



**IMPOSSIBLE DREAM ... Jess Macaulay and partner Jules Cooper have been riding around the world** Photo: TROY RODGERS

## Jess and Jules' long ride to improve kids' education

THEY have crossed the Andes and the Alps by bike, cycled the infamous Tour de France passes and traversed Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni saltpan on two wheels.

Now Jess Macaulay, 25, and Jules Cooper, 33, have made a pit stop in Townsville on their long way home.

From March until July, the couple will ride their equipment-laden bikes more than 7700km from Darwin to Melbourne, raising funds and awareness for the Ardoch Youth Foundation.

For Mr Cooper, who was a stockbroker with the Macquaire Bank in London before setting off on this adventure, the journey has been one of inspiration, courage and determination.

"The Ardoch Youth Foundation assists youth from disadvantaged backgrounds and helps them to get the best access to education possible," he said. "The journey that we're on now is all about the kids ... they're our inspiration. "They are following

our journey through the website and through our blogs, and everywhere we stop we try to create a different learning focus for them based on our geographical location.

"While we're in Townsville our focus is the Great Barrier Reef. We also put a conservation focus on things, because environmental sustainability is also really important for the kids to learn about."

— JADE KENNEDY

## NAPLAN stoush's new twist

# P&C idles in neutral

By ALEXIS GILLHAM  
education reporter

TOWNSVILLE'S state school students may be left in charge of their own NAPLAN examination as the local parents and citizens group confirmed they will not become involved in the dispute involving the Queensland Teachers' Union and the Federal Government.

The union is at loggerheads with the Federal Government over the My School website – which publishes individual schools' performances in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests – and is against the development of league tables.

A union directive prevents the state's teachers allowing volunteers to supervise or administer the tests, leaving the initial thought that parents would be called in to assist.

But Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens' Associations' northern vice-president Mick Cutler said the parent group's policy was not to get involved in this type of dispute.

"The QCPCA does not get involved in action like that between Education Queensland and the QTU," Mr Cutler said.

Union members are so far indicating they will stand by the boycott plan ahead of the May tests despite

Tuesday's directive by the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission that the NAPLAN exams continue as normal.

Union general secretary John Battams said his organisation maintained the My School website issue was a professional matter and, as such, remedies could not be provided by the commission.

Union executives will meet on Tuesday to make a final decision on the commission's directive, but until then the plan is to stop exam supervision until the Federal Government negotiates changes to the website.

As it stands no adults will be involved in administering the NAPLAN test in state schools.

The commission's deputy president Adrian Bloomfield indicated that the public interest dictated that he issued the direction that the proposed moratorium not happen.

The Federal Government remains silent on the issue.

Education Queensland assistant director-general human resources Craig Allen said about 6000 test supervisors were required to administer the 2010 NAPLAN tests in Queensland state schools.

Townsville's Catholic and independent school teachers will supervise exams in those schools, as they have done in the past two years.



ANZAC DAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## Townsville Commemoration Ceremonies

Anzac Day will be solemnly observed on Sunday 25th April. Sporting and entertainment bodies are requested to refrain from arranging any functions prior to 1pm 'Anzac Day Act 1921-1964'.

**RSL Dawn Services**  
5.20am Magnetic Island service at the cenotaph, Alma Bay  
5.30am Rollingstone service at Balgal Beach landing  
5.45am Thuringowa Central service at Cenotaph, Thuringowa Drive  
5.50am City service at Cenotaph, Anzac Park, The Strand

### Anzac day processions & Cenotaph ceremonies

9.00am City parade form up at Strand Park  
9.30am City parade from Strand Park to Anzac Park, followed by ceremony  
10.00am Rollingstone service, Vincent 'Bushy' Parker Park  
10.30am Thuringowa Central parade, Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan  
11.00am Thuringowa Central service at Cenotaph, Thuringowa Drive

### Anzac day Order of March (CITY PARADE)

#### Vehicles carrying Aged Veterans

WWII Veterans  
Taxis/Ambulances - Disabled Servicemen and Women  
Garden Settlement  
Good Shepherd Home  
Totally and Permanently Disabled Association  
Townsville Ex-Servicemen's Club

**Parade Commander**  
Deputy Commander 3rd Brigade - Lieutenant Colonel Steve Stockley

**Australian Flag Bearer**  
**New Zealand Flag Bearer**

**27th Light Horse Association**  
Townsville

### Group 2 - Regular/Reserve Military Units

1RAR Band  
1RAR  
RAAF Contingent  
2RAR Pipes & Drums  
2RAR

### Group 1 - All Returned Services

#### Personnel & Organisations

RSL Flag  
Townsville Brass Band  
Royal Australian Armoured Corps  
Royal Australian Artillery  
Royal Australian Engineers  
Royal Australian Signals  
Royal Australian Infantry  
Australian Army Aviation  
Royal Australian Corps of Transport  
Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps  
Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

#### Combined Services

Australian Army Band Corps  
Australian Army Intelligence Corps  
Australian Army Catering Corps  
Royal Australian Army Medical Corps  
Australian Army Psychological Corps  
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps  
Royal Australian Army Dental Corps  
Royal Australian Corps of Military Police  
Royal Australian Army Pay Corps  
Australian Army Legal Corps  
Royal Australian Army Education Corps

**Group 1 cont.**  
Royal Australian Army Chaplains' Department  
Australian Army Public Relations Service

NAVY Contingent  
RAAF Contingent  
VVF Townsville Inc  
War Correspondents  
Submarine Association of Australia  
Community Link

### Group 3 - Community Group

Flinders Region Girl Guides  
Scouts Australia Queensland  
RSL Pipes and Drums  
National Servicemen's Association  
Townsville Branch  
Alliance Francaise de Townsville Inc  
T.S. Coral Sea Australian Naval Cadets  
St John Ambulance  
The Townsville Greek Orthodox  
Community of Saints Theodore  
Australian Red Cross  
State Emergency Service

### Group 4 - School Groups

Aitkenvale State School  
Annandale State School  
Belgian Gardens State School  
Calvary Christian College  
Cranbrook State School  
Currajong State School  
Heatley State Primary School  
Heatley Secondary College  
Hermit Park State School  
Holy Spirit School  
Ignatius Park College  
Mundingburra State School  
Northern Beaches State High School  
Oonoonba State School  
Pimlico State High School  
Railway Estate State School  
Southern Cross Catholic School  
St Joseph's Catholic School  
St Joseph's The Strand  
St Margaret Mary's College  
St Patrick's College  
Stuart State School  
The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James  
The Marian Catholic School  
Thuringowa State High School  
Townsville Central State School  
Townsville Grammar School  
Townsville South State School  
Townsville State High School  
Townsville West State School  
Weir State School  
William Ross State High School  
Wulguru State School

**Group 5 - Emergency Services**  
Rural Fire Brigade Vehicles  
State Emergency Vehicles

**Reviewing Officer**  
Brigadier Stuart Smith, OAM.  
Commander 3rd Brigade

**ANZAC Day Address**  
Wind Commander Tony Thorpe  
Commanding Officer of 38 Squadron

**Parade Marshalls**  
WO1 Grant McFarlane, AM. RSM  
3rd Brigade  
WOFF David Tompkins RAAF Base  
Warrant Officer

**Parade Commentary**  
Brigadier Neil Weekes AM MC  
(Retired)  
John Nutting

**Transport & enquiries**  
Veterans requiring transport or further information please contact Townsville RSL on 4759 9500.

**Anzac day Order of March (THURINGOWA CENTRAL PARADE)**

**Vehicles** (carrying Group 1 Veterans)  
Military & Historic Vehicle Club  
Townsville Inc.

**Parade Commander**  
Major Matthew Mayne - CO 5<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment

**Flag Party**  
Australia Flag  
New Zealand Flag

### Group 2 - Regular/Reserve Military Units

5th Aviation Regiment Piper  
5th Aviation Regiment Division One  
5th Aviation Regiment Guidon  
5th Aviation Regiment Division Two  
Army cadet unit

### Group 1 - All Returned Services Personnel & Organisations

Veterans – Thuringowa RSL Sub Branch  
Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers association  
NQ Sappers Association of NQ  
Vietnam Veterans Federation  
Townsville Inc  
Community Link  
Thuringowa Brass Band

### Group 3 - Other Participants

Ross District Flinders Region Girl Guides  
Freemasons North Queensland  
Ross Valley Lions Club  
Scouts Australia Queensland  
Townsville Thuringowa Pipes and Drums

### Group 4 - School Groups

Bohlevale State School  
Blue Skies Preschool and Kindergarten  
Good Shepherd Catholic Community School  
Kirwan Primary School  
Kirwan State High School  
Ryan Catholic College  
St Anthony's Catholic College  
The Willows State School  
Vincent State School

**Group 5 - Emergency Service**  
Rural Fire Brigade Group  
Masonic Lodge Bus

**Parade Marshalls**  
WO1 Wayne Harper RSM 5th Aviation Regiment  
Mr Michael Christian

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Veterans requiring transport or further information please contact Townsville City Council on 4727 9000.

**The Townsville and Thuringowa RSL invite all returned services personnel to march with the RSL.**

**Ceremony Order**  
The official party, followed by representatives of ex-services and civil groups and citizens will lay wreaths. The Ceremony will conclude with the Last Post, two minutes silence and Rouse, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.

**Reserved seating**  
Reserved seating at the Cenotaph is for disabled/servicemen and service women and invited guests.



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