



## Kapunda Rotary welcomes riders

The Great Australian Bike Ride arrived in Kapunda last Wednesday to a great welcome from the Rotary Club of Kapunda.

The Ride, which has travelled over 17,000 kilometres, is on the road for Mental Health Awareness as part of the fundraising efforts of Australian Rotary Health.

For over seven months, travelling around Australia from Melbourne to Melbourne, an intrepid band of Rotarians and support crew have visited hundreds of towns and been hosted by Rotary Clubs and community members.

Kapunda Rotarians were

joined by members of the Rotary Club of Barossa Valley in a combined dinner meeting on Wednesday night to welcome and hear from the Great Australian Bike Riders.

Representatives of the Rotary Clubs of Gawler and Gawler Light were also present and all clubs made generous donations to Australian Rotary Health.

Kapunda Rotary president Bill O'Brien expressed delight in the riders choosing Kapunda for their stopover. Said President Bill, "This is a wonderful thing that this group is doing and I commend them on their efforts in bringing the issues of Mental Health into public focus."

After a hearty breakfast provided by Kapunda Rotarians, the riders were flagged off from Kapunda by Light Regional Council Mayor, Mr Robert Hornsey on Thursday morning for their ride into Adelaide.

Mayor Hornsey said, "The Light Regional Council is very honoured that the Great Australian Bike Ride visited Kapunda and I congratulate all the riders and backup crew on a truly magnificent achievement and I wish you a safe journey to Adelaide and then onto your final leg to Melbourne".

The Ride will finish in Melbourne on October 10 after seven months on the road.



*Light Regional Council Mayor Robert Hornsey flags off the Great Australian Bike Riders as they leave Kapunda for Adelaide last Thursday morning.*