



# Rotary riders roll in

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PORT Lincoln will next week play host to Rotary Australia's Great Australian Bike Ride as the event nears the end of its seven month run to raise money and awareness for mental health.

The riders arrive in Port Lincoln on Wednesday and enjoy one of only four days off for the whole seven month ride.

The rest day will be well-earned with the riders having endured the Nullarbor Plain followed by their longest day of riding - 167 kilometres between Elliston and Port Lincoln.

The ride started in Melbourne in March heading counter clockwise around Australia after circumnavigating Tasmania.

Riders in the group have changed over the various stages of the ride but there are four riders completing the whole event.

A dinner will be held for the riders by Rotary on Wednesday night at the Lions Hostel, North Shields, and a fundraising dinner is planned at Boston Bay Wines on Thursday night before they head off on Friday.

Locals can meet the riders at McDonalds on Thursday morning and keen riders can join the ride from Port Lincoln to Tumby Bay on Friday for a \$20 registration fee, which will go toward the main goal of raising money for mental health.

The group is expected to arrive in Adelaide on September 27.



**BIKE RIDE:** Rotarian Rod Patterson is coordinating the local leg of the Great Australian Bike Ride, which is raising money for and awareness of mental health.