



# Not The Spoken Word

Bi-monthly newsletter of The Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Inc.

## Bike Week Exhibition - Our Hidden Cycling History

The club's Bike Week funding application was successful and a number of members have given generously of their time to bring it to fruition.

The exhibition will be open to the public from Monday Feb 29th, with our official opening on Thursday March 3rd.

We've now had two pieces about the exhibition in The West, a reasonable length article in The West Australian on Boxing Day and an outing in the Can You Help? section a couple of weeks ago. Both articles have prompted contact by email and phone from members of the public. One such contact has led to the loan of a bike once owned by Arthur E Hartley for the exhibition. Arthur's is a very interesting story that involves very many turns of the cranks.

5 of the 7 bikes on show have been drawn from members' collections. The 7th bike is Steele Bishop's steed from his successful tilt at a World Championship. It's on loan from the WA Museum collection.

The club has also been gifted an old state jersey and a letter from Hubert Opperman giving training advice to an admirer. Wonderful items, both of which will form part of the show.

This is the club's first multi-day exhibition and it represents a great month long opportunity to raise our profile. We'll continue to send out press releases during March in an effort to get as many people as possible into Perth to see it.

The Museum of Perth is manned when open however it would be wonderful if members were present whenever possible, if you can volunteer some time please let me know.

Exhibition details;

Where: Museum of Perth, Grand Lane, Perth

When: Feb 29th to Mar 27th

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am - 3pm Sat: 9am - 2pm

The exhibition spills over onto our website as well:

[historicalcycleclub.com.au/hidden](http://historicalcycleclub.com.au/hidden)

N.B. The Museum of Perth is not the WA Museum! It's a small volunteer run space down a laneway. The laneway runs behind buildings on Barrack St between Wellington St and the Murray St Mall. It's very close to Perth Station.

*Robert Frith*

## Wally Passmore Roach

Geoffrey Worth was a visitor at our February meeting. He saw the Can You Help piece in The West Australian recently and while he couldn't shed any light on the Ken Bugden story he shared with us the research he's been doing on his great great uncle;

*My late Great Great Uncle Wallie Passmore Roach (he was my grandmothers brother) was a very good cyclist in WA before he enlisted with the 11th Battalion and went off to war at Gallipoli and was killed in action on the first day, 25th April 1915, at the age of 21.*

*Through my Grand Parents and Parents, I am now in possession of his cycling medals and also his postcard albums that also contain postcards of his cycling days.*

*I believe from the information I have obtained that he ran the cycle shop in Steere street in Collie before going off to war. His father was very well known within the Guildford community.*

*Geoffrey I. Worth*

## Gary Wiggins

Gary Wright was inspired to write to remind us that 2012 Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins' father Gary won the Griffin 1000 in WA in 1985. The Griffin 1000 was a seven day stage race that covered 1000km between Perth and Manjimup.

Gary Wiggins was an Australian, born in Victoria, who moved to the UK in his early twenties, racing on the Continent for almost a decade.

Estranged from his second wife Gary returned to Australia after an accident in 1987 and died in 2008 following a fall after a fight at a party.



# Club Calendar

## Exhibition at Museum of Perth

- Monday Feb 29 to Sunday March 27
- Opening night 7pm March 3rd
- Grand Lane, Perth

## City of Vincent Swap Meet - Saturday March 19th

8 -12am, 590 Beaufort Street, Mt Lawley

## Giro d'Perth Display - Sunday March 20th

Dorrien Gardens, North Perth

## Meeting - Monday Mar 21th 7.30pm

Ardross Clubroom

## Display - Guildford Heritage Festival Sunday Apr 3rd 10am -5pm

Stirling Square, Guildford

## Meeting - Monday Apr 18th 7.30pm

Ardross Clubroom

## Ride - Saturday May 7th

Vancouver St Festival and Tweed Ride, Albany

## Meeting - Monday May 16th 7.30pm

Ardross Clubroom

## Display - Arthur Grady Day Saturday May 28th

Kings Square, Fremantle

## AGM - Monday Jun 20th 7.30pm

Ardross Clubroom

## Meeting - Monday Jul 18th 7.30pm

Ardross Clubroom

## Meeting - Monday Aug 15th 7.30pm

Ardross Clubroom

Please Join Us For  
**OPENING NIGHT**  
at the  
**MUSEUM OF PERTH**  
**GRAND LANE**  
between MURRAY ST MALL  
& WELLINGTON ST, CBD  
**THURSDAY**  
MARCH 3, 2016  
7:30 - 9:00 PM  
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OUR HIDDEN  
*Cycling*  
HISTORY

STORIES FROM WA IN A TIME  
WHEN BICYCLES WERE A VITAL PART  
OF OUR TRANSPORT MIX.

BIKE WEEK 2016  
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