



It'd be crime to miss crazy ride

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THESE bicycle patrol police officers are more at home on the streets of Adelaide than the winding Hills roads.

But on January 17 they are keen to join what will hopefully be more than 1000 other keen cyclists in the 109km Ride Like Crazy trek to raise money for kids with cancer and cancer research.

Event organiser Brevet Sergeant Dave Scutchings said he was hoping to double the 650 riders who took part in this year's inaugural event – and raise more than \$100,000 in the process.

“We are hoping to in-

volve as many riders as possible so the money raised can really help the fight against cancer,” he said.

On Friday the patrol officers took time out to visit leukemia patient Rebecca Hutchinson, 16, at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

Rebecca, whose father is a police officer at Bordertown, said it was encouraging so many people were prepared to help raise money for cancer research. The ride was named after STAR Group police officer Senior Sergeant Mick “Crazy” Koerner, who was diag-

nosed with an inoperable brain tumour in October 2008. Sgt Koerner died yesterday morning.

The ride starts at Victoria Square, proceeds to Crafers and then through the Hills, and returning to Adelaide to finish at Victoria Square. The half-distance ride – 53.2km – starts at Woodside Oval and joins the other riders to Lobelhal for the ride back to Adelaide.

The cost for the full and half-distance is \$100, with under-18s \$50.

For more details, see www.ridelikecrazy.com.au



MISSION: Rebecca Hutchinson with officers Kate Longden (left), Damien Henning, Mick Klose and Amanda Wright. **Picture:** Tait Schmaal