

# MEDIA RELEASE



## Strathfieldsaye students unveil hpv vehicle

**Friday 13 November 2009:** Strathfieldsaye Primary School Grade Six students unveiled the school's second human powered vehicle (hpv) to the community this week.

The vehicle, which will be pedaled around the Maryborough course this weekend, was funded by a grant from Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise in June.

Since then, students, teachers and parents have been working feverishly in a bid to have the school's second vehicle ready for this weekend's event.

With the final touches made last weekend, students had their vehicle ready and proudly unveiled it at the local Community Enterprise's AGM.

As recipients of the community enterprise's June Grants Program, the students and teacher Peter Smith were more than happy to join with recipients of the enterprise's latest \$20,000 grants program.

Sheri Thomas described the group's training regime in the lead up to this weekend's event.

We started out training on bikes. We started the rides at Wilkie Road in Junortoun and rode to Axedale.

Most of us thought we could only make it to the swing bridge, which was only halfway.

After a while, it was easy to go to Axedale, let alone the swing bridge, so we decided to go to Epsom. Epsom now seems easy too.

All the rides were for three hours on Saturday afternoons. To go to Axedale it was 27 kilometres and to Epsom it was 37 kilometres.

In total throughout the year we have done 35 trips with a total of 1,075 kilometres. That is a total of 105 hours which is practically four and a half days and nights of flat out riding. With all of those kilometers, we could have gone past Newcastle.

In all we have had 25 punctures, 44 'stacks', 21 injuries, 45 bird attacks and 38 mechanical problems.

We would like to thank the parents who gave up their time to ride with us.

- Sheri Thomas, Grade 6, Strathfieldsaye Primary School.

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