

CHARITY IS ALL PART OF THE MAYOR'S ROLL



HEADING OFF: Martin Haese will join part of the Road Raise ride. Picture: ROY VANDERVEGT

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ADELAIDE Lord Mayor Martin Haese has ditched the starting gun and will don a helmet for the first leg of a charity bike ride to Melbourne to help teenagers with cancer.

Mr Haese was a keen rider in his younger years and fired the gun at last year's inaugural Duncan Basheer Hannon Road Raise to set a team of riders on their way to Melbourne.

But this year he's on a bike, and will ride the first leg –

about 120km – of the seven-day event.

“While I’m going to be rusty, it will be great fun to get on the bike again,” he said.

“I’ll only be involved in the first part of the ride though, and will let the fit ones get on with the other 1000km or so.”

The team of about 20 keen cyclists aims to cover 1060km in seven days and raise \$150,000 for CanTeen, which supports young people living with cancer.

Mr Haese will be joined on

the ride by Adelaide councillor Alex Antic and host a Town Hall reception this month in support of Road Raise.

“I commend all the riders as it’s a very worthy cause to support the tremendous work of CanTeen, and I encourage people to donate,” Mr Haese said.

Steve Nolis, general manager of law firm Duncan Basheer Hannon, said the team was proud to have the Lord Mayor join them on the ride and to support CanTeen.