



## Great bike ride, great success

It was a change of venue and a change of night for Rotary last week as the Great Australian Bike Ride came to town.

The bike ride by Rotarians and partners, which is raising money for the Australian Health Research Fund (AHRF), will take seven months to complete.

Planning of the ride began some 17 months ago with organisation of routes to be travelled, arrangement of accommodation and meal stops, obtaining vehicles for support crews, recruiting sponsors and of course riders who volunteered to participate.

Some 74 people began the ride about 10 days ago leaving Melbourne for Hobart which was the destination for the conference of District 9810.

Some 34 riders returned on the ride to Victoria and 14 arrived in Mansfield - seven riders and seven support crew.

They stayed at the Alzburg Resort and the club changed its meeting date and venue so they could enjoy some fellowship and an evening meal in the gardens of the Alzburg by the swimming pool.

It was a perfect autumn evening.



The club donated \$500 to the Great Australian Bike Ride and funds were also added from the fines session and a "heads and tails", which provided an extra \$170 for the AHRF.

With Easter approaching, the Rotary Club of Mansfield will be gearing up for a variety of events such as:

- 11th April - Our barbecue trailer at the bush market;
- 12th April - The trash and treasure market at the recreation ground;
- 19th April - Catering for the chook auction for hospital auxiliary;
- 25th April - The annual Rotary Golf Day in the afternoon; and
- 25th May - The Rotary run bingo night for Salvos Red Shield appeal.

Till next week enjoy Easter and continue to enjoy life.