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On your bike: DLA partner rides for good cause

DLA PHILLIPS FOX partner Jonathan Wyatt will be part of a group of 20 people riding 750km by bike to raise money for cancer sufferers in WA.

The bike ride will raise money for SolarisCare. SolarisCare run a number of support centres treating cancer sufferers in Western Australia, and are wholly reliant on public donations. In 2006 over 4000 free treatments were provided to cancer patients and their carers by a dedicated team of over 90 SolarisCare volunteers.

Although an enthusiastic amateur cyclist, Wyatt's involvement arose from his work in the commercial litigation team at Phillips Fox. "Basically I got involved because we do work for Zenith Insurance, and one of the riders in SolarisCare, Kim Gilbert, is a director of Zenith and they were looking for additional riders.

"One of the partner's kindly volunteered me to take part, it was only then that he told me it was 750km!" he laughed.

The main challenge isn't so much the distance as the heat, according to Wyatt. "I have been training, I usually ride into work everyday and I do about 250km a week normally. But it's still going to be quite difficult because we're riding around the wheat belt and at that time of the year it's quite hot."

The riders are looking forward to working up a sweat for a good cause, and aim to hold the ride annually for the next five years.

The Red Sky Ride team have already raised over 110,000 dollars for SolarisCare. "I would encourage people to visit the website www.redskyride.com.au to donate, especially those lawyers in Western Australia," Wyatt said.