#### THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL CYCLE CLUB

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**March Meeting** - Sixteen or over 70% of the membership attended. Which a is pretty good.

**Incorporation** - is now a accomplished Merv is investigating where to get the best value Public Liability Insurance. Expect it to cost about \$400+ for \$10 Million cover.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club is booked for 15th May at 7pm. It should be fairly painless being the first one so there are no Minutes of the last meeting to read. Just a report from Merv, presentation of the constitution, the run through of our financial position from Peter and the election of Officers for next year. Just to remind you - all post are up for election and that Merv Alan and Peter have said they will stand for re-election to their current post subject to nomination. Money- We are still in credit and

gaining even after the Birthday Party. The funds stand at \$645.85.

A Club account is to be opened with the Credit Union.

Logo - the decision on this has been deferred pending free consultation with a graphics designer. Option as to dress include tee shirt with logo, tie on vest over period costume or red braces. (see report on the tunnel.)

A Bicycle Register of members machines was discussed at the meeting. The idea is to provide Merv/Alan with a list so they can to request that members bring along certain machines dependant on the event and their availability. Security is being addressed so that a shopping list is not provided for thieves. The question of the use of the list was also discussed and where it could be passed on to

Next Meeting The A.G.M. 15th May Time: 7pm Location: 6B Hickey Street ARDROSS Club Meetings are on the Third Monday of the month persons outside the club. This could be the subject of a Standing order under the new constitution.

**Participation Wanted** - The WA Cycling Federation Inc. didn't give us much warning of - The Tour of Perth held between 10th to 14th May. Merv and Mal Bell hope to make it.

The WA CF Inc. also want us to attend the International Grand Prix which is at the Speed Dome on 19th /20th August and the Midland Festival in November.

June 5th - Pinjarra Festival. A chance to display of our old cycles at Edenvale House. Corner of George St and Henry St. Worth going for the Tea Rooms. 09.30 set up for 10.00 display. Contact Tom Atkinson if you can make it. The Graham Farmer Tunnel Official Opening. Saturday 22nd April 08.30am Ten Ordinaries and one

#### extraordinary three wheeler gathered for the parade through the Tunnel. Eventually!

Merv had visited the area on Friday and found that the map for the event was not correct. He selected a new parking and assembly point. Early birds not aware of this change ended up seconds ahead of the rest on the road. We eventually stopped on the bridge being unable to find the assembly point. Lights flashing we retraced our way the "wrong way" on the new freeway and up the "off" ramp to where Merv and the others were now clearly visible. The ten Ordinaries and Merv's three wheeler were quite a stunning site. Five of the riders were wearing red braces and hats. This looked magnificent and I feel should be accepted as the Clubs' ordinary regalia. I will buy some red braces immediately and request entry into this jovial "inner sanctum" of riders. The first assembly for the ride through was at the Windan Bridge (next to the old Bunbury rail bridge) At this



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point a photographer requested three ordinaries and got almost everybody mobile for a photo session. After this one of our group ducked off to "lock his car". It was during this ride that he was filmed by most of the TV crews. We eventually moved on towards the Tunnel entrance. The crowd obviously appreciated the sight of the Ordinaries as all the comments were congratulatory.

After Graham Farmer almost decapitated himself going through the Banner (what no scissors) we finally got to ride through the Tunnel. Footnote:- It is best to turn off your lights when leaving your car. Because with a flat battery there is no current to turn off the immobliser so you can't start the car. Your only hope is to tow the car quite a distance (the wrong way along a closed freeway is optional.) Not many people know this. *Report* Malcolm Buckland.

# Public Ride through. Sunday 23rd April

On Sunday the general public were allowed to ride through the tunnel. Don Smith tricycle and family and I got there at 9.30am along with thousands of others and rode from Burswood through the tunnel and back again. It was a fun ride and we got a badge each which we can show at the AGM. *Report* David Clark

#### Continued over.

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Or The President WAHCC Merv Thompson. 28 Axford Street Como. W.A. 6152 Tel. 08 945 2579 Items of Interest - Dennis read a very interesting article from the Fellowship of Cycling Old Timers on the origins of the name Penny Farthing. This name was not a preferred by the original riders of these machines as it was usually shouted after them by street urchins amongst other names worse names like monkey on a hurdle.

The Ordinary or High Bicycle as it is known in the USA being the correct name.

Ken Ward then explained how the Safety Bicycle evolved illustrated by the following drawings and replaced the Ordinary on the roads.

David has just returned from Europe and showed us a picture of a 1970 all plastic Dutch Commuter bicycle he has bought.

Merv had two cycling oil lamps and a sepia photo of a cyclist - date unknown.

Eric supplied a spoke thread cutting machine for us to inspect.

Milton and Mavis had two photo from c.1950 one of Greg Chipper who achieved a record 78mph behind a motorcycle pacer and Roy Hall on an Ordinary with Milton supporting.

Forthcoming Attractions- Pinstripping the Art. A talk and demonstration at June the Meeting by Eddie Brown.

## Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Events Planner

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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 Pre-event Launch Short Notice. Merv to contact Members with final details.		
WA Cycling Federation Tour of Perth	Friday 12th May Sunday14th May	Outside Fast Eddies then moves on.	M Thompson 94502579			
Monthly Meeting	Monday 15th May	VCC Club Rooms	D Brown 95819084	WAHCC first AGM		
Pinjarra Festival Display of Old Cycles	5th June	Pinjarra. Edenvale	Tom Atkinson 95311243	The Tearooms are close by the display area. Fine House.		
Monthly Meeting	19th June	VCC Club Rooms	M Thompson 94502579	Talk & Demo of Pinstripping. Bring finished parts for inclusion in Demo.		
Penny Farthing Race	4/5thNov	Pinjarra	Tom Atkinson 95311243			

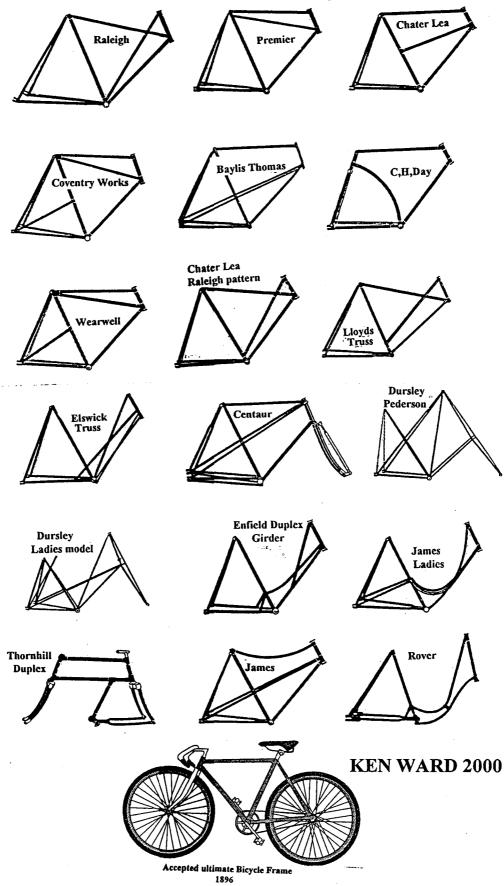


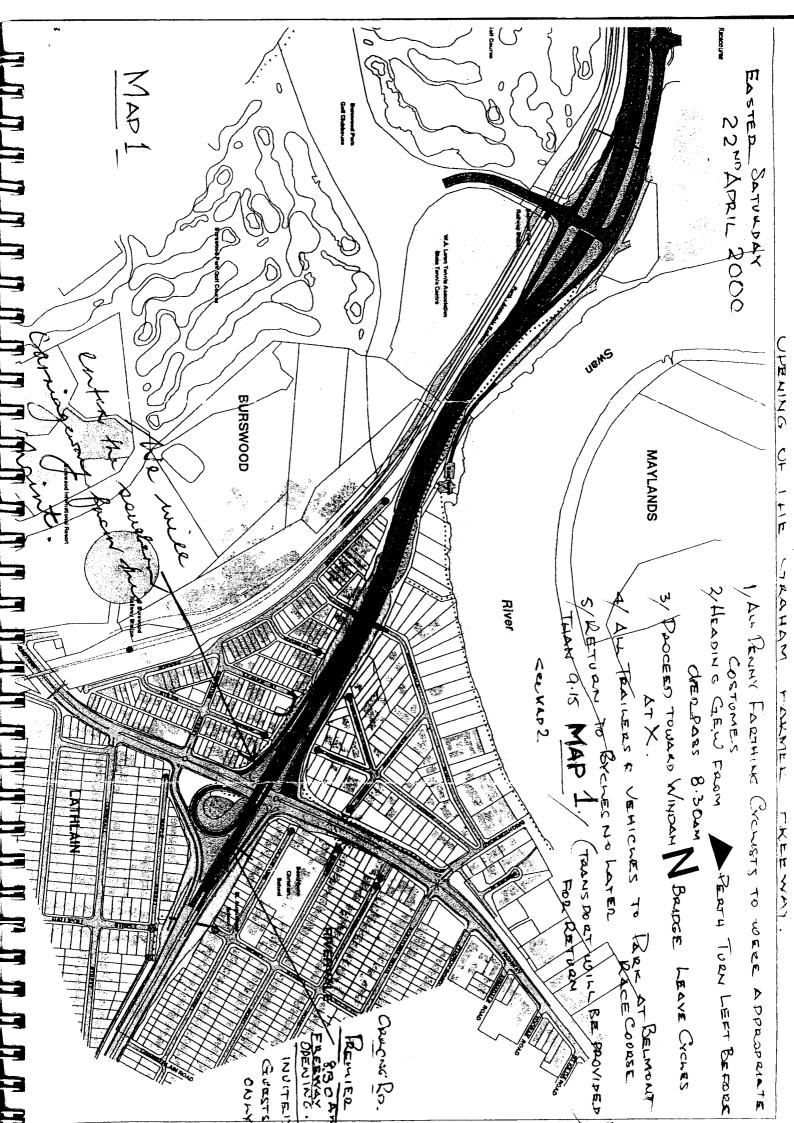
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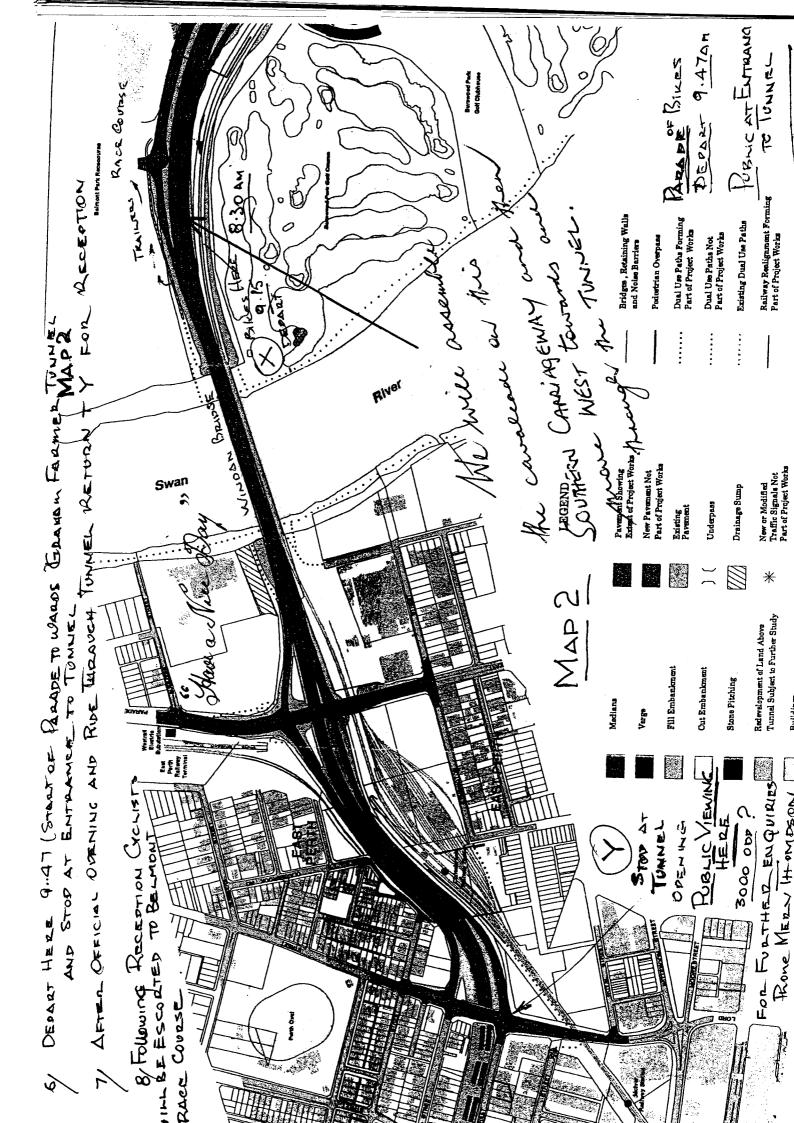
There was such a demand for the safety bike that all stops were out to present the perfect safety bike

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As these frame sketches show the designers were more or less going around in circles this resulted in an accepted standard frame design.







# The Western Australian Historical Cycle Club

Financial Statement as at 30th April 2000

## Income

### Expenditure

Petty Cash

\$88.55

\$

\$672.35

1,341.55

leeting Subscriptions	\$ 232.25	Club Rent & Key Deposit		\$ 110.00
Oonations - M & D Thompson	\$ <b>200</b> .00	Public Notices		\$ 88.50
vent Sponsorship	\$ 477.80	Postage & Newsletters		\$ 165.60
und Raising	\$ <b>25</b> .50	Stationery		\$ 48.05
lember Subscriptions	\$ 406.00	Telephone Calls		\$ 10.00
		Refreshments (meetings	)	\$ 38.00
		Functions		\$ 112.80
		Guest Speaker Gifts		\$ 7.00
		Membership - BTA		\$ 50.00
		Sundry		\$ 39.25
	\$ 1,341.55			\$ 669.20
		Closing Balances Bank Account	\$583.80	