



Great Australian Bike Ride heading for Kapunda

On September 23, the Rotary Great Australian Bike Ride will arrive in Kapunda on Day 187 of a 204 day marathon covering 17,800 kilometres travelling around Australia from Melbourne to Melbourne.

Sponsored by Australian Rotary Health, it is the most ambitious bike ride ever held in Australia. The main aim is to fund research projects into all aspects of community health and improve the quality of life for those dealing with mental illness.

Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest provider of funds for mental health research after the Australian Government.

The cyclists will be welcomed

to Kapunda by members of the Rotary Club of Kapunda and will be hosted overnight at the Dutton Park Complex.

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Barossa Valley and Gawler will also attend a special dinner meeting to hear from the riders first-hand on their experiences travelling around Australia.

Following the overnight stay the riders will be farewelled from Kapunda by Light Regional Council Mayor, Mr Robert Hornsey, and accompanied by local riders on the first stage of their journey to Adelaide.

Kapunda Rotary president, Bill O'Brien spoke on the forthcoming ride, "We are really excited that the Great Australian Bike Ride has chosen Kapunda as one of its stops. Kapunda has

a significant history of cycling and there are many active cyclists here who enjoy the sport at a variety of levels".

Mr Dick White, chairman of the GABR, said. "We are delighted with the response we have received from hundreds of towns around Australia who have supported our fundraising and made us feel extremely welcome, with local organizations holding special events. Everyone can see the value of this important project to raise the profile of mental health".

All Kapunda residents are invited to make a contribution to Australia Rotary Health by making use of the numerous special tins located throughout the town.



Local cyclists look forward to the arrival of the Rotary Great Australian Bike Ride in Kapunda. John Dermody, Bob Booth, Rotary president Bill O'Brien and Graham Matters.