

The Long Ride 2017

TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

My name is Paul Olman and in 2016 I was diagnosed with locally advanced prostate cancer. I am a 51 year old father of three girls with a loving and very supportive wife of 21 years. After my diagnosis there were many questions in relation to my treatment and the possible outcomes. My treatment is ongoing and there are no final answers as yet, albeit things appear to be heading in the right direction. It has been one of the toughest periods of my life as I have had to face uncertainty.

I heard about the Long Ride through a friend and immediately knew it was something I wanted to take part in. Making the decision to ride a motorbike whilst raising funds for Research, Training & Education for medical staff and for men & families suffering from this disease was easy.

Chris Dunne introduced the concept of the Long Ride as he was nearing compulsory retirement from the RAAF at age 55 in 2004. The first Long Ride was introduced in 2007 in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Australia. This event raised \$50,000. Since 2008 The Long Ride has been in support of Prostate Cancer & men's health. In 2010, the Long Ride has become the biggest event of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. From 2008 to 2014 the Long Ride, through the help of all riders, has totalled over \$1.2m.

This year the Long Ride is going to Tasmania. The dates for the Long Ride 2017 are 13th October to 20 October 2017. The Spirit of Tasmania is supporting the Long Ride 2017 and has opened a special booking site just for riders participating in the Long Ride 2017.

I currently have a donation page running where all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To date friends, family and work colleagues have donated over \$2800. This is a huge effort by all that have donated.

I would like to raise as many funds as possible to help this great cause so please look up my donation page and donate to help this great cause. Remember we all have fathers, brothers, uncles and good mates; you may just be assisting someone very close to you.

<https://thelongride2017.everydayhero.com/au/paul-olman>

<http://www.the-long-ride-tm--2013.com/>

Thanks to Chris Dunne for allowing the use of The Long Ride webpage as a source of information.

