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Call goes out for 2012 Future2 Wheel Classic New route set; dates announced for 1200km charity cycle ride

Planning for the 2012 Future2 Wheel Classic, the third annual cycle ride seeking to raise \$100,000 for disadvantaged young Australians, is under way.

Next year's ride will be from Sydney to Melbourne, a 1200k route via Bundanoon, Canberra, Jindayne, Wangaratta, Shepparton, Bendigo and Castlemaine.

The cyclists will set out from Sydney on the weekend of 15-16 September and arrive in Melbourne on the 23rd.

Ray Griffin and Peter Bobbin, the two Future2 trustees behind the ride, are calling on financial planning professionals, their colleagues and friends, to join them on the 10-day ride, or a section of it.

"After two great rides on the Bourke to Sydney road, we decided to change the route and open up the opportunity and challenge to a bigger pool of cyclists and potential supporters", said Peter Bobbin, Principal, Argyle Lawyers has and will again be riding again alongside and behind Ray Griffin.

"Announcing our dates now will allow cyclists to plan ahead, get their training under way and start thinking about fundraising", Ray Griffin added.

"We're looking to get financial planning and life insurance businesses as well as financial institutions behind the Wheel Classic with team participation, as well as sponsorship support. We'll be launching registration early next year and meanwhile we're noting expressions of interest from cyclists, for the whole distance or one or more days", Griffin said.

All funds raised will go to Future2, the foundation of the Australian financial planning profession, whose grants program has gifted almost \$200,000 to charities and not-for-profit bodies working at the grassroots to transform the lives of young people who are struggling with financial disadvantage, addictions, family dislocation and other problems.

The inaugural BT Future2 Wheel Classic in 2010 raised \$88,000 through a combination of sponsorship, fundraising events and individual donations. In 2011 the ride raised over \$73,000.

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Future2 Wheel Classic 2012

Date	Start	Finish	Km
15/09 Sat	Sydney	Bundanoon	150
16/09 Sun	Bundanoon	Canberra	175
17/09 Mon	Canberra	Jindabyne	180
18/09 Tues	Jindabyne	Corryong	136
19/09 Wed	Corryong	Wangaratta	180
20/09 Thurs	Wangaratta	Shepparton	100
21/09 Fri	Shepparton	Bendigo	126
22/09 Sat	Bendigo	Castlemaine	39
23/09 Sun	Castlemaine	Melbourne	122

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Future2, the foundation of the Australian financial planning profession, exists to support the financially under-privileged and to enable the financial planning profession and associated stakeholders to give back to the community from which they draw their livelihoods. Grants of some \$200,000 have been committed to grassroots organizations, giving hope for a better future to many disadvantaged young Australians.