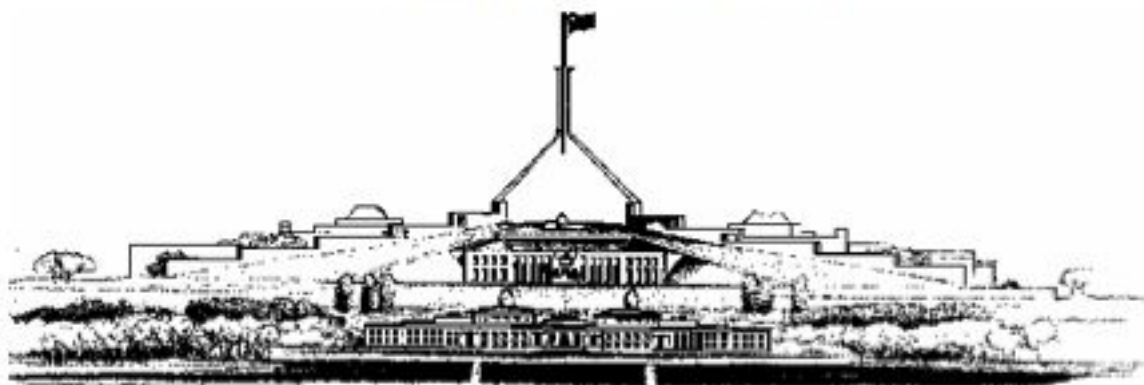




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Mrs WICKS (Robertson) (13:58): I rise to bring to the attention of the House some inspirational members of our community on the Central Coast who are cycling for a great cause, the Tour de Rocks charity cycle. It is a gruelling 220 kilometre ride from Armidale to South West Rocks, from 20 to 22 April. It aims to raise funds for cancer research, cancer services and Camp Quality. Since 2010, the tour has raised over \$1 million.

This year 18 riders, calling themselves the Coastal Cruisers, will pedal in support of the charity cycle. This great local team was formed after five of the riders rode in last year's event. After having the time of their lives raising money for such an important cause word soon spread and it was quickly recognised that there was a need for a Central Coast team to don the lycra this year. So now 18 riders, 25 sponsors and five support crew later, they are all geared up for the big event in April. Among them will be Craig and Trent Smith, who lost their dad, Reg, to cancer suddenly two years ago. I know that Craig and Trent are an inspiration to many in our local community. Support member Darren Cook is an integral member of the team, while Central Coast resident and country music legend Adam Harvey donated a guitar signed by the likes of Beccy Cole, Kasey Chambers—another great Central Coast legend—and Bernard Fanning. They have also had some great support from our local community, including at a super family fun night at Club Umina, with around 180 people supporting them. I would love to encourage our whole Central Coast community to get right behind the Coastal Cruisers as they pedal for a worthy event.

The SPEAKER: In accordance with standing order 43, the time for members' statements has concluded.