



RIDE FOR CANCER: The Red Sky Riders roll into the South West.

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Riding to support the ill, carers

TWENTY-five dedicated cyclists and their supporters arrived in Augusta last Tuesday, on the third day of their 1000-kilometre ride for Western Australians with cancer.

Starting in Perth on February 27, the cyclists travelled through Harvey, Dunsborough, Augusta, Bridgetown, Wagin and York, before finishing in Perth on Sunday.

The Red Sky Ride raises funds and awareness for SolarisCare Cancer Support Centres, which provide cancer patients with free therapies that are integrated with mainstream treatment, as well as carers' support services.

Red Sky Ride co-founder and partici-

pant, Kim Gilbert, was prompted to take part when his niece, 17, lost her battle with cancer in 2007.

"As a community we are seeing more and more people affected by cancer and therefore those of us with the ability to assist organisations such as SolarisCare should do so," he said. "The Red Sky Ride set out in 2008 to raise \$1 million over five years for SolarisCare and we are aiming to raise \$400,000 in 2011."

This year the event is dedicated to the memory of Simone Timms, a Perth mother who died in 2010 from leukaemia.

For information, visit www.red-skyride.com.au.