

For Love Of Daniel

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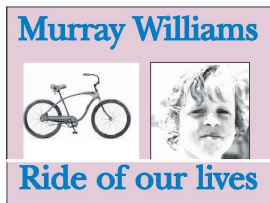
The story of one among us, Daniel Wagner, has begun a new chapter.

In Bolander a few weeks ago, his mother, Sally Ann, told of her solidarity with her son, as he faced surgery – in words which resonated in many mothers' and fathers' hearts.

Daniel is 28, and has Stage 4 cancer.

Today, Sally Ann speaks to the Bolander community again, especially the cycling community, which is holding Daniel in its collective heart.

Sally Ann tells us: "Daniel's colorectal cancer has metastasised to tumors in the lymph and liver... his



condition has deteriorated as he is in a lot of pain.

"He is now on morphine. He sleeps a lot. We have signed up with Hospice to help with pain control.

"He spends his days here in Somerset West and returns home

to his wife, Simone on a farm in Stellenbosch.

"He chose to not go with palliative chemotherapy, and continues with a mostly vegetarian, raw food organic diet. Daniel is seeing Dr Bredell once a week for Vitamin C infusions," Sally Ann shared.

In discussion with the cycling community, Janis Viljoen and other good friends of Daniel, there will be a race to support Daniel financially – but hopefully also a time for the participants to reflect on the good life we all enjoy.

We don't want it to be morbid, but a celebration of life, building community out of pain.

"Roll With Dan" is a fight as a community to stand with a young man in support and solidarity, as he fights the pain and sadness of cancer.

While we feel vulnerable and at a loss for words at these moments, it is our emotion of love which enables us to rejoice at the life we have. To share our strength alongside others in laughter, in friendship and in community.

Roll With Dan will be staged as a family 30km and 15km event on the beautiful Lourensford Estate in Somerset West, on Sunday October 25.

The event will be linked with the Lourensford Harvest Market after the ride, for some great food alongside friends, including the Wagner's neighbour, Koos Kombuis, for a moment in the "Chill with Dan" zone.

To preface the occasion, Sally Ann wrote these words, titled "There is a good fight":

"There is a good fight which arises deep from within our beings in times of great sadness and difficulty. This fight is not angry, just as being sad is not necessarily depressed.

"This fight is not alone, it is not empty, although the battle is not always understood.

"At times it is the need to be calm, silent, within your inmost resolve. Choosing to hand over those emotions too overwhelming to bear.

"It can be mundane and consumed with energy and people. It can be exhausting.

"The good fight is always to love and to be loved. To be grateful. To be still. To be at peace."

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