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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Maura Luxford Rides in to Werris Creek

Ride4acure trekker Maura Luxford will be riding in to Werris Creek at **2pm on Wednesday 5 May** and meeting with the Werris Creek Public School community to raise awareness of skin cancer and fundraise for melanoma research in adolescents and young adults.

Maura is travelling from Willawarrin to Melbourne on a 1600km solo horse trek with only her 3 horses for company.

Sadly, Maura lost her eldest daughter, Hannah Luxford-Matthews to malignant melanoma at the age of 20. As a result of this, she has created the Hannah Rose Melanoma Research Fund through the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia's only dedicated cancer hospital and leading the world in melanoma research.

Melanoma is the second biggest killer of young Australians aged between 15-25 years, next to accidental death by car accidents. Tragically, 1700 young people die each year from melanoma. Maura is encouraging young people to be pro-active in skin cancer prevention. She has created a youth friendly multi-media presentation called "Mela-What?" to assist her in raising awareness.

"I commend Maura on undertaking this tremendous challenge and encourage the community to show their support for her as she rides through their town," Mr Windsor said.

Further information on her trek can be found at [www.ride4acure.com.au](http://www.ride4acure.com.au) as well as details on how to donate to the Hannah Rose Melanoma Research Fund.

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