Hello,

I would like to share with you one of the most important and challenging steps that Avalon has ever undertaken! '**The Lone Ride for the Homeless**', a grueling 11,000kms bicycle ride across the heart of Australia to raise funds to buy a home for the homeless.

At Avalon, we have been made aware over the past 10 years, through running the 'Homeless Clothes Distribution Programme', that the greatest need in the homeless community was accommodation. Not just a roof, but a **home**.

When Avalon Volunteer, Tim Taylor, came to me and said he wanted to do a bicycle ride for Avalon to raise money, I immediately saw the potential of making a dream come true for people who have no home. This, coupled with ongoing support provided by Avalon, would mark the beginning of something much larger - '**Avalon Homes for the Homeless**'

For Tim's **Lone Ride For The Homeless** we have set the goal of raising $1,000,000. Not a small feat by any means, but one, I believe, is achievable. If Tim can cycle alone across some of the country's roughest terrain, I am sure we can raise the funds we need to fulfil our vision.

I am writing to you to ask for your support in whatever way you can. Donating, Spreading the word, advising us of any potential sponsors, running your own fundraisers or attending the launch at Avalon on **April 28th** at 10am.

If you have any contact with companies or individuals who you think may be willing to assist or you want further information, please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Elaine Siggins, email: mailto:lonerideforthehomeless@gmail.com or Mobile 0400 265 210. Your help with supporting us with this campaign will be very much appreciated.

Please take a look at our website www.lonerideforthehomeless.com.au and watch our video. I am extremely excited about this event and the possibilities it holds.

If Richmond can win the Grand Final, then I believe anything is possible!

Thank you.

With love,

Debbie

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