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## MINUTES OF MEETING 19 MAY 2014

### **Meeting Opened 7:30pm**

**Present** - 17 members present

**Apologies** - Rob Frith, Topy Gear, Denise Gibbs

**Visitors** - Val Humphrey from Revolutions Transport Museum, Whiteman Park.

Announcements - Nil

### **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting**

Moved Phil Harris. Seconded by Rob Hunt.

**Treasurers Report** - N/A at this time

### **Matters Arising**

◇ (note from R. Frith in absentia) Lotterywest Grant Application - still no news, they have now asked for a profit and loss statement and have deferred assessment of the application until June

### **Correspondence Inward**

◇ 3 additions to the online Swansea Register  
Tony Somers offering a 'Hand tricycle' for sale  
Tim Blake enquiring about restorers for a ladies Ricardo with sentimental value (R. Frith responded)

◇ History Council of WA online survey. (R. Frith responded)

◇ M. Thompson received letter from "Have A Go Day" Committee for this years event and WAHCC participation

**Correspondence Outward** - Nil.

### **Events Co-ordinator Report**

◇ M. Thompson gave report on Toodyay's Moondyne Festival. Some disappointment of reduction and relocation of WAHCC allotted display area for this year. It was felt by those attending that the club was somewhat shunted out of the main crowd traffic, and some anecdotal evidence of friends attending not even being able to find the display.

◇ P. Harris for the Arthur O'Grady Day in Fremantle. 7 Members and a total of 23 bikes attended. Patchy weather on the day saved by Cameron Smith's foresight to bring a tarpaulin. General positive impression by those club members in attendance in this year. A number of new membership enquiries were made.

### **Upcoming Events**

◇ Sunday 29th June Midvale Speed Dome Display  
◇ Monday 30th June (a rare 5th Monday of the month)  
Jim Fitzpatrick to speak at Hickey St.  
Move by P. Harris to have club copy of Jim's latest book

to be purchased. Seconded by R. Hunt.

◇ "Have a Go Day" 12th November

◇ Bus Trip & "Tour-de-Rust" in pipeline but still TBC.

### **General Business**

◇ Some feedback by way of thanks to Dave Clark from the Albany Club contingent for the loan bikes on display in town.

◇ Alan Hind raised issue of wider club promotion and better circulation of event photos.

◇ Alan Naber announced he has his "Rolls Rocket" early dual suspension bike and Local Delivery bike for sale.

### **Show and Tell**

◇ Val Humphrey, guest speaker from Revolutions Transport Museum at Whiteman park bought in some slides and photos of a late 19th century Velocipede from the Museum's collection. Val discussed its place in the collection and plans for for the delicate path between preservation and restoration.

◇ M. Bell also bought in his own very similar Velocipede example by way of comparison of construction and detail to complement Val's presentation.

◇ P. Harris bought in some more loot from his ever bountiful travels around the Perth metro area, a French MBK road bike with some distinct recessed under top tube cable routing and a Kojima Condor both of approximately mid 1980s provenance.

### **Meeting Closed: 8:50pm**

## MINUTES OF MEETING 21 APRIL 2014

**Meeting opened** - 19:30 Monday 21 April, 2014

**Present** - Rob Frith, Kym Murray, Alan Hind, Peter Wells, Robert Hunt, Phil Harris Judy & Harold Perry, and Cameron Smith.

**Apologies** - Alan Naber, Mal Bell, Stephen McVey

**Visitors** - Carol & Ian Bassola

**Next Meeting** - Monday 19th, May 2013

### **Announcements**

◇ President opened the meeting and accepted nomination of Kym Murray to role of secretary. Seconded by Phil Harris. K. Murray elected unopposed.

◇ Call for a Committee meeting prior to June's scheduled AGM.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 16th June 7:30pm (AGM)

Monday 21 July 7:30pm

### Committee

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**Treasurers Report - Nil**

**Matters arising - Nil**

**Correspondence Inward**

◊ Val Humphrey from Whiteman Park's Transport Heritage Museum confirming date for club presentation

◊ Lotterywest

◊ UWA School Psychology requesting survey participation volunteers

◊ Local "Flash" Cycle registry contribution from Riego Hidalgo's Chrome #436 Third entry for the new database.

◊ Sid Woodvine regarding talk

◊ City of Albany sent cheque for the loan of Dave Clarke's of bikes

◊ Mrs Thelma Munley query about her possession of two "Cycling Ties". Robert Hunt living nearby to contact.

**Correspondence Outward - Nil**

**Events Co-ordinator Report**

◊ Guildford Show. Well attended by 10 members.

◊ Club participation of "Ride in the Valley" no longer happening. City of Swan notified.

◊ Moondyne Festival, Toodyay, 4th May. Same situation as previous years (?)

◊ Arthur Grady Heritage Day, Fremantle. 10th May Display and ride potential for WAHCC members alongside vintage motorcycle emphasis of this event. Confirmation of venue from that event committee is pending.

◊ Guest speaker Val Humphrey presenting at next monthly meeting 19th May.

◊ Midvale Speeddome Display - 29th June under auspices of national race event at the SpeedDome. Members to be at the Eastern entrance by 0900 to unload. Members to wear shirts, or at least club name badge to avoid standard entrance public fee. BYO chair and lunch.

◊ Potential for group Harvey trip to visit an ex-Antique dealers storage facility. Contact initially made by Alan Hind. Watch this space.

**General Business - Nil**

**Show and Tell**

◊ Phil Harris - Mongoose Mountain Bike Bargain from markets.

◊ Ian Bassola - Early 1940s 2 Swan Swansea found at Mt Helena

◊ Alan Naber's Wheel building & truing demonstration postponed due to illness

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** - Robert Hunt moved Alan Hind seconded.

**Meeting Closed at 20:40**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Midland - SpeedDome Display  
Sunday June 29th 7am**

Club Members displaying bikes please be aware that the SpeedDome would prefer that we take bikes to the venue on Saturday afternoon prior to 5pm. Members wishing to take bikes on Sunday morning must arrive by 7:30am at the latest. In either case use the eastern entrance. Members, if you are not wearing club shirts, make sure that you are wearing your WAHCC name badge or you will be charged for entering. Bring your own lunch and chairs.

The racing is spectacular - don't miss this event. Further info Phil Harris 94597146

**Club Rooms - Speaker Jim Fitzpatrick  
POSTPONED**

Jim Fitzpatrick's books on cycling history are already well known to many club members. His books "The Bicycle in the Bush" and "The Bicycle in Wartime" are landmark publications about a neglected aspect of everyday life in the late 19th and early 20th century. "Major Taylor in Australia" is an eye opening and gripping account of events near the end of Taylor's stellar career.

His latest title, "Wheeling Matilda" was released in October 2013. Jim will be speaking at the WAHCC clubrooms on June 30th. He is happy to sign books on the night however he can only bring a limited number with him. His books are available from the Star Hill Studio website; <http://www.thebicycleinwartime.com/books>

Two of his books are available as ebooks from Amazon.

Entry by gold coin donation.

**General meeting with speaker Ian Thomas  
Monday 21st July 7:30pm**

**Clubroom Ride - 6 Hickey St  
Sunday 27th July 10am**

**Tour de Ruste  
Sunday 3rd August 10am (provisional date)**

**General meeting with speaker Sid Woodvine  
Monday 18th August 7:30pm**

**Whiteman Park Picnic and Ride  
Sunday 24th August 10am**

**General meeting - Alan Naber's Wheel Workshop  
Monday 15th September 7:30pm**

**Pinjarra / Harvey Bus Tour  
Sunday 28th September (provisional date)**

**October event TBA**

**MS Ride Display  
Sunday October 19th time TBA**

**Have A Go Day - Burswood  
Wednesday 12th November Time TBA**

**Tweed Run?? Sometime in November  
Christmas Pageant... Christmas wind-up all TBA!**

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Our constitution

The club's constitution was drafted and adopted in the late 90's as a part of the incorporation process. It has much in common with hundreds, possibly thousands, of other clubs around Australia. To the best of my knowledge the provisions in the constitution that protect the club and its members have never been tested. Long may that remain the case.

The constitution is not a document that we refer to in the routine business of running the club, yet the protections it afford us are only available if we have been operating within its framework.

Section 11.1 of the club's constitution states "The quorum for a general meeting is 60% of the member present in person".

Comparisons between our attendance book and our membership list indicate that the club is unlikely to have had a quorum at general meetings, including annual general meetings, for quite some time. Resolutions taken and officials elected for some years may have no legal basis at all! It's obviously a situation that needs correcting.

Most clubs have much less onerous quorum requirements. A more sensible quorum would be in the order of 5-10 financial members.

I harbour concerns about Section 10.3 as well; "If, within the 30 days referred to in rule 9(2)(b), the Secretary has not called a special general meeting the requisitioners or the member subject to expulsion may call the meeting." No other mention is made of expulsion in Section 10, it is dealt with specifically, comprehensively and definitively in Section 5. I'd love to hear from members on these matters, particularly those with some legal knowledge or access to the same.

In order to change the constitution a special general meeting must be called, giving members 21 days notice. The special general meeting can be held at the same time as a general meeting.

Thanks, Rob Frith.

### Arthur Grady Day Display

Seven members turned out a total 23 bikes on a rainy Saturday morning in Fremantle. As you can see from the photo we were allocated a prime spot on the forecourt of St John's Anglican Church - some would say our God given right. In any case it gave us access to shelter and song and we were able to spread the gospel of the bike from our outdoor pulpit.

Many thanks to all who attended, especially the first time displayers and to non displaying members who came along and lent moral support.

## AN URBAN MYTH

Email is a great host for the urban myth. One that has been doing the rounds since at least 2006 is a list of "facts" about everyone's favourite spraycan - WD-40.

It popped up recently on the Vintage Cycle Club of Victoria's email list. The punch line is that WD-40 is made of fish oil. In actual fact, while its ingredients remain a secret, chemical analysis show that it is much more likely to be just what you've always thought it was - a petrochemical compound.

Snopes, a myth busting website of repute has this to say about the email;

"We queried the manufacturer of WD-40 about this e-mail to see if they could provide any enlightenment, and their customer service department responded by offering a modified list from which they "removed the tips we do not recommend." The manufacturer-recommended uses for WD-40 spray that remained after their emendations were as follows:

3. Protects silver from tarnishing.
4. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
10. Loosens stubborn zippers.
11. Untangles jewelry chains.
14. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
18. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
19. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.



- No water! 23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.....

Read on at <http://bit.ly/SHzz2D>



## Greetings from outback WA part 2

Alan Naber

I arrived at a real railway station, all stone and built in 1897. It boasts the longest platform in WA. Another feature of the big city has arrived here being the constant traffic, even more SUVs than Perth, with many looking like they have been used for their designed purpose, being covered in brown dust. Cycling was reminiscent of California, wide straight streets giving one plenty of room. Mostly tar a bit bumpy in places. I cycled around the sights but not as far as other gold town at least 50 km away. Since the 1980s the small mines have combined and now disappearing in the spectacular Super Pit; no bikes allowed, but I took a bus visit and watched the dinky toy ore carriers crawling up the 650 m deep sides.

The newish WA Museum in the centre of town has a mine head-frame giving great view of the city. Underground is a gold vault with real gold bars and nuggets, all behind thick glass unfortunately!

I visited a few of the sights, my favourite being the town hall, the best of 1800s luxury and hardly changed, the theatre seats in decorative cast iron were beautiful.

Hay street's 'houses of pleasure' looked very quiet, but now supplement their income with guided tours (sort of try before you buy?)

The youth hostel accommodated more itinerant workers than backpackers, some were backpackers however, who worked on station or remote mines and were visiting for a few days break.

Here I met a young man from Japan who had mostly cycled from Alaska, and currently circling Australia, a lady who had cycled the Nullabor and a couple of grey nomads spending a few months in Kal.

I took the twice weekly bus to Esperance, quite comfortable, no problem taking my bike, got the front seat and enjoyed the endless variety of trees, salt lakes and



paddocks. I noticed the number of cars doing the trip. It seems many workers in Kal spend their off time in Esperance. As the wide gauge rail goes down there from Kal it is surprising the prospector train does not continue down there. It's 150 kph traveling speed would make it quicker than driving.

Esperance is a beautiful spot, somehow missed by the majority of tourists it seems. So beautifully quiet as well. I stayed at the youth hostel, a rambling old fibro building with lots of character. It was also quiet, my only companions being a young Japanese couple, who had just cycled the Nullabor. The husband had cycle toured Aus previously, gone home, found a wife and for their honeymoon they were cycling the country together.

I could have spent weeks around Esperance, the clear sea, squeaky white sand are like nowhere else. Lucky Bay really does have lazy roos on the beach who are quite oblivious to having their photo taken. The climb to Frenchmans peak was well worth the effort. One is sheltered from the wind in the giant cave under the frenchman's cap at the top. The views are just amazing; clear blue sea, islands and Cape Le Grande heathland.

Rounding off Esperance was the most amazing boat trip. The brand new sparkling white (to match the sand) tourist boat does not run every day but luckily there were enough people to run it at the weekend. Passing the variety of islands we found the seals were just waiting to perform in front of us. On the rocks and yawning, in and out of the sea, roll over each other. Just to add to the magic, a majestic fish eagle came to see if we had a fish for it. Our hostess threw a fish in the sea and the eagle demonstrated its diving skill. Our destination was Woody Island where a bush camp is available for people wanting to really get away from it all.

That's enough of the raving about Esperance, next stop Albany! to be continued ...

