

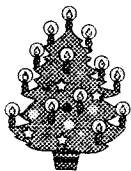
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Spoke 'n Word

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Newsletter

December 2000



To all Club members families and friends - A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May all your Cycling be dry, the wind behind you, punctureless and no attacks of gravity. We welcome back Merv and Dawn from their world trip, Eric and Jean Barrett after 6 mths in the UK and Malcolm & Julie

Buckland and family from their European holiday. With all these returners we were up to 16 for the last meeting including Dave C's Mum who joined us for the evening. Money wise we still have \$1391 despite all these holidays! **Past Events.** *Ellenbrook* Alan, Phil, Mal Bell, Bob & Blanche went. The organisation still haven't marked the route well enough for visitors to find their way round the Course or thank them for turning up. So this event is off our calendar for next year.

Mandurah Bridge to Bridge - About 200 cyclists including Barry Cable, Alan, Wendy, Daves C & B & Ruth took part in this event which raised \$8000 for spinal reasearch. Club members opted for the 13km ride along the sea side paths and round the canals. An early start meant that the breeze was still cool and generally behind us. Whilst still managing to get lost we did find marshalls to guide us back to the start along the scenic coastal route at Halls Head. On our return there was a chance to look at other bicycles and talk to their riders. One had made a very professionally finished Easyrider style tricycle with steeply angled steering head and forks.. The "Under 100" prize for the Best Dressed Rider and Bicycle was presented to Alan in 1900 cycling costume on his Hercules Kangaroo bike. The prize - a dinner for two to the value of \$40 made the early start and drive down seem worth the effort and we got lots of mentions for the Hysterical Cycling Club and featured in the organisers on the day video filming. Alfresco lunch and a ride on Dave C's recumbent rounded off the event in style.

Bike West/WAHCC Club run. 20 plus Club riders and visitors from Melville BUG gathered at the VCC rooms for the 3pm start. Perfect cycling weather, cool with a breeze but just enough sun for a layer of +30. We were treated to the sight of Malcolm's newly made recumbent trike and imported BRG Moulton. The trike was striking, apart from the dayglow paint work, the ingenuity that had gone into its construction in using BMX forks to mount the awesomely powerful

Next Meeting : Monday 15th January at 7.00pm
VCC Club Rooms 6b Hickey Street, Ardross.
Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month

WAHCC Committee:- President Merv Thompson. 9450-2579 Vice President Alan Naber. 9332-3956
Treasurer Peter Smith. 9405-7561 Secretary Dave Brown. 9581-9084 Historian Ken Ward 9364-3601
Events Coordination Phil Harris 9459-7146

V brakes which can easily lift the back wheel. This machine is worthy of a full description, pictures and a ride if you can blag one off Malcolm and your shoes are equipped with cleats for safety. Bob Barrow had his new to me Icecream trike along and this was pretty speedy too and talking to Bob after was very rewarding. This time the ride along the Melville shore was eastwards towards the Canning Bridge. With the boardwalk and steep inclines this is quite a challenging but rewarding ride with good views out over the Swan and Canning rivers, windsurfers, kite surfers, yachts and somebody that looked like a Mermaid with long blonde hair sitting down on the waters edge in the Canning river section. The ride also gave Phil the chance to show his improvisation and preparedness skills by having pliers to cut fence wire to make up a new connecting link for Dawn after her chain separated. " My Hero" said Dave C. On the way back we meet David Doust of the Recumbent Club coming to meet us on his Greenspeed. He and the rest of us made it back for the BarBQ where again Peter Smith demonstrated that he is King of Sizzlers with his uniformly cooked snaggers and onions. Thanks to the ladies there were hot and cold drinks with Cake to follow, whilst we chatted of our ride /current bike/ old bike and all the other topics that make these Club Rides fun to attend. *The next ride is on the 22nd Jan. at Rockingham.*
Future Events - 29th Nov. Fremantle Traffic Free Day - gives Club Members a chance to be seen in a parade in period dress and hopefully get some TV time and exposure for the Club.

Kalamunda 10th Dec. for details see the Planner. The Organisers are keen for us to attend and have requested period costume and don't mind if we walk the steep bits. Eric was looking for a rider for his P/F any offers??

Christmas Puzzle. The following anonymous tip-off was received at the club ride - "*There is a rumour going round the club about a member having made a new purchase! Apperently he pulled the deal off last week after weeks of saving and negotiations. I also heard that its got one large wheel and one small one. All maybe revealed at the next meeting.*"

New Club Member - Warm Congratulations to Phil and Lynn. They are expecting a call from the Stork in 2001 and increasing our membership. Twins are in the family - so anybody know of a small tandem with trainer wheels? *Continued Over.*

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After the excitement of the ride and revelations it's back to the meeting of the 20th Nov. ...

Thanks Malcolm for donating a Book "Easy Cycling in Britain". and for telling us of the liquidation of Sturmeys Archer/Brooks. The word is "gather ye spares while you may".

Coming Attractions

Merv is hoping to be able to get an expert this time on **Leather Restoration** to come and help us with our old saddles or keeping our new saddles in prime condition. If he is as good as the Pin Stripping expert then that will be an evening well spent for all members. Good luck with that one Merv.

Christmas Reading

We now have an extensive range of Cycling Magazine that can be borrowed via Ken Ward - put your order in now to beat the Xmas rush.

Show and Tell

Alan had the book "All American Bikes, some UK magazines and price lists from two cycle auction/sales, one in Germany and the other from Beaulieu in England.

Eric in response to an earlier request had brought back from the UK four sets of bifurcated rivets for saddle repair/leather replacement which he will sell for \$2.50 each.

David C had a child's cycle which for a donation to the club went quickly to a new home with Peter for his young man. We have another lady called "Indi" 500 who has just joined the ranks of club bicycles. A plea for tyres was made. Malcolm offered to see if he could help to make her well shod.

Phil had been to the Motorcycle Races and had a Manx Norton and 500 Matchless G50 pictures and an Isle of Man Flag signed by Phil Read. Barry Sheen signed something but he was keeping that tucked away.

Merv had located the rest of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics cycle badges that he had hoped to bring to the September meeting in a bird seed jar! He also had a Before and After photos of his P/F renovation. His other treasures were a spoke activated pre-war bell in brand new condition and finally for Fancy Tin collectors the best painted Puncture Repair tin ever, anywhere, promise!

Appeals corner

Merv urgently needs some decals to complete the restoration/renovation of a Raleigh Ladies bicycle. Negotiate your price, but stop at Dawn says Dave C - as we need her for the Club teas!

Correspondence Column.

Old Bike v New Bike

Why is one comfortable and glides along and the other needs lots of input and make the hands and feet go numb?

After two rides of similar distance and speed etc. I pondered why after 45 minutes in the saddle of the old bike I felt no pain, was not pedalling all the time and had enjoyed a great ride and conquered some steep bits. Whereas after 10 minutes with a gel saddle I was standing up and despite 80psi inflation, slicks and only 1.5 inch tyres was pedalling most of the time?

Given a weight difference of 24lbs (10+kgs) 1.75 inch tyres operating at 40psi the old bike was the most fun.

Ok. I belong to the Historic Club, am biased and it should be self evident that they can't make bikes like they used to - but is this the real reason for these differences.?

Comfort. The riding position? Modern Mountain Bikes have about 60/40 forward bias so should exert less push on the posterior which even with a narrower saddle should mean the pressure should be about the same per cm²? Should being the operative word is the harder narrower tyre the ultimate culprit.? The 40% forward weight distribution at least accounts for the numb hands despite the gel gloves and Grab On grips.

So what about the pedalling perception?

The adage "a lb (0.5Kg) off the wheels is worth two lb (1Kg) off the frame" may be true for ultimate acceleration hence the alloy rims and hubs, titanium skewers, Kevlar instead of wire in the tyre rim and wasted spokes. But I think bicycle designers have ignored the stored energy in the old steel wheels and tyres and tubes that keeps you going and can be used to take you well up the next rise and that 28 inch wheels go over bumps better than 26 inch and make it possible to freewheel and enjoy the surroundings.

Moulton Owners know how the pain in the rear and hands can be cured by suspension and a less radical riding position but can they offer gliding capacity as well? I hope they can, as I would like to find something for every day transport that didn't leave me tingling for the wrong reasons. **Cyclops**

(at least she/he seems to be able to see the possibility of more than one answer- should it have been Cycleclips - Ed.)

Ok. Old fellow what are you doing here? The buses stopped hours ago.



Remember dumb animals at Christmas.

Leave out some carrots for the reindeer. Life's difficult enough for them with all those deliveries without you not believing in them anymore!

Have a great Christmas and ease into 2001 with aplomb. See you next year - 15th January KBO.

Western Australian Historical Cycle Club **Events Planner**

December 2000 issue

WAHCC meetings occur on the Third Monday of each month and are held at :- The VCC Club Rooms, 6b Hickey Street, Ardross. (Old Wireless Hill Houses)

Please Note :- Hickey Street divides soon after the start - at the bend - take the small road on the right.

Event	Date	Location	Contact	Comments
Kalamunda Christmas Pageant .	Sunday 10th Dec 4pm for 4.30pm	Meet Kalamunda Kostera Oval on Recreation Rd - opposite Kalamunda Toyota	Alan Naber 9332 3956	Period costume. Helmets not required. Carols to follow.
WAHCC First Monthly Meeting of 2001 ** Special Attraction** Alan's Slides of Brooklands Museum Beaulieu & German Vintage Cycle meets	Monday 15th January 7pm	VCC Club Rooms	Dave Brown 9581 9084	Bring your Xmas presents and let the others have a ride/look. Video Last Episode of Cycling History. Not to be missed. ** Alan's Slides and Talk
Dunsborough Festival. Criterium and Road Race Penny Farthing Races	20 & 21st January.	Dunsborough Town	Phil Hopkins WA Cycling Fed. 9274 0155	Another event that should make excellent photo shots. Details circulated to Club riders when available.
New Year WAHCC 1st Club Ride & BarBQ	Sunday 21st January. 2001 9.30 am	ROCKINGHAM see map for location of meeting point and way in from Perth	M Buckland 9527-9427	Sun, Sand, Sea and Cycles = Heaven & +30 Chance to try each others bikes
WAHCC Monthly Meeting	Monday 19th February 7pm	VCC Club Rooms	Dave Brown 9581 9084	Excellent Video from Mal Bell on P/F and Antique Cycle via Channel 31
Avon Valley	18th Feb.2001	Northam	Phil Harris 9459 7146	Invitation to attend details nearer the date. Sharing trailer possible.
Guildford Celebrations	1st April 2001	Stirling Square Guildford	M Thomson 9450-2579 with WA Cycling Federation	Period costume please for Parade and display of as many members mounts as possible
Pinjarra Festival	First Weekend in June 2001	Edenvale House Pinjarra	Tom Atkinson 9531-1243	They want us back for another display of our cycles

Travel Directions from Perth

Proceed along Patterson Road on the outskirts of Rockingham. You pass a Bunnings Super Store on the right. After another 2km you come to Two sets of Traffic Lights. Travel straight through (on green)

- 100yds after second set of lights.
- Turn left** - into Rockingham Road
- 100yds further on take the **First Right** - into Val Street

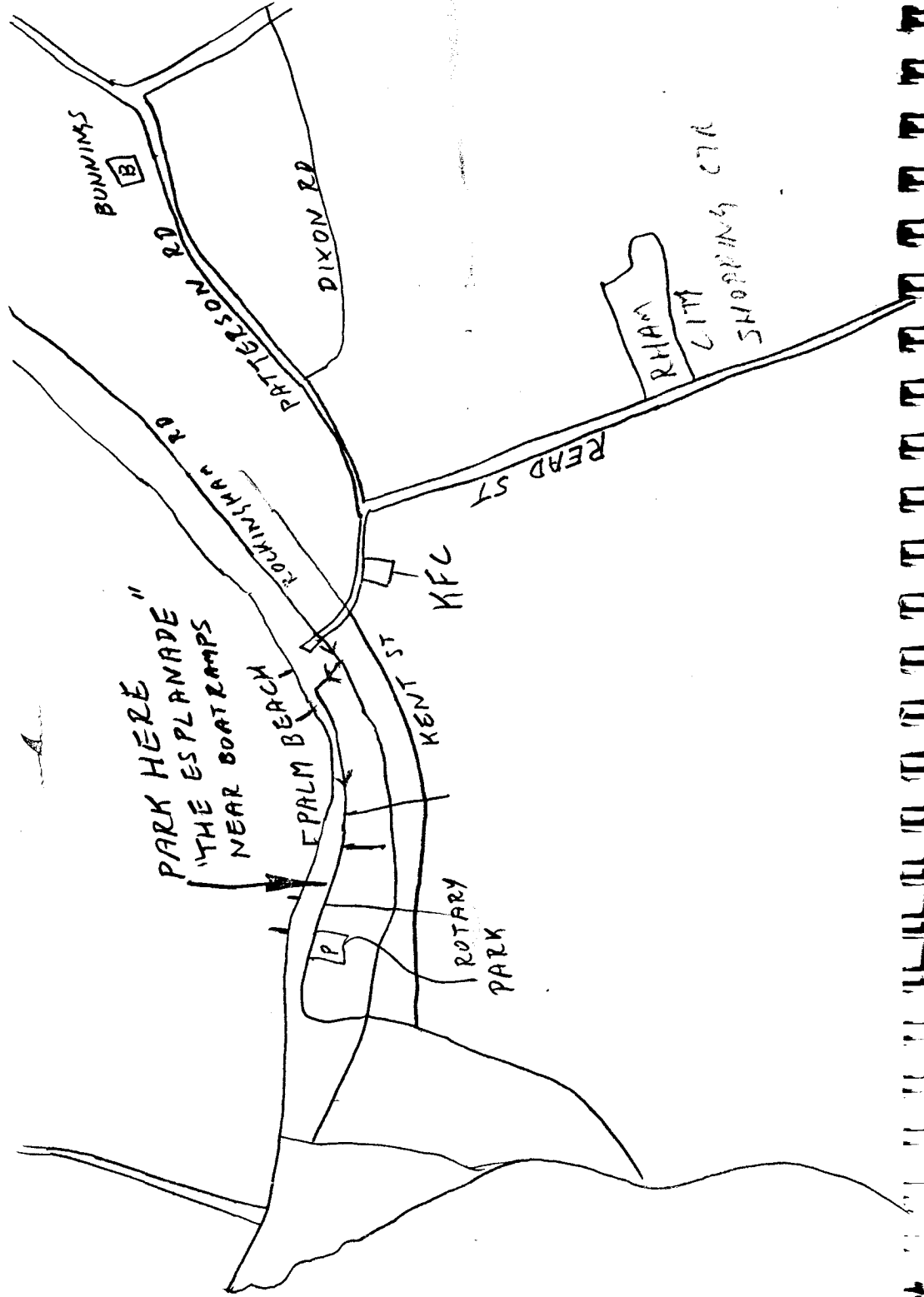
Follow the Esplanade Road along the Beach for about 500yds: **Park near the Two Boat Ramps and** look for the gathering ensemble .

You need to bring
a Chair, Sun Hat, +30, Food and Drink .

N.B we hope to use one of the Shade Huts and the Free electric Bar BQ's

The Ride - on your own and who ever else's bike you can borrow is out and back along the Sea Front

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THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL CYCLE CLUB INC.

The Club's aims are to try to find, restore, display and ride old or interesting cycles in Western Australia. We as members do this because its fun and because we feel that the cycles are part of W. A. Heritage which should be preserved for future generations. We are always keen to met people who like cycles and cycling in the hopes that they will join our Club.

We get together on the third Monday of each month at :- Wireless Hill, 6b Hickey Street, Ardross. Once you have found Hickey Street it divides on the first bend - 6b is up the narrow bitumen track on the right.

Come along as our guest for a meeting or two to get to know us.
Contact D Brown 08 - 9581 - 9084.

We also have regular social rides in the Greater Perth Area If you fancy joining us for a ride contact Alan Naber on 08 - 9332 - 3956 for details of the next ride.

Our Annual Membership fee is only \$20!

For your \$20 you get a monthly Newsletter and access to years of cycling experience. So if you have an old or interesting cycle or know of one resting in a shed or that needs to be saved from the tip we would appreciate you telling us so that we can see if the cycle can be identified and bought back into use.

If you give us your name address and phone number we will contact you either about a Membership Enquiry or the Location of an Old Cycle.

Thank you for time.

Membership Enquiry

Name

Contact Address

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Contact Phone No

Signature

Annual Membership Fee is \$20 for individual or Family Membership

For Club records. Annual Subs _____ Date Paid _____

Please return this Section to treasurer.

Location of Old Cycle

Contact Phone number.....

Other details:-

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