

Big wheels hit the road to help kids on cancer journey

World's fittest hit our city streets

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A GROUP of 13 cyclists completed a gruelling six-day, 970km journey from Adelaide to Melbourne yesterday, having raised more than \$130,000 for CanTeen.

The inaugural DBH Road Raise began on Sunday with riders — including footy great Andrew Jarman, former Sydney Swan Ryan O’Keefe and News Corp editorial director for SA, WA, NT and Tasmania, Melvin Mansell — finishing at Melbourne’s Queen Victoria Gardens.

Mr Mansell said that the knowledge that their efforts were supporting CanTeen’s services helped them get through the ride.

“Sure, it is an achievement to have ridden these kilometres, but I think what we’re all happy about is we’ve raised money and we’re going to help a lot of young people,” he said.

“Some of our days were pretty tough but I think what has been remarkable about this journey is we had a great team of people who all supported each other and got us through the hard times — because there were plenty of



FINISH LINE: Riders Mel Mansell, Peter Orchard, Shane Farley, David Elmes, Jodi Farley, Steve Nolis and Darren Phillips arrive in Melbourne.

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hard times.” CanTeen CEO Peter Orchard joined the ride for the final leg from Geelong to Melbourne and said the money raised would fund programs for young people who have cancer in their family.

“This money will allow us to fund 1000 young people to go away on a program for one night ... these programs allow young people to connect with others who have gone through something similar and go,

‘Wow, for the first time someone just totally gets what I’m going through’,” he said.

“The other thing is they learn ways to cope with the levels of distress they’re going through and take that back

into their lives so they can cope better with the situation they’re going back into.

“The other thing they do is they can access counselling.”
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CITY roads will be closed this weekend as some of the world’s fittest athletes take to the streets for the Adelaide 2015 ITU Duathlon World Championships.

More than 1300 competitors from SA, interstate and overseas, including 2014 world champion Sandra Levenez from France, will compete in the biggest duathlon in the southern hemisphere.

Events will run throughout today and tomorrow, with the elite woman’s duathlon starting at 11.30am today and the men’s event at 2.45pm.

The race, which involves a run, a bike ride and another run, will start and finish at Elder Park.

Roads closed between 4am and 6pm include: War Memorial Drive between Park Tce and King William Rd, Montefiore Rd between Hindley St and Montefiore Hill, Jeffcott St between Montefiore Hill and Wellington Square, Wellington Square between Ward St and Gover St, King William Rd between Pennington Tce and North Tce and Victoria Drive between Kintore Ave and King William Rd.



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