

# Cancer survivors ride for worthy cause

LAST year 20 young breast cancer survivors rode up the coast of California, raising more than \$60,000 for breast cancer.

In 2005 they plan to do it again but this time on a global scale. The first ride will be in the UK, moving on to California before finishing in Australia.

Breast cancer survivors can apply for the ride at [www.changinggears.org](http://www.changinggears.org).

Entries close on March 15.

The selection criteria give priority to young breast cancer survivors who are also experienced riders.

Harley-Davidson is lending 20 new bikes and riding gear for the US and Australian legs. Harley dealers along the route will hold welcoming parties.

The Australian leg of the adventure will be held during October breast cancer month, starting at the Pink Ribbon Ride in Sydney and finishing at the Pink Ribbon Ride in Brisbane the following week.

8 [carsguide.com.au](http://carsguide.com.au)

In Australia last year more than 11,300 women had a breast cancer diagnosis. Of those, about 25 per cent were under the age of 50.

Meredith Campbell, one of the organisers of Changing Gears, was diagnosed at the age of 32. She began organising the ride after meeting Megan Dwyer, a Californian who had also recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. Given their love of motorcycles, they decided a ride was the best way to achieve their aims.

"Last year's ride managed to raise an enormous amount of awareness and funds to help young women coping with breast cancer," she said.

"We are thrilled to be able to do this ride again and this time on a global scale."

The UK leg starts August 20-27, US September 24-October 1 and Australia October 23-30. All donations go to Breast Cancer Network Australia.



GIRLS hit the road ... last year's fundraising ride was so successful it is now an international event.

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