

# Jail term extended

CONVICTED drug dealer Andrew Chris Koushappis will be in jail for seven years after more time was added to his lengthy sentence this week.

Koushappis was convicted of possessing 27g of methylamphetamine, which was found in his coat pocket during a police raid on his Gilberton Street home in September 2008.

He was found guilty in his retrial in Perth, after a Kalgoorlie jury failed to return a verdict on the charge last year.

District Court Judge Troy Sweeney said there was a "strong hint throughout the cross-examination of some unspecified impropriety on the part of police".

"It was not squarely put to anyone that the drugs had been planted," Judge Sweeney said.

"But certainly questions were raised

about the angle of vision you had when the wardrobe was searched and whether the drugs had been appropriately dealt with in the evidence video room or not.

"Your evidence and your case overall were, frankly, completely implausible."

During that trial it was revealed police had intercepted 6000 mobile phone calls and text messages leading up to the raid on his home.

Earlier this year, Koushappis was also convicted of being in possession of 102.8g of methylamphetamine, which police found when they stopped his car on Great Eastern Highway in January last year. Koushappis will be jailed until February 2018 without parole.

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# Fun on offer at museum

IF YOU are looking for something fun and educational for the kids to do these school holidays think "museum".

The WA Museum Kalgoorlie-Boulder has two fun school holiday programs on offer.

Fun in the Parlour is a program in which kids get to have a proper morning tea with scones and homemade jam and learn how to hand sew a bookmark with a simple cross-stitch.

The other program focuses on cartooning with local artist Michelle War-

ren. Museum education officer Peta Osborne, who is running the Fun in the Parlour program, said the holiday activities had been very popular. She said the children had responded very well.

"The kids have really enjoyed it," she said. "They find the sewing pretty tricky but it's good for them to learn."

The Fun in the Parlour program is \$10 per child and the cartooning is \$15.

Phone 9021 8533 for bookings, which are essential.

THOMAS NELSON



Inspired by Nadiya: Thinking of the children for whom he is raising money will help adventurer Tim Barrot through his gruelling ride from Wiluna to Darwin. Photo: SUPPLIED

# 'Posties' will help kids with cancer

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ADVENTURIST Tim "Caveman" Barrot and his team members are gearing up for the ride of their lives, all in the name of helping children with cancer.

Mr Barrot, his three teammates and their support crew will ride 3000km on red postmen's bikes from Wiluna to Darwin via the Canning Stock Route, the longest stock route in the world.

The ride, Nadiya's Challenge, aims to raise money and awareness of kids and families battling with cancer.

Nadiya Sussmilch lost her courageous seven-year fight with cancer in 2009, aged 11.

During those seven years, Nadiya bravely endured endless surgeries,

radiation and chemotherapy treatments as well as rehabilitation for partial paralysis.

On learning of Nadiya's story, Mr Barrot and his teammates decided to dedicate their adventure to raising money for children like Nadiya, battling with cancer.

"Unfortunately cancer touches everybody these days, but when it touches our young it hits us hard," Mr Barrot said. "They're our future."

Of the crew undertaking the challenge, only one has extensive motorbike experience.

The rest are preparing by working on their physical fitness.

"We can't do a lot of practice on the actual bikes as we don't want to wreck them before hitting the stock route," Mr Barrot said.

During a recent training weekend

the crew came to realise the challenges they would face.

"Crew member David Boon came off his bike at least 10 times on a ride covering about one-50th of the actual route, so he's going to have a lot of crashes if he doesn't sort that out," Mr Barrot said.

Nadiya's battle will provide inspiration and encouragement for the crew during the tough times.

"We know it will be difficult, but we have chosen to put ourselves in this situation," Mr Barrot said.

"Kids with cancer don't have that choice. Thinking of the kids will keep us going and get us over the sand dunes and across the rivers."

The crew is aiming to raise \$100,000 before reaching Darwin.

Donations can be made at any Bendigo Bank branch or online at [www.nadiyachallenge.org](http://www.nadiyachallenge.org).

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