

Mum takes on cycling challenge for kids' cancer research

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Cyclist Jodie Franklin aims to ride a total distance of 500km during October to raise money for kids' cancer research. Robyne Cuere/ TIARO mum Jodie Franklin has always liked to stay healthy but it was only recently she discovered her passion for exercise could help save young lives.

With hockey season over, Ms Franklin went searching for a new sport and soon came across the website for the Great Cycle Challenge - a month-long campaign in which participants nominate the distance they want to ride and raise funds for kids' cancer research.

She signed up, bought herself a bike, set a goal of covering 500km for October and hoped to raise \$500.

Already she has raised more than \$700 and is keen to push towards the \$1000 mark.

Ms Franklin is one of more than 30 Fraser Coast residents taking part in the challenge, which has already brought in more than \$700,000 for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

She hopes to set a good example for her kids, who already enjoy BMX riding and were at the heart of her decision to take part in the challenge.

"I am lucky enough that I haven't lost anyone in my close family to childhood cancer but I've seen it happen with elderly family members and I can't imagine what it would be like as a parent to have your kids go through something like that," Ms Franklin said

"It's a good cause, it helps me to stay motivated and it encourages the family to get out and about."

To follow Jodie's journey, visit greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/JodieFranklin