

Ride for research into Ovarian cancer

THE Rare Ovarian Cancer Ride4Research Charity Bike Ride will stop in Tumut and Tumbarumba on its way from Parliament House, Canberra and the Melbourne Cricket Ground in early May.

The ride starts on Sunday May 1 from Parliament House, Canberra and finishes at the MCG precinct on Mother's Day and World Ovarian Cancer Day on the 8th May.

Twelve riders, riding over 900km in nine days.

All money raised goes to Hudson Institute of Medical Research.

The ride has support from Woolworths Tumut, Groundup Cycles, Tumbarumba IGA.

The riders arrive at Woolworths Tumut on May 1.

"Woolworths has very kindly donated \$300 gift voucher which will contribute to feeding the riders and support crew," event representative Claire Reaburn said.

"We will ride from GroundUp Tumut on Monday May 2 at around 8/8.30am. Michelle (Rossiter from GroundUp) has been very helpful in supporting the ride.

The riders will arrive at Tumbarumba IGA on the afternoon of Monday May 2 (the time of their arrival has not yet been determined). Tumbarumba IGA has donated a \$300 gift voucher to feed the riders and crew.

Some of the people involved with the ride are as follows:

Dr Simon Chu – rider: Lead researcher (into Rare Ovarian Cancer) at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne.

Stephen Mitchell – rider: Stephen is riding and raising funds for his daughter Kaitlyn who has a rare form of ovarian cancer known as Juvenile Granulosa Cell Tumour.

Tasha Armour – CEO of ROC Inc and part of support crew: Tasha started ROC Inc because her daughter was diagnosed at 16 years with Juvenile Granulosa Cell Tumour (jgct). She re-

alised there was no research therefore no treatment and decided she had to do something.

Peter Reaburn – organiser of ride and riding himself: Peter organised the ride to raise funds for research as his wife Claire has Juvenile Granulosa Cell Tumour (jgct)- he realised there was no formal research and this had to change.

Claire Reaburn – support crew. Claire has the unwanted title of being the oldest female in the world diagnosed with Juvenile Granulosa Cell Tumour (at age of 52 years). Normally this rare cancer attacks females as young as 11 months and as old as 30 years.

Jo Lee – support crew: Jo's baby, Neve, at 11 months had a softball size tumour removed. It was JGCT. Neve is now 8 years old.



Mara Ferraro will take part in the Rare Ovarian Cancer Ride4Research Charity Bike Ride which will stop in Tumut and Tumbarumba.