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Tim on track for Tour de Cure

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MOTIVATED by his father's recent battle with prostate cancer, Freshwater's Tim Hodgson aims to ride from Sydney to the Sunshine Coast.

Departing on May 7 as part of the Tour de Cure, Mr Hodgson and 72 other riders will take 10 days to cover the 1400km, and in the process raise \$1 million for cancer research.

"It really is the fact that you are doing the ride for such a good cause that gets you up and out of

bed for the 4.30am starts," Mr Hodgson said.

"As well as Dad, a good friend of mine has just undergone their second bout of chemo and my aunty died of cancer. It just seems as you get older cancer gets closer and closer."

Mr Hodgson initially bought a bike to commute from Freshwater to Woolloomooloo, a 40km round trip.

"When I started, that commute was tough. Now it's not even long enough to class as training," he said.

"Instead I ride from Freshwater

to Woolloomooloo via Palm Beach just to get the kilometres in.

"The 10-day ride will be tough, but we've been training hard. Last Sunday was my biggest ride yet – 175km out to Dural and Windsor and back to Freshwater."

Each Tour de Cure rider pledges to raise \$10,000.

"I'm at about the \$13,000 level," Mr Hodgson said. "It really is the thought of all those sponsors cheering you on and the great cause that will get me through the ride."

■ For details and to donate visit www.tourdecure.com.au.

Tim Hodgson is riding 1400km over 10 days to raise money for cancer research.

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