



## Riders give leg up to little battlers

INSPIRED by a 23-year-old woman's journey in 1946, a group of 16 business leaders from the finance industry will be in Mount Gambier this weekend as part of their ride from Adelaide Oval to the Melbourne Cricket Ground to raise funds for Little Heroes Foundation.

The ambitious journey will see the 16 cyclists cover more than 100km each day, stopping overnight in Meningie, Kingston, Millicent, Portland, Port Campbell, Apollo Bay and Queenscliff before crossing Port Phillip Bay on the ferry to Sorrento and riding up the Mornington Peninsula to Melbourne.

One of the highlights of the trip will be a morning stop in Mount Gambier on day four of the ride on Sunday, where they will meet Claire Brooker and Phoebe Smith, two of the Little Heroes Foundation children who will benefit from the funds they are raising.

Claire and Phoebe live with their families in Mount Gambier and are looking forward to meeting the cyclists, who are supporting other children and their families living with cancer and serious illness through their fundraising efforts.



**WELCOME SMILE:** Claire Brooker will greet riders in Mount Gambier this weekend on their journey from Adelaide Oval to the Melbourne Cricket Ground to raise funds for the Little Heroes Foundation.

Andy Murdock, an avid cyclist and principal of financial planning business ORA, said the venture, which mirrors the trip taken by his mother Ricky and her friends more than 60 years ago, had already attracted financial support from a number of local businesses that

had pledged \$20,000 to the cause.

All funds raised during the eight day ride will assist Little Heroes Foundation with their \$2m pledge towards the Michael Rice Centre for Haematology and Oncology at the Women's and Children's Hospital.