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### **Red Sky Ride Dedication to Simone Maree Timms (1974 – 2010)**

The Red Sky Ride, an annual endurance cycle to raise funds for SolarisCare Cancer Support Centres, will this year be dedicated to the memory of a Western Australian nurse who lost her battle with cancer last year.

35-year-old Simone Maree Timms passed away on 12 January 2010 after a relatively short fight with leukaemia and is survived by her husband Ian Timms and their three young children Oliver, Jack and Louis.

Ian said that Simone was always positive while undergoing treatment and was supported greatly by SolarisCare during this time.

“Always with a smile, Simone undertook the chemotherapy and additional treatments required and rarely complained of the awful side effects,” Ian said.

Simone accessed SolarisCare services to support her during this time and boost her wellbeing.

SolarisCare is a not for profit organisation supporting cancer patients and carers to cope with the emotional and physical side effects of cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery, offering free complementary integrated therapies.

In order to expand access to these services to assist more families, SolarisCare relies on the generosity of the local community and events such as the Red Sky Ride, their largest funding contributor.

The Red Sky Ride is an event where a group of dedicated cyclists challenge their physical and mental endurance over 1,000 kilometres in seven days, in recognition of the challenges that cancer patients face every day.

Red Sky Ride co-founder and participant Kim Gilbert said that the motivation behind the event and all of the riders is to make a real difference to Western Australian families like the Timms.

“My commitment through the Red Sky Ride is to support SolarisCare in helping individuals and families affected by cancer to achieve the best quality of life while being treated,” he said.

“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.”

Ian Timms urges the community to support the 2011 Red Sky Ride in honour of Simone’s memory and courageous battle with leukaemia.

“Simone was really one in a million – she loved being a mum, she loved her children and in return she was greatly loved by all that knew her, the patients she cared for on the wards, her colleagues, her friends and of course, her family,” Ian said.

“Simone is deeply missed by everyone who knew her.”

To find out more about the Red Sky Ride or to donate, visit [www.redskyride.com.au](http://www.redskyride.com.au)

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*Ian, Simone, Oliver, Jack and Louis.*

Additional media resources including high-res images are available at [www.redskyride.claritymediamanager.com.au](http://www.redskyride.claritymediamanager.com.au)

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