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MEDIA LAUNCH INVITATION

MELBOURNE MAN TO ATTEMPT SCOOTER ENDURANCE WORLD RECORD FOR PEACE PRIZE WINNING CHARITY

Julio Languiller is no stranger to challenges. The 48 year old Uruguayan-born artist who immigrated to Australia 30 years ago has already broken one world record in the name of charity and he's planning to do it again on April 26 & 27th.

With Honda behind him as major sponsor, Mr Languiller will be attempting to ride a Honda Today50 Scooter around Melbourne for 24 hours without stopping, raising funds for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) in the process.

You are invited to witness the launch of this unique event at:

Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, Melbourne

(near the "Cow Up a Tree" art installation)

on Tuesday, April 26th

World Record Attempt to commence at 8.30 am

"Battle of the Codes" Pitstop Challenge to commence at 10.30 am

The launch festivities will also include a 'Battle of the Codes' Pit Challenge involving team members from the **Melbourne Storm**, **Melbourne Football Club**, Women's Netballers, the **Kestrels** and the **Melbourne Victory** soccer team who will all be there to support Julio's attempt.

Julio boasts a rich past having been involved with the community through projects such as publishing a colouring book for children living in immigration detention centres, establishing the Interpreter Service of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in 1987, working with the underprivileged in Columbia and much more.

He also broke the world record for Hydro Cycling in 1997 on Albert Park Lake, after pedaling for nearly 8 hours to raise money for Afghan and Cambodian children whose lives have been ravaged by land mines.

After meeting someone who had benefited greatly by MSF's services in South America last year, Julio decided to try and do something for the organization in his adopted home country. Taking his love of two-wheels and his penchant for taking on difficult challenges, the idea of the 24 Scooter Challenge was born.

Honda is fully supporting Julio through the provision of a Today 50cc scooter and staff to assist him in his quest to set an Australia record for the completion of a continuous 24 hour ride on a road registrable scooter. This achievement will also be eligible for recognition by the Guinness Book of Records.

The course for the event follows a circuit of Telstra Dome encompassing Bourke St, Wurundjerri Way, Dudley St and Harbour Esplanade. It is estimated that during the 24 hour period, over 400 laps and a total distance of more than a thousand kilometres will be covered.

"I am primarily doing this because I believe very much in the work that MSF are doing around the world. I've also been a big fan of motorcycling for many years; Hondas in particular so I thought this would be a fun thing to do," Julio explained. "And I suppose its now been a few years since I last attempted to break a world record!"

Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) is the world's leading independent medical aid organisation. Médecins Sans Frontières' teams are working in over 75 countries providing relief to the victims of conflict, famine, epidemics, natural disasters and others who lack access to health care.



Wherever Médecins Sans Frontières is working their goal is the same; to provide essential medical aid, regardless of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. In 1999 Médecins Sans Frontières was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in recognition of its pioneering and principled humanitarian work.

**RSVP's for the Media Launch should be made to:
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Peddalling to help land mine victims

by JENNIFER LODGE

JULIO LANGUILLER plans to spend the next few days with his feet up.

And the Edithvale resident deserves it.

On Sunday, Mr Langguiller pedalled around Albert Park Lake on a hydro-bike for nearly eight hours to raise money for Afghan and Cambodian children whose lives have been ravaged by land mines.

Mr Langguiller did not reach the 80km he had anticipated, but did set a new record — 43km in seven hours and 15 minutes, 10km more than American Steve Anderson's eight hour, former record attempt.

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"It was twice as hard pedalling on Albert Park Lake than it is at the beach. It was like pushing 180km through the water. But it was all for a good cause."

Mr Langguiller had hoped to raise around \$20,000 for the Red Cross to pass on to the hospitals treating young mine victims in the two countries.

So far the Red Cross had received more than \$2000. They were still counting donations on Monday.

Mr Langguiller hopes to make the fundraiser an annual event, and plans to hold the bike ride at Mordialloc next year.

He called on residents to contribute to the cause.

"The most important thing is not the record," he said. "The most important thing is that people contribute to help the children who have been affected by land mines."

Donations can be made to the Red Cross.

Details: 1800 811 700.

Worthy cause: Julio Langguiller with his hydro-bike on Albert Park Lake. Picture VALERIE CAMPAN.

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Gift of colour for grey days

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Word spreads on Julio from Down-under

by PAUL KENNEDY

FOR most of the year Julio Langguiller is a big driver and a self-proclaimed English speaker.

For one week, however, he is a quiet, reserved man, in contrast to the glider's best motor-cyclist.

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