

## Hervey Bay nurse pedals to raise quids for sick kids

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**PEDAL POWER:** Nurse Brad Peaker will pedal 300 kilometres to raise research dollars to help kids with cancer.

IN BETWEEN working shifts as a nurse manager at Hervey Bay Hospital, Brad Peaker is now helping kids in another way.

The Dundowran Beach man has aimed to clock up more than 300km on his mountain bike by the end of October to raise research dollars to help combat children's cancer.

The father of six's efforts form part of the Great Cycle Challenge Australia, a national effort which raises money for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

"I am raising funds to help these kids and support CMRI to continue its work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer," Mr Peaker said.

Brad has already begun to chip away at his goal distance with daily rides of about eight kilometres in Hervey Bay, when he finds the time.

"It will be tough, but it's nothing compared to what these kids face every day of their lives as they battle this terrible disease," he said.

More than 7000 people across Australia have already signed up with more than \$700,000 raised.

"There are (more than) 600 children diagnosed with cancer every year and sadly, three die every week," Brad said.

"Seeing little ones suffer is always hard, which is part of my motivation.

"Kids should be living life, not fighting for it."

Brad said he hoped the dollars raised would help.

To support Brad in his fundraising efforts

visit: <https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/BradPeaker>