



Help stop human trafficking in its tracks



Cycle Tour 2010 : 3rd—18th September : Sydney to Melbourne

'Watch over the travellers
and keep them safe.'
- from the blessing

2010 Tour

Fri 3 Sept : Sydney (80km)
Sat 4 Sept: Nowra (77 km)
Sun 5 Sept: Ulladulla (63 km)
Mon 6 Sept: Bateman's Bay (52km)
Tues 7 Sept: Narooma (70km)
Wed 8 Sept: Bega (74 km)
Thurs 9 Sept: Eden (56 km)
Fri 10 Sept: Cann River (110 km)
Sat 11 Sept: Rest Day
Sun 12 Sept: Orbest (76 km)
Mon 13 Sept: Lakes Entrance
Tues 14 Sept: Bairnsdale (35 km)
Wed 15 Sept: Sale (69 km)
Thurs 16 Sept: Traralgon (49 km)
Fri 17 Sept: Dandenong (129 km)
Sat 18 Sept: Melbourne (45 km)

Inspiration behind the tour

Cycle Against The Traffik chose ACRATH VIC as the TOUR 2010 recipient of the fundraising. The tour was an initiative of Carolyn Merry as a response to her experience of work-



ing with Médecins Sans Frontières witnessing the conditions that allow trafficking to flourish.



Carolyn commenced her ride strengthened by a blessing prayer around the tomb of Mary MacKillop - a woman whose life and work is an inspiration to all to work for a more just and compassionate world.



About to set off—with the support vehicle in the background



On arrival at Wollongong, a presentation was given to the Year II boys of Edmund Rice College about modern slavery and how they can participate in its eradication.



From Bateman's Bay the next stop was Narooma. Before reaching the destination they encountered "70 kms of fairly challenging hills."



On arrival, the team was welcomed by several local people who hosted them for the night. Carolyn showed a film in the Narooma Star of the Sea Church spreading the information about human trafficking.



On the journey to Sale, the team faced a "horrible headwind". With the encouragement of each other, they finally reached Sale where Carolyn headed straight into the ABC radio station to capture the issues of human trafficking for the listeners in that region.

The funds raised from 'Tour 2010' have been sent to Tenaganita (Women's Strength), an anti-trafficking NGO in Malaysia. The Tenaganita shelter is for women and children who have been trafficked, and ACRATH offers ongoing support for it. On the blog of the Cycle Against the Traffik on 5 September 2010, a touching message was received. It read:

'Hi! ... Thank you so much from all the survivors at the TENAGANITA SHELTER. We are very appreciative of your kind efforts to raise funds for our recovery and empowerment. God bless you richly.'

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Capturing the crossing of the border from NSW into Victoria.



The team at Traralgon getting ready to set out on the journey to Dandenong, the longest day of riding on the tour (129 km).



The last day of the ride, Saturday 18 September.

Carolyn and the team headed to Oakwood Park in Dandenong where they were welcomed by students from Star of the Sea, Gardenvale, and together they cycled into Melbourne.



Freedom Celebration Concert



On reaching the centre of the city, the cyclists were instructed to meet under Princes Bridge. When all were assembled, they were given one last instruction before heading into Queensbridge Square.



"This Tour has meant a great deal to me - like all journeys it has had multiple layers of purpose and meaning. It has allowed me to speak out about an issue that has troubled me for a long time"- Carolyn Merry



Carolyn and her group of riders were welcomed by the supporting crowd at the Freedom Celebration Concert.

The 16 day Cycle Against the Trafik has been a great success.



It has raised awareness, and elicited the support of thousands of people in the ongoing task of eradicating slavery.

