



**BIKE BUDDIES:** (from left) Geoff Kennedy, Gonny Rundell, Tom Brown, Karen Brown, Brett Cottee, John Farrugia, Robert Gordon and Malcolm Nicholson.  
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## Long ride for a great cause

**EIGHT** Rotary bike riders will leave Wagga today on a 17,800 kilometre tour around Australia, raising money for mental health research. The riders stopped in Wagga last night after

visiting Henty and Lockhart, and will today travel to Junee and Cootamundra. Starting in Melbourne, the Great Australian Bike Ride aims to raise awareness and money for mental health and

ends on Mental Health Day in October. More than 100 riders have registered to take part, but only four will ride the entire distance, over 204 days, visiting every Rotary district in the country.