six or seven of us who have so far joined up in a team. We will be riding in the Solomon Islands," Mr Potroz said.

"We do tour work over there so I will end up there for approximately three weeks and I will do about 500km on the bike. We have a goal of about 3000km for the whole team."

Participants will use the event's free mobile application on GPS-enabled devices to track their daily rides throughout the month of October, with each ride beamed back to the individual's fundraising page on completion so friends, family and colleagues can track their progress throughout the month.

CMRI Director Professor Roger Reddel said individuals participating in initiatives like Great Cycle Challenge have already enabled CMRI's researchers to make a number of vital discoveries, including a test that will help identify some of the most aggressive types of cancers.

"The funds raised by the individuals and teams taking part in Great Cycle Challenge will accelerate the search for new treatments for childhood cancer," he said.

Peter said his team, Mountain Goats Solomon Islands, is made up of cycling enthusiasts who were excited to be participating in the challenge.

"There is a group of us that just love riding, especially mountain bike riding and we thought, why not join in on the event and do something for the kids," he said.

"At the moment we have about \$1400 for the team and hopefully we get a lot more."

To help support Peter and his team go to <https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Teams/MountainGoatsSolomonIslands>

Individuals and corporate teams can sign up for free and start fundraising towards their challenge goal at <http://www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au> today.