



Hard Way Round, Dirt-Bike ride across Australia for breast cancer

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you, The Lions Clubs International, the story of our venture.

Our aim: to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer by undertaking an 8-week 15,000 kilometer dirt-bike ride across Australia.

Who are we? A father, Alan (aged 53) and his two sons, Ben (23) and Jonny (20).

What are we doing? We are riding around Australia, totally unassisted, on dirt trails and 4-wheel drive tracks. We left Sydney June 22nd heading north-west to Birdsville and across the gruelling Simpson Desert. From Uluru we rode north to Kakadu and are now on our way from the Kimberley's through the Pilbara then on to Perth. From Perth we head homewards, riding through the Nullabor.

Why are we doing this? We hope to raise at least \$25,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Alan's mother died from cancer at an early age. In the 1970's, breast cancer was virtually a death sentence. But now, with the dramatic improvement in early detection and treatment, this is no longer necessarily the case. It is vital that this works continues. As the entire trip is being financed by Alan and his family, all funds raised will go directly to the NBCF.

How will we do this? We have a web-site www.thehardwayround.wordpress.com, where donations can be made and a face book group which has attracted many members. We have received donations from corporate sponsors and generous private donors.

As Australians we have been made aware of our land's vastness, its strength and its beauty. We have experienced the most unbelievable support and generous assistance from the Australian country people who have demonstrated the true meaning of the term "mateship". We have come in contact with many Australians who have been truly sympathetic to the cause, some of whom have family members struck by cancer. Through this trip, we have developed a deep and lasting commitment to our country and its people and appreciate the very essence of its wonder.

We thank you most sincerely for the interest in our exciting adventure through our country and our quest for funds for research and treatment of breast cancer.

Alan, Ben and Jonny Wahlhaus

