



# Not The Spoken Word

Bi-monthly newsletter of The Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Inc.

## Teething Troubles

Cairns Post (Qld.), Monday 7 June 1948,  
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### SWALLOWED FALSE TEETH AFTER CYCLING ACCIDENT.

SYDNEY, June 6 - Albert Ray Lewland (51) suffered severe throat lacerations when he swallowed his false teeth and "bit" his throat on Saturday. Lewland lost control of his bicycle at Pennant Hills, ran over a 10ft embankment, and landed face down in a creek.

In the fall he swallowed his fake teeth, which were later extracted from his throat by an ambulance officer.

Mercury (Hobart, Tas.), Monday 25  
October 1954, page 12

### TOOTHLESS RIDE FOR EDDIE SMITH.

#### GEELONG.

National road champion Eddie Smith suddenly dropped to the back of the field, and then turned his bike to ride in the opposite direction 34 miles from the start of the first stage of the "Sun" Tour yesterday.

Riders' heads bobbed round as he fell back, and their

puzzled eyes dropped to his tyres. But there were no punctures. His mechanics rushed up with a new machine, but he shouted that his bicycle was alright. Smith was on his way back to collect his set of false teeth, which had been thrown out as he rode across a corrugation.

Smith found the teeth - completely smashed by one of the cars following the tour.

But Smith will only be toothless for a day. A Geelong dentist, Mr. J. O. Rosson, who is a cycling enthusiast, promised to make him a fresh set by tomorrow for no cost.

A despatch rider will carry the teeth from Geelong to Port Fairy today. By tomorrow night Smith will be able to eat steak again.

Photo: Eddie Smith, 1954 (Image: Ray Bowles)



## Let's Get Gibbsical Ride

On a blissful wind-free Sunday morning we saw a great turnout of club members for the promotion of the Gibbs St Safe Active Street Project.

The Cannington public were perhaps a little under-

represented, however those who did show up had a wonderful time being introduced to all manner of bikes - in particular the wild machines of the late 1800's which were much in evidence.

City of Canning councillor Sara Saberi (left) rolled up on her road bike and, with the assistance of the Bell family, joined other locals in an introduction to penny farthing skills.

City of Canning's Neighbourhood and Engagement Manager James Murphy put on a great spread of food for every palate and dietary preference.

Rain held off till the end of the event (though we suspect a couple of participants may have got a bit wet on ride home).

In short, if you weren't there, you missed out on a great catchup. See you next time!

(Check the club website for more photos)



# Club Calendar

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Flash Exhibition**  
Revolutions Transport Museum

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 09:00 Display**

**Have a Go Day - Burswood**

6-8 am setup for anyone wishing to drive to site 64. If you're walking your bike(s) in, just park wherever is convenient.

More info on the events page of the club website.

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 19:30 General Meeting**

**Speaker - Bob Addy**

**In-person** at 41 Britannia Road, Leederville

**Online** Zoom Meeting ID: 896 2070 3705

If attending in person please bring your best British bike along!

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Christmas Pageant**

Please let Ken Bell know ASAP if you will be riding;

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 12 midday Christmas Lunch followed by Steele Bishop talk at 2:30pm**

Meet at Whiteman Park Picnic Shelter A (it's the closest shelter to Revolutions Transport Museum) for a ride and lunch. Bring a plate and BYO. The Steele Bishop talk at 2:30pm is part of our Flash show in the museum foyer.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 19:30 General Meeting**

**In-person** at 41 Britannia Road, Leederville

**Online** Zoom Meeting ID: 896 2070 3705

## Lost

**Silver Limar**

**Helmet** - at the Let's Get Gibbiscal ride.

If anyone wound up with an extra stack hat following this event please contact Andy Blane



# For Your Ears Only

Thank you to club members and friends for putting forward these great audio resources. Use the URL's or QR codes below to listen on the web, or just search for them in your favourite podcast app using the headlines below.

**99% Invisible Podcast - The Safety Bicycle.**

This episode might cover some of what you know about the development of the bicycle, but poses an interesting question; if the bicycle is so simple, why did it take so long to invent?

[99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-safety-bicycle/](https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-safety-bicycle/)



**Colonial Williamsburg Museum - First Do No Harm**

Restoration presents a paradox for useable objects.

Musicians in orchestras around the world routinely press centuries old instruments into use.

Instrument repair sometimes means erasing historical evidence, and choices must be made between playability and historical significance.

This is a wonderful short listen for anyone navigating the challenges of preservation, conservation or restoration of functional objects of any kind.

[podcast.history.org/2011/09/26/first-do-no-harm/](https://podcast.history.org/2011/09/26/first-do-no-harm/)



**Allez Oppy!**

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/earshot/allez-opyy21/6611222>

An oldie but a goodie. First broadcast in 2015 it's still a great listen that covers Hubert Opperman's trials and tribulations as part of the Australia's early efforts in the Tour de France.

Oppy began cycling in Melton, Victoria and moved to Melbourne, where he was a telegram delivery boy, racing trams on his bike. He made his mark as a cyclist in his late teens and entered the Tour de France in 1928. With only four team members, the Australian team came 17th, against better equipped European teams of ten cyclists. He went on to be the only Aussie to win the Bol D'Or and the Paris-Brest-Paris race. The French public adored him and called him 'le phénomène'.

