



Cyclists roll into Bunbury to complete the first leg of a 1000km Red Sky Ride to raise money for West Australians with cancer.

## Ride raises awareness, funds for cancer care

TWENTY-FIVE dedicated cyclists rolled into Bunbury on Monday, marking the end of the first leg of a 1000km ride aiming to raise \$400,000 for cancer.

The Red Sky Ride cyclists and their support group gathered at Bunbury's SolarisCare Cancer Support Centre, which provides complementary therapies and support to cancer patients.

Opening in July last year, the Bunbury centre was the first regional ser

vice established by the organisation, made possible by Red Sky Ride fundraising, SolarisCare's biggest contributor.

SolarisCare office coordinator Carline Turner said it was wonderful to see the cyclists arrive at the centre they helped to create.

"It was so amazing to see them ride in," she said.

"It means everything to us because

without their support we wouldn't be able to run the centre.

"It also helps in letting people know that this service is out there for them."

Red Sky Ride co-founder and participant Kim Gilbert decided to fundraise for cancer care after his 17-year-old niece lost her battle with the disease in 2007.

"From personal experience, I can

tell you that the impact of cancer is enormous," Mr Gilbert said.

"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."

The event started in Perth on February 27 and the cyclists will also visit Dunsborough, Augusta, Bridgetown, Wagin and York, before finishing in Perth this Sunday.