



Middle of the road . . . Russell Crowe rides through the city yesterday.

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Big wheel turns heads as Crowe flies through CBD

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THE last time he wore a helmet was in *Gladiator*.

Yesterday, Elizabeth St was the venue as Russell Crowe engaged in a different kind of combat — with Sydney's peak-hour gridlock.

And while Crowe is used to stopping traffic as one of cinema's biggest stars, he got a reaction of a different kind yesterday.

One driver was unimpressed with his bike-riding skills and honked him when his bike strayed into the middle of the road.

Crowe is taking a break from films

at the moment and is focusing on winning his privatisation bid for the South Sydney Rabbitohs with business partner Peter Holmes a Court.

His dream to own the rugby league team, which he has followed since he was a young boy, will only come true if 75 per cent of club members vote to accept the \$3 million deal.

The Woolloomooloo based actor recently finished filming the lead role in a film by *Gladiator* director, Ridley Scott called *A Good Year*, which also stars fellow Australian Abbie Cornish.

He plays Max Skinner, an Englishman who inherits a vineyard in the south of France.

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