



## Sanofi Genzyme joins Captains Ride for rare diseases

**Australia, Sydney – 9 November, 2017** – The annual six-day, 800km, Steve Waugh Foundation Captains Ride around Tasmania has once again put rare diseases on the map; this year with the support of Sanofi Genzyme.

Sanofi Genzyme's Head of Rare Diseases and Oncology for Australia and New Zealand, Adrian Goodall, joined this year's peloton having raised more than \$10,000 as part of his commitment to the rare disease community.

Speaking about the ride Adrian said, "It has been an incredibly humbling experience to be part of this ride and to immerse myself in the important work of The Steve Waugh Foundation."

"Everyone involved with them should be proud of the good work they do, to raise the profile of the challenges faced by children and young people living with rare diseases."

"Sanofi Genzyme is committed to raising awareness for rare diseases. Our partnership with patient communities like the Steve Waugh Foundation reflects our dedication to the community, beyond treatment."

The Steve Waugh Foundation works to shine a spotlight on the 400,000 Australian children and young adults suffering from up to 8,000 rare diseases.

Now in its third year the Captains Ride is their premier fundraising event for the Foundation's Grant Programs. These program provides medicine, treatment, specialised equipment and items that improve the quality of life for children and young adults (0-25 years of age) affected by a rare disease.

Set to conclude on Friday, 10 November this year's ride included a number of Australian sports champions: former Australian Test captain Steve Waugh, winner of the 2011 Tour de France, Cadel Evans, and two-time Brownlow medalist Adam Goodes among others.

Speaking about the ride Steve Waugh said, "From the outset the idea and motivation of The Captain's Ride has been clear - to raise significant funds for the Foundation, raise awareness about rare diseases and the bravery of the kids who live with them, and in some way replicate what our kids and families go through each and every day. These key motivators have driven every aspect of The Captain's Ride. The funds raised by The Rider Team, of which Adrian backed by Sanofi is part of, are crucial to helping the kids we support 'survive and thrive'".

### About Sanofi

Sanofi, a global healthcare leader, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patients' needs. Sanofi is organized into five global business units: Diabetes and Cardiovascular, General Medicines and Emerging Markets, Sanofi Genzyme, Sanofi Pasteur and Consumer Healthcare.

Sanofi Genzyme focuses on developing specialty treatments for debilitating diseases that are often difficult to diagnose and treat, providing hope to patients and their families. Learn more at [www.sanofigenzyme.com](http://www.sanofigenzyme.com)

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