



Mark his word for charity

A Mitcham father puts himself on a series of endurance tests to raise money for a worthy cause

Cancer | Hannah Donnellan

WHEN it comes to supporting a good cause while staring down your own battles, Mark Fletcher seemingly stands alone.

Over the past five years the Mitcham resident has lost both his parents to cancer, but it has been his hardships that have spurred him to achieve more than he ever thought possible.

Being a father of two children, Mr Fletcher said he couldn't imagine what parents went through when their children were diagnosed with cancer.

To support young cancer victims and their families, the Mitcham resident will take up the challenge of competing in triathlons and marathons this year.

"I will be putting myself to the test in a series of endurance events to help raise funds for Redkite," Mr Fletcher said.

"Redkite is a charity that supports children and young people through cancer."

Training for six or seven days a week, Mr Fletcher has his sights set on competing in triathlons across the globe.

"I will be competing in the Gatorade Triathlon series and the Nissan/BRW Triathlon series," he said, "with future commitments including the 2010 Melbourne Marathon, the London Triathlon in August and the WA Ironman in Busselton at the end of the year."

Giovina Cicchitti, from Redkite, said she was touched by Mr Fletcher's dedication.

"Mark is such an amazing person," Ms Cicchitti said. "Redkite receives no government funding so it is the generosity of people like Mark who enable us to provide essential and practical support to families in need."

To support Mark, visit everydayhero.com.au/mark-fletcher



Mark Fletcher is doing his bit for Redkite.

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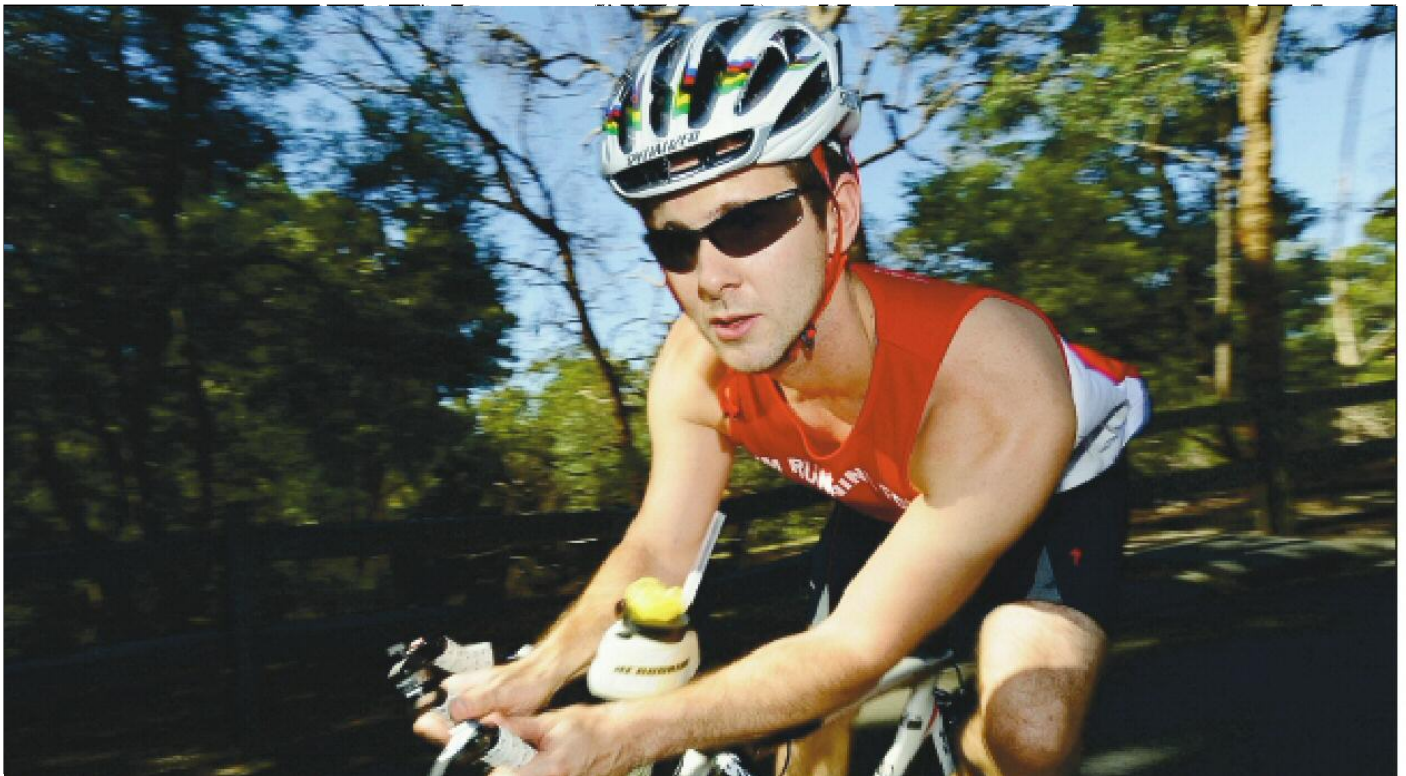
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Mark Fletcher is putting in the hard yards to make a difference to those that need it most.

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