



# Great Australian Bike Ride comes to South West Rocks

CYCLISTS in the Great Australian Bike Ride visited South West Rocks late last month.

The team of 21 riders were hosted overnight by Rotarians, friends of Rotary and local riders on April 25.

Five of the riders are undertaking the 17,800 kilometre ride while others are completing individual stages.

Australian Rotary Health organised the round-Australia Ride to raise awareness of and money for, the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund which has a strong mental health focus.

A special dinner was held at the Riverside Tavern with riders, hosts and the support team all enjoying each other's company.

A large amount of money was raised by raffles and an auction including an official riders jersey.

The Great Australian Bike Ride departed South West Rocks the following morning for Macksville and Coffs Harbour.

The visit to South West Rocks was made successful not only by the contributions from the local Rotary Club, but by the wonderful support of the community.

To follow the ride, go to [www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au](http://www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au)

The Rotary Club of South West Rocks would particularly like to thank Bi-Lo, South West Rocks River Cruises, Riverside Tavern, Rawspice Boutique, South West Rocks Pharmacist Advice, Surfside Hair and Beauty, South West Rocks Cellars, Peter Needs Chemmart Pharmacy, Trial Bay Caravan Park, South West Rocks Country Club, Christine Norman and all those who opened their homes for the group.



The Great Australian Bike Ride Team ready to be flagged off by Councillor Jim Gribbin



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I Rider Noel Watt enjoying breakfast before departing South West Rocks for Macksville



I Riders getting ready to depart South West Rocks