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MEDIA RELEASE

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Fatboys – Ride, Ride, Ride

By the time the **Fatboys Cycling Club** had finished its week-long ride from Melbourne to Adelaide in March they had raised a healthy \$29,443 to benefit a number of significant medical programs at the Women's & Children's Hospital.

WCH Medical and nursing staff are thrilled that they will now receive new pieces of medical equipment to help improve the lives of their sick patients. The equipment includes:

1. **two glucose monitors** to measure the glucose levels in young children with Type 1 Diabetes. This allows children to be treated at home, without lengthy hospital stays and avoids the painful frequent finger-prick testing otherwise required.
2. **portable Spirometer** to measure the breathing function in children suffering from allergies. This helps keep children safer when they are being 'challenged' to breathe.
3. **one other significant piece of equipment** – to be announced on Saturday morning.

Fatboys Club President: Jim Turner said: "Some bright sparks had the idea of riding from Melbourne to Adelaide and a couple of us put up our hands, without thinking just how far it would be". The average age of the riders was 50 and the longest day in the 'saddle' was 125km. It took the **Fatboys** 7 days and with 1,047km under the belt, they rode into Adelaide – exhausted but pleased they could help "make the difference".

VISUAL/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

- WHAT:** **Fatboys on bikes** - After finishing their weekly ride, members will present a giant cheque to the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation. Hear about some of the spills and thrills on the ride – including one spectacular spill.
- WHEN:** **9.15 am, Saturday, 8 May 2010**
- WHERE:** Brougham Place Gardens, North Adelaide - opposite the public entrance to the Queen Victoria Building at the Women's & Children's Hospital

As the official charity for the Women's & Children's Hospital, the WCH Foundation exists to help the Hospital provide world class care and facilities to the thousands of women, babies and young people who are treated there every year.

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