



CD player spins for last time



**Well done:** Maura is congratulated by her other daughter, Esther Collett.

## Mum rides for cancer cure

**Kelly Ryan**

CANCER crusader Maura Luxford has travelled a long, hard road since burying her daughter on Christmas Eve last year.

Vivacious young livestock student Hannah Luxford-Matthews, 20, had the world at her feet when she succumbed to skin cancer after a year-long battle.

Wanting to find something positive from a deeply personal family tragedy, Maura Luxford decided to cycle from her home in Kempsey, NSW, to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre where her daughter was treated with late-stage melanoma.

She stopped and gave educational talks about melanoma to school students on the way.

More than 1500km later and after 27 days spinning the wheels, Ms Luxford, 47, arrived in East Melbourne on Thursday with at least \$40,309 raised for research into the disease that kills 2000 Australians a year.

Many of the family and friends who turned out for Hannah's funeral gave the mother of three a heroine's welcome.

Supporters can send cheques or donate online at [www.ride4acure.com.au](http://www.ride4acure.com.au).



**Pedal power:** Maura Luxford arrives at Peter Mac. Pictures: ELLEN SMITH