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Riding for those who can't

LESMURDIE resident Reece Tucknott is not your average year 12 student, and although he may not be old enough to vote, Saturday September 7 holds special significance to him.

While other Western Australians will be lining up to cast their votes, Reece and a group of forty dedicated mountain bikers will be slogging it out in an extreme race to beat muscular dystrophy.

Individuals are taking on the 14, 40 or 100km track at the Act-Belong-Commit Dwellingup 100 on September 7.

Participants will ride for someone living with muscular dystrophy, and are challenged with raising much needed

funds for Muscular Dystrophy Western Australia to support people living with the condition, for research, and for community services.

Reece rides at a national level, not only in mountain biking, but road riding and in the Velodrome.

He has won the 40km race in 2011 and 2012 at the Dwellingup 100 and will again be personally riding for Laura, a member of Muscular Dystrophy WA who has limb girdle muscular dystrophy.

Hills GP Doctor Stuart Prosser enjoys mountain biking as a hobby but it's the first time he will take part in Ride For Someone Who

Can't.

Dr Prosser is riding 40km for a young man named Liam and as well as fundraising, Dr Prosser is donating one dollar from each consultation in August.

Western Australians living with muscular dystrophy face daily challenges – their muscles waste away which steals their independence, they are confined to electric wheelchairs because they can no longer walk, and each day, it becomes more difficult for them to breathe.

Since 2010, in excess \$250,000 has been raised through the ride initiative and this year organisers hope to raise \$100,000.

