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## **Fundraising unicyclist welcomed in Tallangatta**

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Over 200 people gathered at on the foreshore to welcome Samuel Johnson, award-winning Australian actor, to Tallangatta early in January. Samuel is in the final months of his epic 15,000 kilometre unicycle journey around Australia to raise breast cancer awareness and fundraise for the Garvan Research Institute.

Both Samuel and community members had the opportunity to paddle a dragon boat, courtesy of the Albury Wodonga Brave Hearts Dragon Boat Club.

"It was exciting to see the Bravehearts' come out to Tallangatta with their dragon boat," said Ms Lauren Elvin, Council's Manager Economic Development. "Many of their crew are breast cancer survivors, and the dragon boat was built by a team of cancer survivors including some Tallangatta locals. For the Brave Hearts to be able to meet Samuel and support his journey was particularly touching,"

"We were really pleased with the support from the community for this event," said Ms Elvin. "The fundraising barbecue prepared by the Tallangatta Rotary Club was a great success and Sam and the Love Your Sister team were just thrilled, particularly when Rotary very kindly rounded their donation up to \$500,"

"Community members also enthusiastically supported Sam's cause by purchasing merchandise with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the Garvan Institute for cancer research".

To track Samuel's journey, visit [www.loveyoursister.org](http://www.loveyoursister.org)