



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 25TH 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-Servicewomen'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 5th 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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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.



Townsville

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL