



# Fresh batch of riders pedalling for Bowen

IN the wake of the Great Australian Bike Ride last week, more cyclists are heading our way.

Ranging in age from 20 to 53 and hailing from Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, the Tour de Cure team of riders and volunteer support crew represent a broad cross section of the Australian community.

Their occupations range from chief executive officers to firefighters, lawyers and health professionals.

The riders will arrive in Bowen on Wednesday, June 3, and a State Of Origin Cure Cancer Category Jersey Presentation Dinner will be held at the Grand View Hotel.

Bowen is the sixth "pit stop" of a marathon 1555km journey from Brisbane to Cairns, all in the name of raising money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Camp Quality, The Leukaemia Foundation, and Cancer Council Australia.

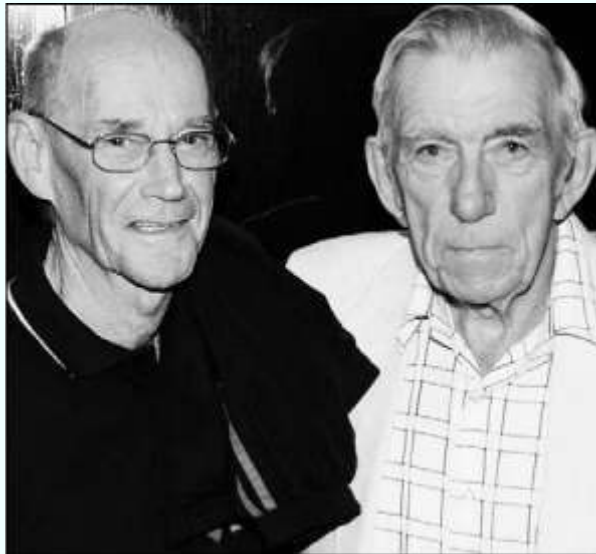
Tour de Cure Category Jerseys (a different colour representing each charity) are awarded at the end of the day to the cyclist who best displayed qualities during the day including focus, support, guts, being a do-er and having a great attitude.

The 2009 Tour de Cure aims to raise \$650,000 this year alone.

"The event is a great opportunity for the Bowen community to get involved with Tour de Cure," says charity co-founder Geoff Coombes.

"After riding 972km from Brisbane, our team will look forward to this social catch-up with the locals and a chance to raise some extra funds for a cure," he said.

The riders are issuing an invitation for Bowen people to join them for dinner and the presentation of Category Jerseys to the team, followed by the State of Origin game



Frank Brazier and Neville Greatorex, above, and below, Cr Dave Clark, centre, with four riders completing the full Aussie Bike around the continent, Tom Brown, Roberta Gordon, Clonny Rundell and John Farrugia Melton.

## Nev gets to meet champ

BOWEN'S Neville Greatorex, right, a noted bike rider in his day, got to meet up with and swap stories with former champion Australian road and track cyclist Frank Brazier when the Great Australian Bike Ride passed through Bowen last week.

Frank represented Australia in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games and was a silver medallist at the 1962 Empire Games in Perth.

On the epic 17,800km cycling event around Australia, he is mechanic and repair man, and has the occasional ride.

The ride, organised by Australian Rotary Health to raise funds for research into mental illness, set out from Melbourne on March 21 and is travelling anti-clockwise around the continent.

Bowen Rotary members and Cr Dave Clarke greeted the riders at the North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club last Wednesday.

The local Rotarians presented the riders with a cheque for \$500.



on the Grand View's big screen TV.

The dinner and jersey presentation is from 6pm (\$20 for an exclusive barbecue and salad feed), followed by the State of Origin screening.

Call the Grand View on 4786 4022 to reserve a seat.

Organisers say the Tour de Cure

is a journey like no other – an annual non-profit event that sees a group of every day people cycle from one part of Australia to help find a cure for cancer.

Having cycled from Brisbane to Sydney in 2007, and Melbourne to Sydney in 2008, the Tour de Cure has already raised more than \$1 Million for the vital

work of Australian cancer charities, including Camp Quality, the Cancer Council, the Leukaemia Foundation, the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

This year the team hopes to raise \$650,000 from the Brisbane to Cairns ride.