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Fundraising ride

THERE are many cyclists competing in the Great Australian Bike Ride but only four intend to complete the entire circumnavigation of Australia to raise funds for mental health research.

Victorians Gonny Rundell and John Farrugia and Queenslanders Tom Brown and Roberta Gordon plan to pedal the entire way.

After a huge send-off from Melbourne's Treasury Gardens on March 21, the cyclists arrived in Sydney, completing three of the nine stages of this epic, 17,800km event around Australia, through Victoria then NSW via the Riverina, Canberra and Wollongong.

Yesterday morning they were welcomed to the northern beaches by Wakehurst MP Brad Hazzard.

While the cyclists are using pedal power the support crew is travelling in luxury. They are the first people in Australia to drive Winnebago's luxurious new Esperance motorhome.