

## Organ Donation Awareness Ride 2011 and 2012

*For those who were wondering my solo 2011 ODAR (Organ Donation Awareness Ride) managed to exceed all expectations. Donatelife offered the opinion that 600,000 more folk were made aware of organ donation issues in Australia via numerous newspaper articles, radio interviews, television news items and personal interaction with me meandering 5000km around the state.*

*My website, <http://www.odar.com.au> had 400 hits when I returned but now as I plan my 3 rides for next year the hit counter has reached over 23000 and rises everyday.*

*A few staunch supporters from the ACT and the South coast clubs joined me for a few legs and members of Ulysses and Easyriders did so as well throughout the state. I hope more will do so next year as everyone is welcome, (see website for itineraries).*

*My Feb 2012 Donatelife ride starts from the Old Parliament House in Canberra at 10am Saturday January 28th, heads to Bateman's Bay before overnighing at Narooma. The ride travels around the coast to Melbourne, and Adelaide before heading off to Alice Springs. I then head back to Adelaide before returning over Donatelife week via Mildura to Cooma for the ride back to Canberra on Friday 24th, arriving at the Legistate of Assembly in Civic around 10am.*

*This is an awareness only ride not a fund raiser which seeks to encourage everyone to register via the Medicare form (not your licence as next of kin details are required for final permission to be given).*

*I conduct these rides to honour my daughter Melody whose donations saved 3 lives and encourage everyone to consider you too may need a transplant one day.*

*David Gough Cowra NSW*