



ON YA BIKES: Torsten and Ulick Baumann are riding around Australia to raise money for cancer.

Scooter-ing around Australia in 90 days

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TWO brothers, two scooters and 25,000km.

Torsten and Ulick Baumann will soon set off on the journey of a lifetime to raise money for Cure Cancer Australia Foundation.

The pair were inspired to make the trip around Australia after their mother Bobbie was diagnosed with bowel cancer last year.

"She was told twice it was just constipation and sent home and then the third doctor sent her straight to hospital where she was operated on that night," Torsten, 30, said.

When Mrs Baumann entered remission, the brothers decided to put their 90-day plan into action.

"We wanted to do something to raise money for cancer research because it's been the focus of our life for most of the year," Torsten said.

The brothers, who both work in the city, purchased the scooters last year to counter

the exorbitant cost of inner-city parking.

The pair then took part in last year's Australian National Scooter Rally in Dubbo, which is where the idea for the round-the-country trip developed.

"It took about six days and by the time we came home we really wanted to keep going," Ulick, 27, said.

Torsten said that while the pair would be travelling at a maximum speed of 100km/h, they would still get to see everything they wanted to.

"And as far as we can tell, having our luggage attached to the side of the scooters will be a world first," he said.

"But it could still prove to be our downfall. It's really an experiment."

He also said the pair had decided not to set a fundraising target.

"Every dollar raised is a dollar they don't have," Ulick said.

Cheque donations for the Right Around Australia campaign can be made out to Cure Cancer Australia Foundation and sent to PO Box 1238, Indooroopilly 4068.

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