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NEWSLETTER

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## MINUTES OF MEETING 17 NOVEMBER 2014

### Meeting Opened 7:36pm

#### Present

Robert Frith, Mal Bell, Myrene Bell, Harold Perry, Judy Perry, Merv Thompson, Robert Hunt, Phil Harris, Mal Buckland, Tony Hall, Alan Hind, Cameron Smith, Phil Harris, Peter Wells

#### Apologies

Tim Eastwood, Kym Murray

#### Visitors

none

#### Next Meeting

Monday 19th, January 2015

#### Announcements:

Committee member and Events Coordinator Phil Harris has suffered a stroke which will limit his ability to discharge his club duties.

#### Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

moved Robert Hunt, seconded Phil Harris. (Peter Wells noted that the Incorporation Act may preclude the club from acting on the November motion to move to a "one to sign" bank account. Treasurer Mal Bell will check.)

#### Treasurers Report: none

#### Matters Arising:

Nil

#### Correspondence Inward:

Nil

#### Correspondence Outward:

Nil

#### Events Co-ordinator Report

Recent Events Attended or Held:

**Have A Go Day;** MervThompson reported that we had 30 bikes and 14 members in attendance. Lots of interest but no new members gained. Over 55's Cycling Club were also there. Their membership is around 250.

**Tweed Run;** Rob Frith reported that 6 members attended the 4th Freo Tweed Run. The weather was the best yet

#### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 30th Christmas Party

December 6th Christmas Pageant - Mal will brief riders at the Christmas Party

#### General Business:

Mal Bell was alerted to the screening of a bicycle history documentary - The Museum of Everyday Things. He, Phil and Merv participated in the making of the film a few years ago. Mal has attempted to contact the film makers, Great Western Entertainment, without success to date.

Mal Buckland is still chasing 26 x 1 3/8 Westwood Rims

Lotterywest spending is about halfway done. Tim will present the new identity at an upcoming committee meeting.

Robert Hunt ran into the "bloke from Malawi" and reports that he is chasing kids bikes.

#### Show and Tell

Cameron Smith brought along a stunning Challenge frame that has restored for a Victorian customer. Challenge were a Bendigo builder. Cameron had new decals made using the remnants of the one on the bike as well as recollections of a member of a Bendigo racing club as reference.

Phil Harris demonstrated a bike theft alarm. It senses motion and emits a loud noise. If the motion continues the alarm gets louder and more persistent.

Dave Clark picked up an old Flash as a roadside collection recently. He guesses late 50's from components and lugs. Frame number is 3090.

#### Meeting Closed: 20:35



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#### NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 19th January 7:30pm

Monday 16th February 7:30pm

#### Committee

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Treasurer: Malcolm Bell

Secretary: Kym Murray

Librarian: Harold Perry 9364 7253

Events Organiser: Phil Harris 9459 7146

Committee Members: Alan Hind, Tim Eastwood

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January Meeting

**Monday January 19th 7:30am**

Applecross Clubroom

### Rockingham Ride

**Sunday January 25th 9am**

Rotary Park, The Esplanade, Rockingham meet in the carpark opp. Rotary Park between Vista Ave and Bell St. Ride via Point Peron to Pengos Café near Penguin Island, further if weather permits. Ride from Ootong and Lincoln in Freo at 7:30.

### Great Southern Meeting

**Monday February 2nd 6:30pm**

17 Kula Rd Kalgan Heights

### February Meeting

**Monday February 16th 7:30am**

Applecross Clubroom

### Garvey Park Ride

**Sunday February 22th 9am**

Garvey Park, Ascot

### Giro d'Perth Ride & Display

**Sunday March 15th**

Perth Soccer Club, Dorrien Gardens, Lawley St, West Perth.

Display set up by 10 am

**Contact on site**

Toby Hodgson 0404 235623

### March Meeting

**Monday March 16th 7:30am**

Applecross Clubroom

### Guildford Heritage Festival Display

**Sunday March 29th**

**Location**

Stirling Square Guildford

### Toodyay Moondyne Festival Display

**Sunday May 3rd**

### April Meeting

**Monday April 20th 7:30am**

Applecross Clubroom

### Kent St Weir Ride

**Sunday April 26th 9am**

Garvey Park, Ascot

### Arthur Grady Day - Fremantle Display

**Saturday May 9th**

### Vancouver St Festival - Albany Ride & Display

**Saturday May 9th**

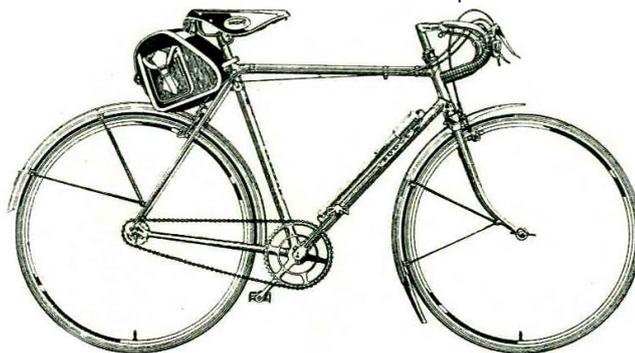
## Have A Go Day Burswood Park

A fine sunny day attracted a record number of fourteen club members, a record especially notable since it was set on a workday. Mal and Judy Buckland had a novel way to get to the park. From Rockingham they travelled with their bikes by train to Perth and from there rode along the river foreshore to Burswood Park.

Over thirty bikes were exhibited by members which attracted many people and favourable comments.

Our new location was an improvement over 2013 and we were provided with a marquee, tables and chairs. The large tree adjoining the site provided shelter from the sun and we were entertained with the Senior Line Dancing Group.

Merv Thompson



## Mark Twain

### Excerpt from "Taming The Bicycle"

Of course I had trouble mounting the machine, entirely on my own responsibility, with no encouraging moral support from the outside, no sympathetic instructor to say, "Good! now you're doing well--good again--don't hurry--there, now, you're all right - brace up, go ahead." In place of this I had some other support. This was a boy, who was perched on a gate-post munching a hunk of maple sugar.

He was full of interest and comment. The first time I failed and went down he said that if he was me he would dress up in pillows, that's what he would do. The next time I went down he advised me to go and learn to ride a tricycle first. The third time I collapsed he said he didn't believe I could stay on a horse-car. But the next time I succeeded, and got clumsily under way in a weaving, tottering, uncertain fashion, and occupying pretty much all of the street. My slow and lumbering gait filled the boy to the chin with scorn, and he sung out, "My, but don't he rip along!" Then he got down from his post and loafed along the sidewalk, still observing and occasionally commenting. Presently he dropped into my wake and followed along behind. A little girl passed by, balancing a wash-board on her head, and giggled, and seemed about to make a remark, but the boy said, rebukingly, "Let him alone, he's going to a funeral."

I have been familiar with that street for years, and had always supposed it was a dead level; but it was not, as the bicycle now informed me, to my surprise. The bicycle, in the hands of a novice, is as alert and acute as a spirit-level in the detecting the delicate and vanishing shades of difference in these matters. It notices a rise where your untrained eye would not observe that one existed; it notices any decline which water will run down. I was toiling up a slight rise, but was not aware of it. It made me tug and pant and perspire; and still, labor as I might, the machine came almost to a standstill every little while. At such times the boy would say: "That's it! take a rest - there ain't no hurry. They can't hold the funeral without YOU."

Get a bicycle. You will not regret it, if you live.