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WOZ ON ROAD TO GUNDAGAI

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan will welcome Warren "Woz" Acott in Gundagai on Monday 18 March 2024.

Mr Acott was featured on Channel Nines A Current Affair this week, highlighting his MOW on MND cause. Mr Acott is currently undertaking a journey from his home in Toollen, Victoria to Canberra where he aims to convince the nation's leaders to boost research and make MND be a notifiable disease.

Motor Neuron Disease (MND) is the name for a group of diseases. These diseases affect nerves known as motor nerves, or motor neurons. In MND, these neurons degenerate and die. This causes the muscles to become weaker and weaker. This eventually leads to paralysis.

CGRC mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan said this was a cause he was passionate about and is looking forward to meeting Warren and wishing him well with his endeavours.

"MND is a horrendous disease and I support Woz's journey and petition. He hopes to take 20,000 signatures to Canberra. I urge anyone in Gundagai on Monday to please drop by and welcome Woz and his team to town, sign the petition and show him the support our communities are renowned for," Cr Sheahan said.

"It's a cause that is close to all of us, recently one of our own participated in the Tassie Pedal Cure4MND. Member of the Cootamundra Lions Club, Mr Peter Lott and his son completed the gruelling 6-day bike ride and was sponsored by the Cootamundra Lions Club," Cr Sheahan added.

Woz is making the trek from his home to Canberra on a 20-year-old ride on mower, that has been modified and adjusted for safety and comfort and will be in Gundagai on Monday. To follow Woz journey and donate to the cause follow this link: <u>MOW DOWN MND - Support Woz</u> or search Mow Down MND for the Facebook page.

Picture and caption:

Woz Acott aboard his trusty mower on a journey to highlight MND to the nation's leaders.



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