



Kapunda hosts around-Australia cyclists

A GROUP of cyclists will be riding into Kapunda next Wednesday as part of an around Australia trip to raise money for charity.

Cyclists in the Rotary Great Australian Bike Ride (GABR) will arrive in the town on day 186 of a 204-day, 17,800-kilometre trip around the country starting and finishing in Melbourne.

The initiative, which is sponsored by Australian Rotary Health (ARH), aims to raise money to fund research into all aspects of community health and improve the quality of life for people with mental illness.

ARH is Australia's largest provider of funds for mental health research after the federal government.

The cyclists will be welcomed to Kapunda by the Kapunda Rotary Club (KRC) and will stay overnight at the Dutton Park complex.

KRC president Bill O'Brien said the club is excited to host the group.

"We are really excited that the Great Australian Bike Ride has chosen Kapunda as one of its stops," he said.

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

Barossa Valley and Gawler Rotary Clubs will also attend a spe-



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

cial dinner meeting in the town to hear the riders talk about the experiences on the trip.

The group will then be farewelled from Kapunda by Light Regional Council mayor Robert Hornsey before being joined by local riders on the journey to Adelaide.

GABR chairman Dick White said the cyclists have received a great response from communities across the country.

"We are delighted with the re-

sponse we have received from hundreds of towns around Australia who have supported our fundraising and made us feel extremely welcome, with local organisations holding special events," he said.

"Everyone can see the value of this important project to raise the profile of mental health."

Donation tins for the cause have been distributed throughout Kapunda or locals can donate online by visiting www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au.