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Horsham Cycling Clubrooms

CYCLISTS GEAR UP FOR MURRAY TO MOYNE

Two local cycling teams are gearing up for the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay on 4 and 5 April in support of Wimmera Health Care Group.

A Wimmera Health Care Group team called the Wimmera Wizards team is raising funds for Wimmera Base Hospital. Their fundraising efforts this year are directed towards the purchase of an inflatable lifting and transferring device for patients.

A Horsham Cycling Club team is also participating in the event. Their fundraising will specifically focus on supporting the Health Care Group's Dimboola campus. They are hoping to purchase vital lifesaving equipment for a proposed Triage Room at the Dimboola hospital.

Wimmera Health Care Group's Chief Executive Mr Chris Scott said that the Murray to Moyne Cycle relay was a major fundraising event for the organisation. "Both teams are doing a fantastic job to raise funds for Wimmera Health Care Group. I can guarantee that all funds raised are used to purchase vital equipment for our Horsham and Dimboola campuses" he said.

Mr Scott acknowledged the generosity of local business and community members also. "The mounting pressures of the economic crisis and the recent bushfires have placed people under considerable strain, however, it is wonderful that they have been able to maintain support to local charities such as Wimmera Health Care Group, no matter the size or type of contribution." he said.

Mr Scott said that there were various sponsorship packages available, both large and small. He urged anyone interested in supporting the Murray to Moyne teams to contact Mrs Sue Frankham, Community and Private Patient Liaison Officer at Wimmera Health Care Group on ph. 5381 9309 as soon as possible.

Murray to Moyne is a 24-hour cycle relay from Mildura to Port Fairy covering 520 kilometres. Last year, there were 1,628 riders representing 152 organisations, that raised over \$1.28 million for local health services across the State. Wimmera Health Care Group has been involved with this event for the past 18 years.

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