



# Cyclists take on nation

A CYCLING event to raise funds and awareness of mental illness will stop off in Geraldton this week.

The Great Australian Bike Ride will arrive on Thursday, as part of an anti-clockwise journey around the country that began in Melbourne in March and will finish back there in October.

More than 100 cyclists have registered to ride one or more of the event's nine stages, with four cyclists registered for the full 17,800km.

The event is an initiative of Australian Rotary Health, Australia's largest provider of funds for mental health research after the Federal Government.

Geraldton Rotary Club president Bob Urquhart said riders were scheduled to arrive at Spalding Park at midday tomorrow.

Mr Urquhart said cyclists would settle in for a rest and maintenance day on Friday, before a special dinner at the Geraldton Club on Friday night and the

resumption of their journey on Saturday morning.

He said Rotary needed help to billet some riders on Thursday and Friday night.

For more information about billeting or to attend the dinner call Rob Young on 9964 1866.