



Martin in gear to welcome riders

PORT Hedland Mayor Stan Martin will welcome bike riders at the halfway point of their Great Australian Bike Ride next Friday morning.

The 17,800km seven-month journey, including all Australian cities and various towns in between, began in late March and will finish in Melbourne on World Mental Health Day on October 10.

With one in five Australians affected by mental illness, Australian Rotary Health organised the ride to raise awareness and gain financial support for research into the many different types.

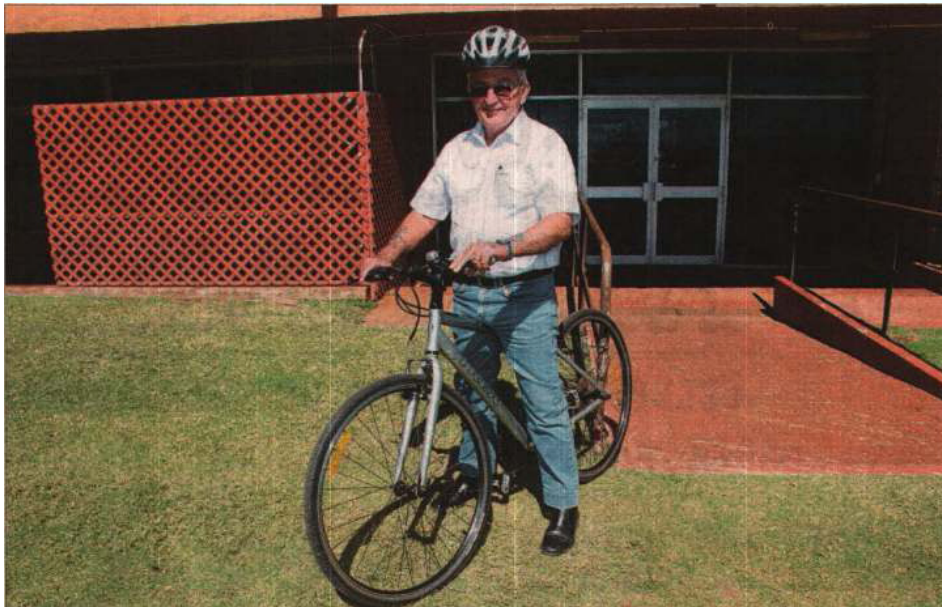
More than 100 cyclists entered at least one stage of the nine-stage ride, with

four riding the entire way.

Stopping in Port Hedland for just one night on the seventh stage of the journey, Australian Rotary Health appealed to Cr Martin to help generate local interest and support by flag-waving the riders off on their departure.

Responding to the organisation's request, the Town of Port Hedland will host a healthy breakfast for the riders before they continue to Karratha, and local Rotarians are billeting the team.

The breakfast will begin at Marapikurrinya Park at 7am on Friday, July 24 followed by the mayoral flag-waving. All members of the community are invited to attend the farewell.



Port Hedland Mayor Stan Martin is geared up to wave off cyclists at the halfway point of the Great Australian Bike Ride