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Sydney to Surfers is Australia's premier long distance charity cycling event that raises funds for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets. Organised and supported by the Rotary Club of Engadine annually in May, the ride has raised over \$3.5 million for Youth Off The Streets since its inception in 1999.

The tour was rechristened 'Robbo's Ride' in 2017 to pay tribute to the event's Founder, Ken Robinson. Ken was a dedicated supporter of Father Chris Riley and the driving force behind Sydney to Surfers until his passing in 2016.

Mike Tomalaris, the face of Australian cycling for three decades, has been the ambassador for Sydney to Surfers since 2018.

The ride challenges participants physically, mentally and emotionally as they embark on a 1,000 km journey up the picturesque east coast of Australia.

ROTARY CLUB OF ENGADINE

The Rotary Club of Engadine is a member of Rotary International – a global service organisation that undertakes philanthropic projects and aims to create lasting change within the community.

The Rotary Club of Engadine organises an array of youth programs and club projects in the Sutherland Shire of Sydney. Through these, the club aims to adhere to Rotary International's model of "service before self".

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS

Youth Off The Streets is a not-for-profit youth organisation that provides safety, support and opportunities for young people to build a positive future. We offer crisis accommodation and housing services, alternative high school education, alcohol and other drugs counselling, youth justice support, life skills and employment programs, cultural support and community engagement, among other services.

We focus on early interventions that empower young people and strengthen communities.

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CYCLE OF COURAGE

The Cycle of Courage program engages students from Youth Off The Streets' six registered and accredited independent high schools, providing them with structured weekly training rides to develop leadership and communication skills within a team environment, cycling competency, bike maintenance skills and road safety awareness.



The program increases the students' self-confidence, helps maintain regular school attendance, facilitates connection to a supportive cycling community, offers work placement and employment opportunities and involvement with community service initiatives.

The program follows the Circle of Courage philosophy, which incorporates four ways to enhance resilience and develop assets in young people – belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

A highlight of the program for selected students is participating in the Sydney to Surfers Robbo's Ride. Supported by staff, volunteers and their peers, students return with an increased sense of achievement and a positive vision for their future.

TESTIMONIALS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

"I've learnt a lot of new cycling skills I didn't know a year ago. It's now my responsibility to teach others. I stay with the slower riders and encourage them. I was selected to do this major event because I'm trustworthy." – Malia, 16

"I never imagined I could have cycled from Sydney all the way to Queensland. I wanted to give up on day one, but I was so supported and encouraged by staff and volunteers it helped me push myself to keep going. Towards the end of the ride I didn't want to get off my bike because I felt so strong & confident." – Jayden, 17

For more information or to register for the ride, please visit www.sydneytosurfers.org.au or scan the QR code:



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