



Spokes people support great ride

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GEELONG cyclists are encouraged to participate in the Geelong to Melbourne leg of a round-Australia bike ride to raise money for mental health research.

The final leg of the Great Australian Bike Ride has been timed to coincide with World Mental Health Day and will leave Belmont McDonalds on Saturday, October 10 at 7.45am.

The ride will culminate with a reception and lunch in Carlton where Dame Elisabeth Murdoch will greet the cyclists.

Australian Rotary Health organised the ride to raise community awareness and support for its mental health research programs.

It is estimated the riders have raised around \$500,000 so far.

Four cyclists will complete the 204 day ride, having travelled 17,800 km in an anti-clockwise direction around Australia to take advantage of tail winds across the Nullabor. The riders have been joined along the way by other riders with an estimated 35 riders accompanying them from Geelong to Melbourne.

For more information about how to join the ride for the final leg, visit www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au.