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COMMUNITY AXIS GETS BEHIND MURRAY TO MOYNE TEAM

Wimmera Health Care Group's Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay Team is \$1,000 closer to its fundraising target, thanks to the support of local disability employment service, Community Axis.

Chief Executive Officer, Graeme Cox presented the cheque to the team this week.

He said that the team was hoping to raise enough funds to purchase an inflatable Hovermatt and Hoverjack (a device that is used to raise and transfer patients) for Wimmera Base Hospital.

Coordinator Kerrie Trounce said that last year the team raised enough money to purchase a Hovermatt and Hoverjack. "It's such a fantastic piece of equipment that's been well utilised across all areas of the hospital that they desperately need another one and that's where our fundraising efforts will be targeted again this year" she said.

Mr Cox said that this is the fourth year Community Axis had supported the health care group's Murray to Moyne team. "Our organisation is very committed to giving back to the community and we can see the benefits of having a second Hovermatt and Hoverjack at the hospital. It's an expensive piece of equipment and we are only too happy to help out where we can" he said.

Wimmera Health Care Group's Community Liaison Officer urged other businesses to consider supporting the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay Team. "We have a range of sponsorship packages available and all businesses who donate \$100 or more are included on a special sponsor's board in the hospital foyer. It's a great opportunity for businesses to show the community that they are working in partnership with Wimmera Health Care Group to enhance local services" she said.

The Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay will be held this year on 27 and 28 March. Murray to Moyne is a 24-hour cycle relay from Mildura to Port Fairy covering 520 kilometres. Wimmera Health Care Group has a team of cyclists that have been riding in the annual event for the past 19 years. Last year, there were

1,435 riders representing 150 organisations, that raised over \$1.25 million for local health services. Last year, the Wimmera Health Care Group team raised more than \$10,000 for Wimmera Health Care Group.

Anyone interested in finding out more about supporting Wimmera Health Care Group's Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay Team should contact Sue Frankham at Wimmera Health Care Group on ph. 5381 9309 as soon as possible.



Murray to Moyne Team members Kerrie Trounce and Chris Scott demonstrate the benefits of the Hovermatt and Hoverjack to Community Axis CEO Graeme Cox

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