



**Worthy journey:** Cyclists in the Great Australian Bike Ride popped into Clintons in Campbelltown, which has supported the group. **Picture: Luke Fuda**

# Cyclists tour Australia to help the mentally ill

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A GROUP of determined cyclists, who are riding around Australia, made a pit stop in Campbelltown on Wednesday.

They started their journey on March 21 in Melbourne's Treasury Gardens to take part in the Great Australian Bike Ride.

So far, they have completed three of the nine stages of the 17,800 kilometre ride.

The ride aims to raise awareness and money for the Australian Rotary

Health, which supports sufferers of mental illness and education programs.

The group stopped at Clintons Toyota in Campbelltown, which had serviced three support buses and fitted tow-bars.

Organiser Peter Lean said Clintons funded mechanical work on the vehicles.

"The group are safety conscious and they have been going really well on their ride, even in the wet weather," he said.

"Some of the riders are over 65 years old.

"Clintons have been a

great supporter, and I could go on forever about the wonderful job they've done to support us in this ride."

It is the first time the cyclists have attempted the ride, which is expected to end in about August.

Most of them are taking part in one or two stages but four cyclists are doing the entire trip around Australia.

After visiting Campbelltown the group rode to Paramatta the next day.

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