



Pedalling compassion

JOHN King is on a roll.

The 70-year-old is getting on his bike every day for three weeks to raise money for homeless and at-risk youth.

The Elwood resident is one of many who will complete Open Family Australia's 21 Day Challenge.

Other participants in the challenge have made promises to be kind to a stranger every day or not to use Google.

Mr King said he had dusted off his bike's cobwebs and was happy to get out on the road.

"It's a kick in the backside I needed," Mr King said.

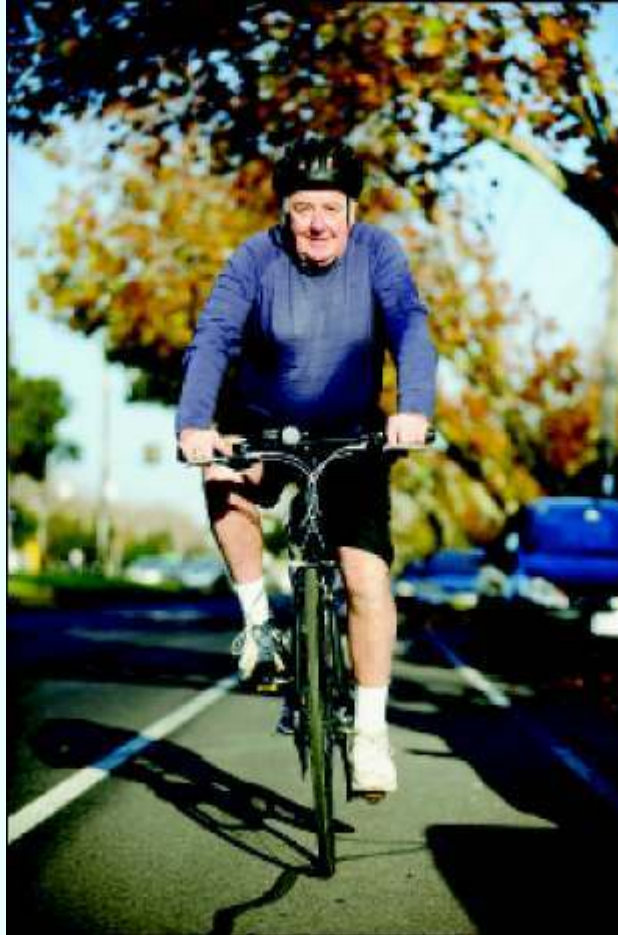
"I haven't really told anyone I am doing to it, but it really is a worthy cause."

Open Family Australia chief executive Sue Renkin said June was the perfect time for Australians to lend a hand to the homeless.

"June 21 is Australia's longest night and in the heart of winter it's a particularly tough night for the estimated 32,344 young people aged 12-24 who are homeless on any one night."

The challenge began earlier this month, but anyone who wants to take part can start any time in June.

Details: openfamily.com.au



John King, 70, is riding his bike each day for three weeks as part of Open Family Australia's 21 Day Challenge. N51CK50