



## Tough time for cyclists

A GROUP of intrepid cyclists on an around-Australia ride battled through some of the worst weather conditions experienced in 12,000 kilometres as they passed through the Great Southern this week.

But the hail and rain driven by variable winds couldn't stop the cyclists and their support group continuing on with their journey from Albany on Monday.

"This has been the toughest leg of the whole trip," 62-year-old Queenslander Roberta Gordon said.

"Forget the outback, battling through the hail was tough."

They are taking part in the epic Great Australian Bike Ride, a 17,800 kilometre around-Australia cycling event raising awareness and funds for mental health research.

Organised by Australian Rotary Health, the ride began in Melbourne in March.

They arrived in Albany on Sunday from Mt Barker to be fed and housed by local Rotarians.

Ms Gordon was one of three riders who have been in the saddle every day.

The others are Gonny Rundell (58) and John Farrugia (61). They were joined by members of their support crew of eight and Rotarians along the way.

They were flagged off on Monday morning by Deputy Mayor Des Wolfe.