

Blanket run fights cold



Riders from the Longriders Christian Motorcycle Club collected blankets and money to help families in need cope with winter chill.

By Rhody Gleeson

The roaring engines of more than 80 Longriders Christian Motorcycle Club members provided a little warmth on a cold wet July morning recently as they took part in their annual Winterblues Blanket Run.

Riders from as far away as Mt Gambier gathered at the Great Eastern Hotel in Littlehampton before heading through Woodside, Tanunda, Angaston and Salisbury in support of Lutheran Community Care.

A van load of blankets, coats, non-perishable goods and toiletries were donated by riders and members of the public to help families doing it tough this

winter. Event organiser Shaun McGrath said he was chuffed with the turnout despite the bleak weather forecast.

"The road prayer worked," he said. "Amazingly, the day turned out to be quite sunny despite a couple of minor showers along the way," he said.

Helen Lockwood, director of Lutheran Community Care, said she was extremely grateful for the generosity of everyone who helped out.

"We were getting very short on blankets this winter," she said.

"This will go a long way to help the many struggling families out there."

"We are very appreciative to have raised \$1000 along with the van load of blankets for this very worthy cause."