



TICKET TO RIDE: Breast cancer survivor Donna Handley is taking part in the US motorbike ride. Picture: ELENOR TEDENBORG

Changing Gears for breast cancer

AN Elanora Heights woman who beat breast cancer is heading to the US to participate in a motorbike ride to raise awareness of the illness.

Donna Handley, 38, who has been clear of breast cancer for three years, is one of only five Australian women invited to participate in the Changing Gears ride down the Californian coast from San Francisco to San Diego in October.

Fifteen women from Canada and the US are also participating.

All participants must have been diagnosed with breast cancer when they were under 40, have young children and be pre-menopausal. They must also have obtained their motorbike licence after they were diagnosed.

"It's going to be an awesome experience riding motorbikes with 20 women in the same

position as me, sharing our personal stories," Mrs Handley said.

"I love riding motorbikes – it's become a real passion for me. I'm so excited about it."

The motorbikes used on the seven-day ride will be provided by Harley-Davidson, as will the riding gear.

But the Australian women still need funding to help pay for flights. Sponsors can call 0408 367 925.