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# Spoke'n Word

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NEWSLETTER

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**SEASONS GREETINGS** Christmas and New Year have arrived even earlier than last year, so we wish all members and their families the usual condiments of the Seasoning, and may your New Year revolution be on a bike- an old one of course.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010

The meeting opened at 7/30pm

Present 18 members

Apologies Dave Clark, Carl Bentley, Ken Ward

Minutes of previous meeting Read and accepted Moved Topy Gear Seconded Phil Harris

Treasurers Report

Balance B/Fwd \$4122.07

Income 193.00

Expenditure 72.00 Hall hire July-Dec 2010

Balance \$4243.07

Treasurers report accepted Moved Mal Buckland seconded Peter Wells

## CORRESPONDENCE IN

Ken Ward has been advised that there is a report being prepared by a group in Rockingham re the history of cycling in WA. He will follow this up. Mal Buckland commented that the Shire of Rockingham had spoken to him, but no call back so far.

Alan Nabor tabled notice of a South Australian wanting to buy old racing bikes.

## CORRESPONDENCE OUT Nil

## EVENTS

24<sup>th</sup> October Golden Spokes Ride & Display. At Champion Lakes, Westfield. Note 8am start, enter via Lake Rd. not Tonkin Hwy. See peter Wells for vehicle pass. Free sausage sizzle.

3<sup>rd</sup> November Have a Go Day Club display to be set up by 8am with cars & trailers in car park by then.. Any queries see Peter Wells 94591750

21<sup>st</sup> November Hillarys Ride. Organiser David Northan. More info at November meeting

28<sup>th</sup> November Club Christmas get-together at the Bells residence. BYO meat & drinks.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 7/30pm  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7/30pm

**Committee - President:** Merv Thompson 9450 2579

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**Committee Members:** Judy Perry, Tony Hall

PAST EVENT The club displayed some bikes at an Audax Club meeting, on the South Perth foreshore near Mends St. Those riding in the event came from USA, Asia, and all over Australia.

We are not taking part in the Christmas Pageant.

Mal Bell reported on future country displays in Bridgetown & Manjimup.

Mal Buckland spoke on the Rockingham Ride, more details later.

GENERAL BUSINESS Phil Harris spoke on perhaps members displaying some of their bikes at various bike shops to promote the Club.

Mal Buckland spoke about a recumbent and a three wheeler that his son now has. He also discussed arrangements for the Rockingham Ride.

Mal Buckland will give a talk on his experience with nickel plating at the next meeting.

SHOW & TELL Various bikes, trikes and parts were offered for sale.

#### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Meeting opened 3.35 pm with 12 present & 2 apologies.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted.

Moved Judy Perry, Seconded Mal Bell.

Matters Arising. Mal Buckland advised that he had not been contacted by Rockingham Shire.

#### Treasurers Report

Balance B/F \$4243.07

Income \$64

Expences \$132.10

Balance \$4174.97

The Treasurers Report was accepted, moved Mal Buckland, seconded Mal Bell.

Correspondence. A phone call from Guildford re the Heritage Festival Display on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

OUT nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Peter Wells advised that COMVAS, our Insurance body, needs a replacement President. Peter will fill this position if necessary, and keep the Club advised.

PAST EVENTS 24<sup>th</sup> October, Golden Spokes at Champion Lakes. The crowd was down, but our display drew a lot of interest.

3<sup>rd</sup> November, Have A Go Day, Burswood Park. A hot day resulted in smaller crowds but the event still proved popular.

COMING EVENTS 21<sup>st</sup> November Hillarys Ride. Meet at Whitfords Nodes car park at 10 am. Contact David Northan 94912321

28<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Function at Mal & Myrene Bell's place, 5 Mulberry Court Maida Vale. BYO drinks, meat. Salads etc supplied.

27<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Rockingham Ride, contact Mal Buckland, 95279427 Details later.

GUEST SPEAKER Mal Buckland gave an interesting talk on Nickel Plating. He warned that this can be a hot and lengthy procedure and that preparation before plating is essential. The plating kit cost about \$150, the actual plating takes about two hours but it is necessary to keep the temperature between 50 & 60 degrees C and make up for evaporation losses. The whole process is hard work.

SHOW& TELL Peter wells had a box of bits, and was open to offers. Mal Bell showed a 1961 Humber in excellent condition, complete with tools and saddle bag. Merv Thompson showed a Norman ladies bike of about 1945 vintage ( not sure if that is the Norman lady or the bike ED) which he has recently restored. Phil Harris showed bike pumps with gauges he has recently purchased.  
The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

#### COMING EVENTS

**TOMATO LAKE RIDE** Sunday 23 January Meet at 9 00 am for a 9 30 start.  
Enter area from Oats St. just north of Orrong Rd. and park at the eastern (far) end of the entrance roadway. BYO lunch, drinks etc. This is a small wheels ride, so bring out your folders, Bickertons, Moultons and the like. If you don't have one, ask around, there are plenty available.

**Rockingham Ride** Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> Meet at 14 Cygnus St Rockingham at 9.30 for a 10 00am start Meat and buns will be supplied, BYO everything else. There will be three different routes, from 5 to 15 km. for you to choose from. Any enquiries to Mal Buckland 9527 9427

#### THE AUDAX DISPLAY OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>

Audax is a group of organizations all over the World for riders who enjoy pushing themselves to the limit on long distance as a group. This year the WA Audax people organized a two day ride from Perth to Albany and return, and had entrants from Asia, USA, Europe, and of course Australia. Our club was invited to put on a small display on the beautiful grounds near the Mends St. jetty in South Perth. Apart from a few hiccups on where we were supposed to be , we soon had a small but pretty comprehensive display on view for the many passing pedestrians and cyclists of all ages as well as proud mums showing off their little ones-the weather was perfect. Our display covered from the 1880s to the mid 1960s, but looked a little outdated when the Audax boys and girls turned up with their state of the art creations. Did you know that hub generators are back in force again, with backup battery lamps when stationery?

We were provided with a sausage sizzle, drinks, and fruit, and also a donation for the Club, so it turned out to be a very pleasant day indeed.

#### GOLDEN SPOKES DISPLAY

A beautiful spring day saw the usual suspects turn out for the annual display and ride at the Champion Lakes Regatta area, with Merv and Dawn Thompson also there for the first time.

All hands soon had our shelter and sign up, and finishing touches to our very varied display of all types and ages of machines was also completed. Apart from the penny farthings and Rudge Rotary, there were several veteran bikes, and a number of both ladies and gents machines of the 1920s. The variety included roadsters to racing bikes, some in original condition still. And there was a delivery bike-the type with the small front wheel. Phil brought along a very dilapidated early gents, with a sign offering it free to anyone joining the club that day. Unfortunately he had to take it home at the end of the day.

The crowd was down on previous years, but we still had plenty of lookers, and for once we had no flies driving us crazy. We had no luck with the usual raffles, but enjoyed the sausage sizzle, and with all hands helping to load trailers we were soon on our way home. Those present were—Mal & Myrene Bell, and their family\_Ken & Aiden, Grant & Connor, Jake & Peter, Also present Harold & Judy Perry, Merv & Dawn Thompson, Phil Harris, Peter Wells

#### HAVE A GO DISPLAY

The hottest day forecast since last summer saw the usual hardy group assemble at Burswood, and for once everyone was early. Our shelter and sign appeared like magic, and we soon had a good display of HPVs ancient and not quite so ancient for all to see.

The Burswood gardeners had obviously been busy during our so-called winter, the grounds looking better than ever, the lawn almost good enough for a bowling green, and there were lots more displays to be seen.

As the day got hotter, we bikies abandoned our shelter for the shade of a nearby tree, which was much cooler, although we were continually shifting position to keep in the shade. Unfortunately the weather kept lots of visitors away, and by 1 pm the crowd was much less than usual. All hands once again helped pack all the gear at closing time (sounds like a pub, doesn't it) and we were soon on our way home

Those present—Mal & Myrene Bell, Harold & Judy Perry, Tony Hall, Merv & Dawn Thompson,, Peter Wells. Also to be seen, Fred Starcken & Belle, and our tame disc jockey, Paul Redman.

#### HILLARYS RIDE

A group of somewhat confused assembled gradually from about 9.30 am in the car park at the Whitfords Nodes Park. Some had expected a 10 30 start, others the usual 10 00 am start. (the late start had been suggested originally to allow for the longer drive which some would have to make to reach Hillarys). In the event, and after much discussion, we waited until 10 30 to allow for any stragglers. Because the weather had turned hot and humid it was understandable that the valiant riders wanted to get moving.

Some pit crews performed last minute work on their machines, and a loud pop from the delivery bike garage--- over zealous pumping from a stirrup pump had burst a tube. The delivery bike was unable to deliver. The rider/ mechanic set off for a replacement machine, and later completed the ride.

Setting off northwards along the nearby dual use path David and Harold paused to move a bobtail lizard from the path into the safety of nearby dunes. Continuing on we rode through the underpass to the pathway on the east of Whitfords Ave., carrying on northwards past the Ern Halliday Recreation Centre and to the flinders Ave. intersection where Judy had trouble with the gears on her machine. Phil soon sorted that out and Judy carried on. The pathway was reasonably clear of walkers and other riders so it was easy going to the area where Whitfords Ave swings east. From there we rode through quiet residential streets to enter the smooth pathways of Broadbeach Park, with its lakes, waterfowl, trees and grassy areas, then onto flinders Park, with more lakes etc. Then it was easy going along Flinders Ave. and Whitfords Ave. to our start point. Due to the hot sultry weather it was decided to disperse before the threatening rain arrived.

Those present—David Northan BSA Folder, Ann Northan .Raleigh Folder, Phil Harris Redondo, Harold Perry Eagle, Mal Buckland Bickerton, Julie Buckland Bickerton, Andrew Blackmore Delivery bike, Tony Hall Raleigh. Also in the area some where were Merv and Dawn Thompson and David Clark. Next time we will have to send out a search party for them. David Northan

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Monday General Meeting  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Tomato Lake Ride See Coming Events for details  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Monday General Meeting  
Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rockingham Ride See Coming Events for details  
March 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Classic Car Show Display  
March 21<sup>st</sup> Monday General Meeting  
March 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Guildford Fair Display  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Monday General Meeting

#### FOR SALE

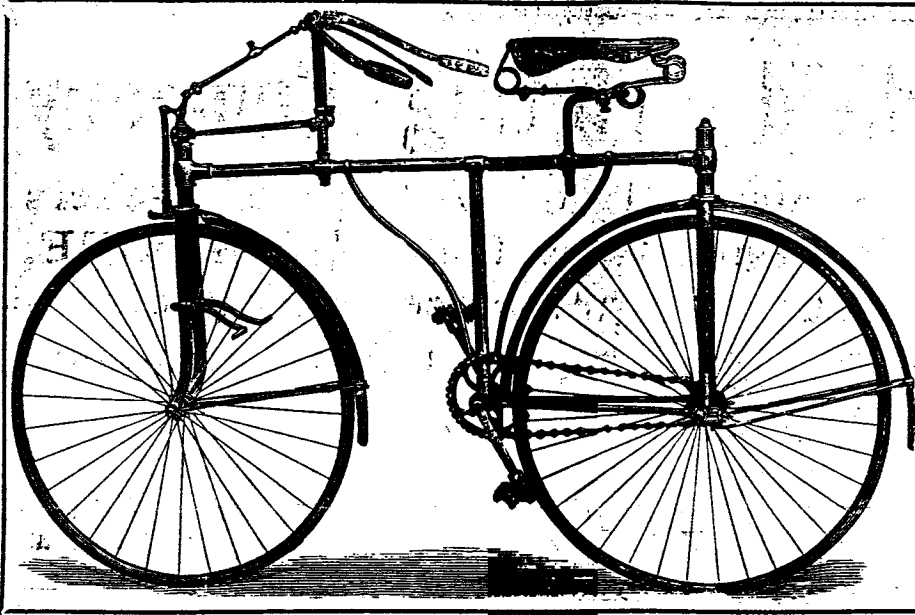
The following machines are Club Property, and to be seen by appointment only at Peter Wells residence. They have some good and hard to find parts on them, some are in fair condition. Most have Sturmey Archer gears.

1949 Swansea 2 swan sports. SA 3 speed gears Complete bike.  
Swansea ladies 10 speed. Original paint Probably late 1950s  
Raleigh ladies. SA 3 speed gears. Good paint. Complete bike  
Malvern Star small frame size 26inch wheels 3 speed SA gears with twist grip control.  
Original paint. Possibly late 1950s Worth looking at. Complete bike  
Gents 23 inch frame with Sa 3 speed gears. Complete fair condition  
Also pair 28x1 ½ wheels with Westwood rims.

Any reasonable offers to Club funds will secure immediate possession of these now hard to find complete machines.

1953 Swansea Tweenies curved top bar gents bike with extra bracing struts to front forks(original equipment). Complete bike, back pedal brake, good front brake. Original paint—faded. \$30 Peter Wells 94591750

# HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY



This Competition is now decided, and the Prizes have been sent to the Three successful Competitors.

**1st Prize, £2.**

Mr. J. GRAHAM,  
81, Ordnance Street,  
Chatham.

**2nd Prize, £1.**

Miss KATE PLOWMAN,  
Avenue, Pennsylvania,  
Exeter.

**3rd Prize.**

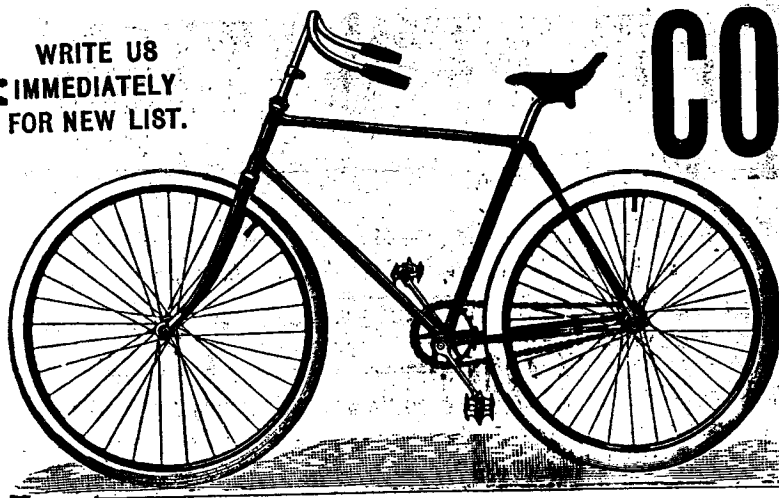
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