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The Club has a strong family orientation and features many social activities as well as Runs and technical help.

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## Presidents report.

### Members.

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Email of the Smoke Signal is free to all.

Subscription must be paid before you receive your 2019-2020 member card which is required when renewing your historic log books.

**IT'S TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!**

Log Book renewals –Conditional registration days are on the following.

15th June. Southern log book day, 12.00pm-3.00pm, at 157 Blewitt Springs Road McLaren Flat.

23 June. 1000-1200 hrs. Payneham RSL, 360 Payneham Road, PAYNEHAM.

All members intending to utilize the Conditional Registration Scheme over the next financial year are urged to attend one of the imminent Log Book days.

Please bring your Log Book, Registration papers and membership card unless they are renewing membership on the day

**THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE LOG BOOKS SIGNED DURING MEETINGS IN FUTURE. IT IS IN YOUR OWN INTEREST TO ATTEND ONE OF THE ASSIGNED DAYS.**

Log Book days have been set aside by our Approved Persons to attend to the bulk of Log Book renewals. If you cannot attend one of these days you will have to negotiate a date with an approved person at their convenience. *Brett Mitchell, VVMCCSA Approved Person.*

Eric Kelly member 136, passed away aged 97 on 20th May 2019.

Eric provided a bus to take the wives and others on one of the Anniversary rally's and also on another rally took the visiting women around in his Rolls Royce dressed as a chauffeur, he was a great bloke a gentleman of the old school.

Cheers, Dean Govan. *Brian Forth—President*



Annual General meeting on Tuesday 9th July when all positions on the committee will be up for re-election. Any member volunteering to be sent to Club Secretary. *Bill Lorimer—Secretary.*



### Historic Registration documents.

I have just renewed my Historic Registration online for one of my motorcycles and I find I am a member of Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club of NYP. I suggest you check your details, Brian Forth

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### Tuesday 11th June 2019 VVMCCSA Trophy & Awards.

- 1 First Time Out trophies.
- 2 Lady Rider of the year.
- 3 Veteran Rallyist of Year.
- 4 Rallyist of the Year.
- 5 Veteran & Vintage Combined Age Trophy.
- 6 Club Captain's Award.**
- 7 Bent Conrod Perpetual award.
- 8 Wally Woollatt Perpetual Trophy - meritorious service to the Club.
- 9 Birdwood Figure 8 Trophy.
- 10 2-Day rally awards.
- 11 Sidecar Trophy.

### **12 Magazine Editor's Award.**

#### Eligibility for the Awards—

The Club member must be financial.

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**eligible machine as defined by the Club's Constitution.**

Bill Lorimer. Secretary VVMCCSA



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# VVMCCSA Committee Meeting 27th May 2019

In Attendance. Brian Forth, Bill Lorimer, Wayne Lawson, Daryl Rosser, Greg Paterson, Ian Hese and Terry Rowe.

Minutes of the last meeting presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, no discussion. Acceptance moved by Greg Paterson. Seconded, Wayne Lawson. Carried.

Treasurers Report presented by Terry Rowe, no discussion Acceptance moved by Ian Hese Seconded Daryl Rosser Carried.

New Members. Applications from Steve Trenorden, Jon Reid, Richard Aldam and Tom Robson read to the Meeting.

## Correspondence.

Subs and Logbooks from 3 members, Cheque book from Westpac.

A Letter and price list from Bill Green, he is wishing to dispose of his remaining BSA M20 stock ( Contact Club Secretary for Info).

## Emails in and out.

1/ Notice of AMCA Bulli weekend event 24th 25th August.

2/ From Julie Morrison re. Muscular Dystrophy lottery for 2019 Harley Fatboy.

3/ From Antony Gullick re. Veteran Bike Rally, NSW at Cowra 3rd to 6th March 2020.

4/ From Fleurieu Convention Centre offering facilities for functions etc.

5/ Numerous advices of Subs. Renewals.

Publications Received. Vintage and Classic Motorcycle from the UK, The Bulbhorn from Mildura and the May Rumour from NZ.

## Club Captain—Runs Rides and Events.

Ian Hese gave an overview of the Two Day Burra Ride, a good time had by all.

1st June Saturday mornings Coffee and Cake at Vello Cafe Victoria Pk at 9:30 AM.

2nd June Logbook Day at Triple CCC Clubrooms 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

6th June Midweek Ride Belair BP 9:30 AM for 10:00 AM Start.

15th June Southern Logbook Day , 157 Blewitt Springs Rd. McLaren Flat 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM.

16th June Central Hills Gumeracha.

23rd June Logbook Day at Payneham RSL 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

6th July Saturday Morning Coffee and Cake.

9th July AGM.

16th July Club event a ride in or Drive in.

## General Business.

1/ Discussion re. trophies and presentations, all ready to go.

2/ Brian Forth raised the forthcoming Logbook days and the procedures.

3/ Bill Lorimer to organise opening up of Triple CCC Clubrooms for log book day.

3/ Bill to contact Brett Mitchell to contact Jane Clarke re. Southern Logbook day.

4/ Daryl Rosser has negotiated with City of Adelaide Council re. Saturday Morning Coffee and Cake events, parking and insurance.

Meeting Closed 9:30 PM.

*Bill Lorimer—Secretary.*

Hello, I wonder if you can assist with a request. (I found your address in a 2015 copy of Smoke Signal.).

I am a semi-retired bike journo based in Sydney.

I am looking for a photograph of Bruce Hector, who rode a Norton Inter in the 1938 Australian TT at Lobethal and,

I understand from the magazine I saw, built a JAP 200. I spoke with Bruce many years ago, while writing a story on the 1938 TT.

Kind Regards, Don Cox [donald.cox2@bigpond.com](mailto:donald.cox2@bigpond.com)



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## VVMCCSA General Meeting 751, 14th May 2019 at Payneham RSL Clubrooms.

Brian Forth chaired the meeting.

Visitors- As per Sign-In Book.

Who Are We-Dick Wilcock and Pud Freeman.

Guest Speaker- Barry Heffernan from the William Kibby VC Veterans Shed at Glenelg Nth. gave a very interesting talk about the need and activities of The Shed and the work they do for returned servicemen and women. Peter Allen then presented a cheque to him as a donation of surplus funds from the Veteran Motorcycle Rally in 2018 to which he responded with a heartfelt thankyou.

Minutes of the last meeting were presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, there was no discussion. Acceptance, moved Ted Williams. Seconded, Colin Behn. Carried.

Treasurers Report was presented by Terry Rowe, there was no discussion. Acceptance, moved David Radloff. Seconded, Dean Schubert. Carried.

New Members. Following new members read to members, Steve Trenorden, Tom Robson, Rick Aldam, Jon Reid. Presentation of membership to Phil Swann, John Simkin and Jeff Frommelt.

Correspondence.

Membership application from Steve Trenorden, Bank Statements from Westpac, Cheque book for Club Rally account, 2 Cheques for Subs renewals.

Emails In and Out.

- 1/ Thankyou to Mannum Council for assistance on Club Ride Day.
- 2/ From Mt. Torrens Hotel offering facilities for Rides or functions.
- 3/ To new members advising of their membership ratification.
- 4/ From Bill Johns advising location of motorcycle bits for sale.
- 5/ Notification of Murray Bridge Autofest event 25th to 27th Oct 2019.
- 6/ From Don Cox semi retired Bike Journalist seeking a photo of Bruce Hector.
- 7/ Flyer Advising us of the Edinburgh Truck Show 6th Oct 2019.

Publications Received.

Tappet Chatter from Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club; Maps Review from Maitland; Early Motor Magazine; Vintage Car Club QLD; Bulbhorn from Mildura; The Throttle Lever from Newcastle.

Acceptance, moved Ian Haywood. Seconded, Bob Tilbrook. Carried.

Club Captain -Runs Rides and Events.

Ian Hese gave an overview of the Mannum Ride, the Midweek Ride and the Saturday Morning Coffee and Cake events.

Brett Mitchell gave a detailed outline of the Two Day Ride to Burra and return for 18th—19th May.

- 1/ 1st June Sat. Morning Coffee and Cake.
- 2/ 2nd June Logbook Day at Triple CCC Clubrooms Glandore 10am to 12 noon.
- 3/ 6th June Midweek Ride Belair 9:30 for 10am start.
- 4/ 15th June Southern Logbook Day 157 Blewitt springs Rd. McLaren Flat 12noon to 3pm.
- 5/ 16th June Club Ride TBA.
- 6/ 23rd June Logbook day at Payneham RSL 10am to 12noon.

Acceptance moved Brian Kuerschner. Seconded, Lisa Davidson. Carried.

General Business

1/ Stephen Hooper spoke about the significance of Mens Health Week and advised that the Malvern Resthaven Aged Care Facility is holding an Event on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> June and would like to have up to eight motorcycles to display . A few members have volunteered to support the event with their Bikes.

2/ Dean Schubert spoke about the Barossa Valley Machinery Preservation Society and their recent success at the National Historical Machinery Association Rally at Murray Bridge, voted Best Club in Australia. They are in the process of building a new massive shed complex to house their enormous collection .

There was no further business .

Buy Sell and Swap was read.

the Meeting Closed followed by the usual supper.

**Bill Lorimer, Secretary.**



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### For Sale.

Ensign beaded edge tyres; sizes—24 x 2 1/4"; 26 x 2 1/2" 26 x 3" and 28 x 3"; replica Chatter-Lea hubs, spokes and rims; Brian Forth 0409 514213;

VVMCCSA club regalia—see Greg & Marlene Paterson 0406 807799.

1939 Panther 350cc ohv Model-40, engine number V9541, excellent condition, all parts are period correct, restored by Dick Wilcocks in the late 1990's, excellent condition. Last ridden 28 September 1996 in the annual B2B, \$9,750.00 ono. Call Rod 0400 127 433 (May19)

For Sale—Myford ML7 lathe in excellent condition with little wear. English made. Comes with bench, set of gears for thread cutting, 3 jaw chuck, face plate, drill chuck and cutting tools. \$1,350 ono; Rob Elliott, [0415 697 162](tel:0415697162). (April19).

BSCY 26 tpi taps and dies also 1/2 inch and 1 inch taps BSP Wanted—set of Norm Pascoe 0418 759 880.

BSA B31 racer. The gearbox and magneto have been overhauled and the Motor rebored with a new piston, rings and valves, just needs running in. Ideal for Sellicks? \$6500 contsct Kevin Heritage 0417811291. (May19)

BSA—Model D3B 150cc. For sale—e/n BD3B6067 All original less battery but with spare assembled engine less cylinder head. Pricing begins at \$2,500 and negotiable. Contact Nipper Kuerschner 0418854565. [nipper@nipper.net.au](mailto:nipper@nipper.net.au)

Ixon "sismic" dry rider type jacket - size XL; "Dri Rider" jacket - size 58/48/3XL size 54; Gloves - 2 pairs - one summer and one winter - size large All in very good condition; Steve Cramp 0418592888 (June19).

RM Williams leather racing leathers, black, size possibly xxl, good condition \$60; Phil Swann, 0419867415 (June19).

### Wanted

Veteran motorcycle tool box—wanted a pair to suit, also carbide headlight and a tail light—Ian Hese 0409 083436 (March 18).

Covered in style motorbike trailer, wanted large enough to carry a Harley Davidson with sidecar. Ian Hese 0409083436 (June19).

Triumph 1960-1962 wanted rear grab rail/mudguard bracket and number plate bracket. John 0477 879 515 (June19).

1924 BSA timing cover, wanted flat tank model. Dimitri Economos 0411 575 805 (March19).

Vintage caravan books—wanted in any condition; John Williams 0477879515 or Marie Williams 0447292822 (april19).

VMX magazines numbers 27—50 wanted to buy. Ruck Brundell 0417001198 (May2019).

Brown and Barlow carby to suit 1923 Norton 16h, 1 and 1/8 diameter inlet stub top feed; Arnold De Groot 0418849831 (June19).

Any member used capacitors instead of using a Lead/Acid battery in kick-start, magne-  
to bikes?

It appears that it can even be used to start bikes, even a few days later, with modern capacitors holding their charge for a few days! Using capacitors would certainly help, since I wouldn't ever need to worry about time-between-starts, and trickle charging, to keep a Lead-Acid battery "healthy". Martin Schumacher [mdschuey@gmail.com](mailto:mdschuey@gmail.com)



Members wishing to use the club trailer are to contact Bill Lorimer or myself and make arrangements for you to collect.  
Regards, Brian Forth 0409 514213



## Club Runs & Events.

All members/visitors participating in Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form with the Club Captain before the event. This ensures that you are covered for Third Party Property and Public Risk from home, on the Run and return to home. This is a Club requirement. Do not forget to fill out your Historic Registration Logbook before leaving home and always carry that logbook every time you go riding. This is a legal requirement. **Enquiries to Club Captain—Ian HESE 0409 083436**



Back-up trailer is required every run—Every ride has to be covered, please contact Ian HESE to nominate. Reimbursement of \$60 for petrol money.

## 2019

**\*\* denotes club points on runs & ride events\*\***

### June.

- 1st Coffee meeting 9.30am at Café Vello.
- 2nd Logbook day—Glandore CCC rooms at Clarke Ave Glandore from 10am to 12 noon.
- 6th Midweek ride— BP Belair start at 10.00am.
- 11th General meeting 752, 8pm at Payneham RSL clubrooms—Presentation Night
- 15th Southern log book day at 157 Blewitt Springs Road McLaren Flat from 12 noon - 3.00pm.
- 16th \*\* Club ride—details to be advised
- 23rd Logbook day—Payneham RSL clubrooms from 10am to 12 noon.
- 24th Committee meeting, 7.30pm Goodwood Community clubrooms.

### July

- 4th Midweek ride— Tea Tree Gully Hotel for a 10am start. (Ian 0409 083436).
- 6th Coffee meeting—0930hrs at Café Vello.
- 9th Annual General Meeting—General meeting 753—8pm Payneham RSL clubrooms.
- 21st \*\* St Kilda Tram museum day at 10.30am, tour and tram rides. Bring the kids/Grandkids.
- 29th Committee meeting, 7.30pm Goodwood Community clubrooms.



### August.

- 1st Midweek ride— BP Belair for 10am start.
- 3rd Coffee meeting—0930hrs at Café Vello.
- 13th General meeting 754—8pm Payneham RSL clubrooms.
- 18th \*\* Club ride—ride to be advised.
- 22th Committee meeting, 7.30pm Goodwood Community clubrooms.

### September

- 5th Midweek ride—BO Belair for a 10.00am start—(Ian 0409 083436).
- 6th Coffee meeting—Café Vello at 09.30am.
- 10th General Meeting 755, Payneham RSL clubrooms a 8.00pm.
- 15th \*\* Strathalbyn tiddlers flat society ride—details to follow.
- 30th Committee meeting, 7.30pm at Glandore Community Club rooms.

## Invitational Events - see Committee and General meeting minutes for info.

## **‘Classic at Harts’ Port Adelaide—Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2019**

SWAP MEETS - Any new dates or swap meets please advise editor.

HAHNDORF-	20th January 2020	VICTOR HARBOR	2nd February 2020
Lockleys school	TBA February 2020	BALLARAT -	TBA February 2020
CAMPBELLTOWN -	11th March 2020	CLARE-	16th March 2020
WOODSIDE -	?? April 2020	NARACOORTE	?? May 2020
SEDAN -	17 June 2019	KAPUNDA-	?? May 2020
Globe Derby	cancelled	WILLUNGA -	18th August 2019
GAWLER -	TBA September 2019	VVMCC MOTORCYCLE ONLY	6th Oct 2019
STRATHALBYN -	20th Oct 2019	BENDIGO -	16 -17 Nov 2019
GAWLER Motorcycle expo -	?? Nov 2019	<b>** plus many more check the web site**</b>	

check this site - <http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm>

SA swap meet site—<https://www.weekendnotes.com/sa-swap-meets/>

Historic Registration. Please ensure you complete your new logbooks before leaving home and that you carry it with you when riding the motorcycle the book is allocated to.

Enquiries to— Brett Mitchell—(East) 0438 379788 Phil Jenner—(South) 0407 397445  
Ian Rounsevell—(West) 0412 708410 Jane Clarke- (South) 0409 239076  
Paul Carroll (North East) 0437 771821



## BURRA, MY WEEKEND OF EXHAUST PIPES AND BACKSIDES.

Still only half awake I pulled out of the driveway with the trailer behind and turned right!

**Yawn. Hang on I'm going to Burra so should have gone left. Yawn. Then I remembered that I was to go to the start at Crafers, maybe I was more awake than I thought.**

A quick top up of fuel in the car and jerrycan and then to meet the early starters at the Crafers Hotel. This 2 day tour was the brain child of Brett Mitchell, who was at the start with a few other riders.

At 9am, after a coffee and chat, Brett led the riders off with the various exhausts crackling in the crisp morning air, with me dutifully tagging along behind with the heater on, hehehe.

We meandered through the central hills to the 1<sup>st</sup> pickup point at Balhannah, no one joined in but Ian Haywood waved us bon voyage. Next pickup was Mt Pleasant at 10 with a few more joining the caravan. Now onto Angaston for a bakery fix, coffee, leg stretch and a wee stop.

Brett then handed the leaders duties over to Ian Rounsevell to look after us for the rest of the weekend. As we went across the Barossa Valley Brett left us, claiming that it was his wedding anniversary today and having actually remembered he had better spend it with his wife.

**Another rider joined in at the Kapunda pickup and Roger O'Loughlin, who brought his son on his 1<sup>st</sup> pillion ride, headed for home. The back seat of the car was getting full with the riders' various backpacks and luggage to help save backs and bikes from being overloaded.**

A bit of traffic mixed with us on the way to Eudunda, where we stopped for lunch. Here Terry Rowe and **Arnold De Groot joined in. They had trailered their Veteran bikes there. Terry's brother was to take over my trailer duties until Burra. After transferring fist aid kit and jerrycan to their trailer and the luggage to John Deacon's 4WD, I headed off to Burra.**

The arrangement was for me to scoot to Burra, find my Douglas bike which Bob Gill had taken up and to lead the veteran riders back to meet the main group. It took me a while and several phone calls to find where the **Gill's were staying, resulting in me leaving after Bob and Dave Radloff who had left at the prearranged time.**

Gee it was nice to cruise along on the bike, in the semi outback countryside with the road to myself and no backsides or exhaust pipes spoiling the view. A short time after turning onto Worlds End Highway a few of the bikes went past. A bit further on another group of bikes were gathered, where they were dissecting **Ted William's bike to try and discover why the motor had stopped. John, supervised by Marie, appeared to have the problem under control so I rode on till the group of veteran bikes came into view, turned around and joined them.**

**We got back to the other group as Ted's bike crackled into life and we all headed off to Burra.**

Most of the riders were staying in the Paxton Square Cottages, with the rest of us in various Hotels or B&Bs. Late afternoon the Burra Hotel was the meeting point for some people to gather, have a shandy or two and a yarn, before heading out for dinner. A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Le Pecora Nera (The Black Sheep) Restaurant, can well recommend. Lots of pizza, pasta, laughs, tall tales and some more shandies or vinos, helped pass the evening. The rule is that what happens on a ride away, stays on a ride away! **(Except that I might say that a certain Triumph's rider had a senior's moment and hadn't turned the petrol to reserve when the motor stopped).** The night cap Port in his Cottage afterwards was well received and ensured that all lips were sealed.

The next morning the weather forecast for Sunday afternoon was looking very wet down south, so it was decided to leave a half hour earlier to try and get home to miss most of the rain. From Burra we headed for Auburn via Mintaro. Colin Behn had just ridden in from Adelaide met and joined in during this leg. The one trouble with leaving earlier was that the coffee shops at Auburn were not yet open! Fortunately, the roadhouse was, so we were able to get our morning fix of coffee, snacks and laughs. After much discussion, looking at radar images and maps, it was decided that the main group would head straight for Adelaide. Martin Blindell and Colin decided to follow the original route home around the back of the Barossa Valley. After me watching the now familiar backsides and listening to the various exhaust tunes playing, we all finally reached Roseworthy to end the formal part of the ride. Backpacks and luggage were again sorted out from my car, goodbyes were said, pillions helped up onto their bikes and everyone wearily headed for their homes, most arriving home before getting too wet.

Thanks to Brett Mitchell for his organisation of the weekend, Ian Rounsevell for leading the group and to everyone else for leading me astray. It was an extremely enjoyable weekend of laughs, tall tales, good riding, good company and no mechanical breakdowns. Weekends like this make you realise how good life can be.

*Ian Hese—your beloved Club Captain.*

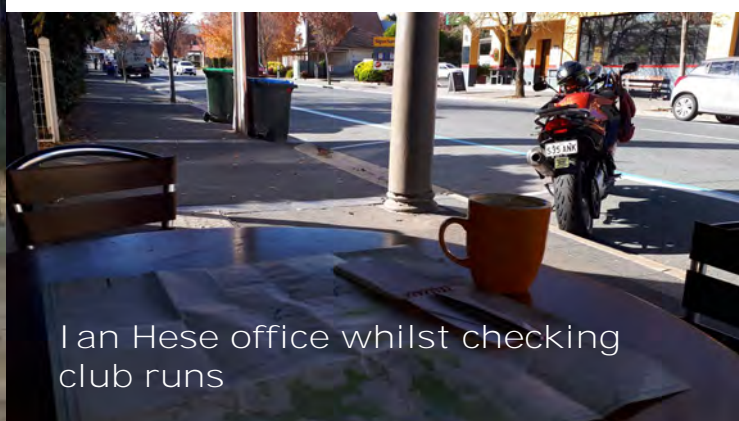


## Truro Weekend Ride 18-19 May 2019

David Radloff	1909	Triumph Solo
Arnold De Groot	1912	Rudge Solo
Bob Gill	1913	BSA Solo
Ian Hese	1914	Douglas Solo
Merry Rowe	1914	Bullock Solo
London Rogers	1939	BSA Solo
Ed Williams	1955	Triumph Solo
John Williams	1962	Triumph Solo
John Rounsevell	1976	BMW Solo
Pett Mitchell	1978	BMW Solo
Roger O'Loughlin	1988	Suzuki Solo
Colin Behn	1996	BMW Solo
Warren Zacher	2006	Suzuki Solo
Martin Blindell	2016	Royal Enfield Solo
Wayne Lawson	2016	Triumph Solo
Ian Hese		Backup trailer



We rode, we ate, we slept, comments from Ian R and Wayne.  
 Ted said he had a wonderful weekend with friends, but he cannot remember what happened on Saturday night still a blur. John had to fix Ted's Triumph.  
 On the way home we had Coffee at Auburn, Martin travelled back via Truro.  
 Our second stop was at Roseworthy when Wayne went via TTP thru One Tree Hill think.  
 The remainder went via the Northern expressway onto South Road in two groups with Ted and John followed about 5 minutes later—excuse the grammar? *Regards—Marie W.*



Ian Hese office whilst checking club runs



# PARADISE MOTORS



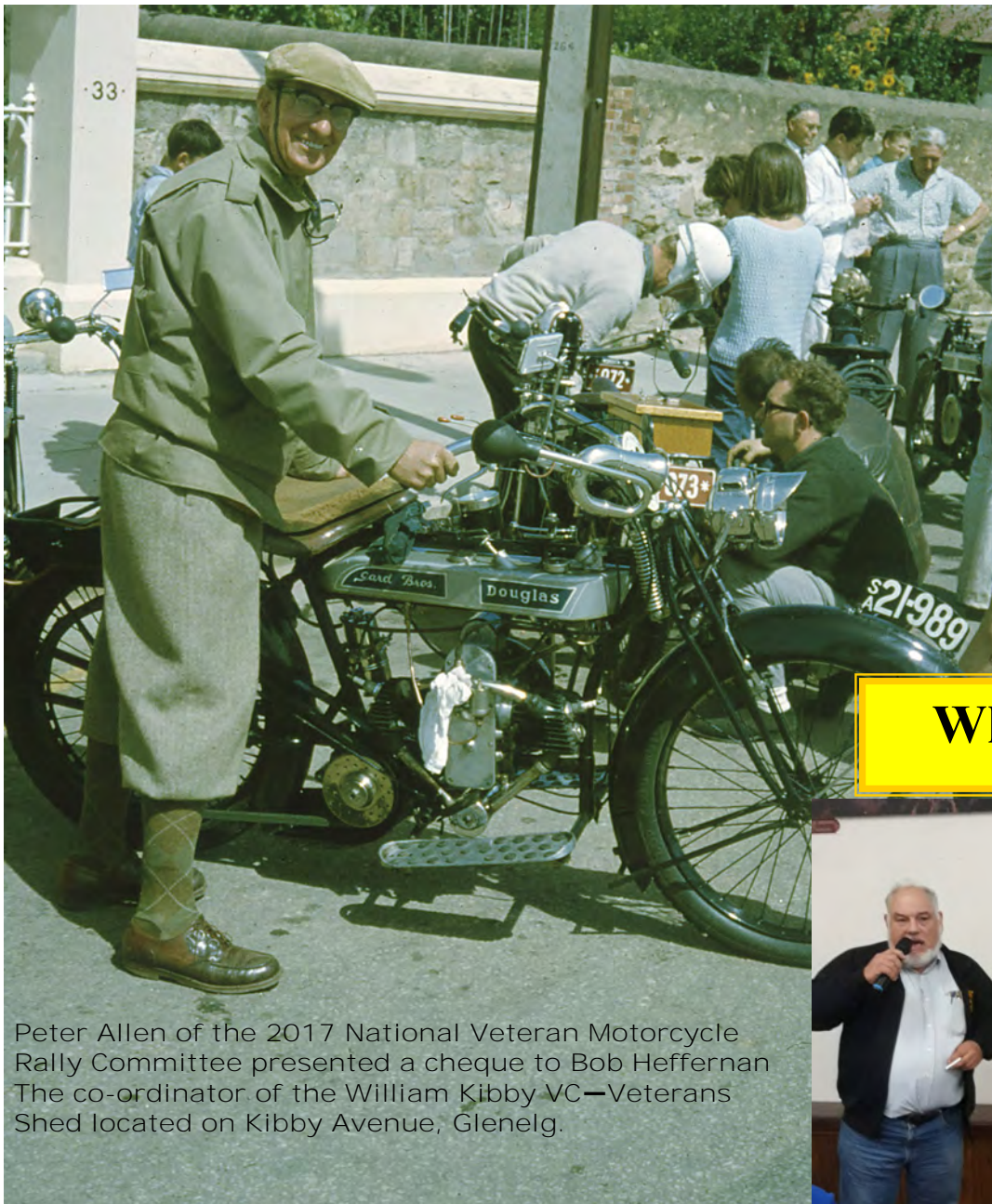
# MAZDA

## MAZDA

For your brand new or next **Mazda** vehicle update, you need look no further than Steve Truscott, a Member of our Club working for Paradise Motors Mazda

Steve, your New or Used Car contact will take a totally professional and honest interest in helping you to choose the right two or four-wheel drive vehicle for your own personal requirements.

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Peter Allen of the 2017 National Veteran Motorcycle Rally Committee presented a cheque to Bob Heffernan The co-ordinator of the William Kibby VC—Veterans Shed located on Kibby Avenue, Glenelg.



Dick Wilcocks with Panther outfit and passenger is Pud Freeman.

## Who are we?





# REGISTRATION FORM (APPLICATION)

SOLD INTERSTATE

By ☒ ALLEN MOORE.

Question:

Answer:

Make of Vehicle LEWIS-PRECISION.

Type ☒ WATER-COOLED-

OK. W.X. Presumed Year of Manufacture 1905

Frame Number.....

Engine Number. 1593.

Engine Bore, Stroke, Cubic Capacity 84 x 90 mm 499<sup>cc</sup> - 500<sup>cc</sup>

Ignition (Type and Make) BOSCH-H.T. OPEN TYPE.

Carburettor (Type and Make) PETROL & AIR-SLIDES. BROWN & BARLOW.

Transmission and Gearing (Type and Make) 7" BELT DRIVE-DIRECT.

Condition of Enamel and Plating ENAMEL-AIR DRYING. BLACK. GOLD-LINING.

(a) Original NO-

(b) Renovated (state finish used, and whether chrome or nickel plating) CHROME & NICKEL

Size of Wheels and Tyres 275 x 19.

Wired or Beaded Edge WIRED.

Any features of special interest Separate Brass Radiator - attached to top bar in front of Petrol Tank.  
Pedaling gear for starting. Brass Petrol Tank.

History of machine so far as is known to present owner; previous owners; previous registration no., etc.....

engine was mounted up on saw bench  
frame was located in orchard,  
restored as near as possible to original



The Committee's decision on any vehicle submitted for registration must be regarded as final in all cases.

## Eyes and Crowle Story.

In early 1906 William Crowle and Robert Eyes established the motor firm Eyes & Crowle, Limited. They began in Adelaide, South Australia, and were "Sole Agents" for many makes of motorcars and motorcycles over time.

Mr Crowle had much experience in this area as he had "mastered all the details of the business" by working in and managing motor and electrical organisations in America, England and Europe prior to setting up business in Adelaide.

The firm initially started selling bicycles and motor cycles, but over time the motor car section of the business grew until it became their major operation as well as looking after the servicing of motor vehicles and selling related accessories.

In 1908 the company went public and a new garage was opened across the country in Sydney. The next few years proved to be very expansive for the firm. They opened new businesses in country S.A., in places such as Burra, Mount Gambier, and Cowell.

By 1911 the acre-sized main property at 75-79 Pirie St. Adelaide employed 50 people and sold, on average, 100 cars a year. Even though the company was selling many more different makes of cars compared to motorcycles, the average annual sales of Triumph motor cycles (100 per annum) were about the same as the total motor car sales!

The Advertiser called the company "one of the largest, as well as one of the most efficiently equipped, motor garages and motor works in the Commonwealth" in an article which also claimed that, population-based, "South Australia has long had the reputation of possessing more motor vehicles than any other country in the world."

The bulk of the company's business became selling motor cars, and some of their selection of "The World's Best Cars" they sold included Buick, De Dion Bouton, F.I.A.T., Minerva, Crossley, Clement, Darracq, Sunbeam, Delage, F.N., Sizaire et Naudin, Maudslay, Itala, K.R.I.T., Durant, Rugby, Belsize, Packard, Hupmobile, Cardillac, Bean, as well as "Commer" Motor Lorries.

Eyes & Crowle sold a much smaller variety of motorcycles. The following were their most advertised over time : -

- .. N.S.U. — "A source of pleasure and a means of going through the hills around Adelaide without personal exertion" with "dozens of private users," the N.S.U had a good variety of models. It only helped sales that N.S.U.'s came first in four consecutive yearly hill climbs put on by the Adelaide Automobile Club.
- .. F.N. — A member of Parliament named Mr. Peter Allen bought an F.N. when it was described to him as being "like a motor car on two wheels, as it is equipped with two-speed gears, a free engine, and shaft drive, making its operation similar to that of a car."
- .. Humber — A 3 1/2 h.p. two-speed Humber was called "one of the sweetest running machines ever made," a bike that "has points which will not be found in combination with any other motor cycle." (as advertised in Sydney)
- .. Premier — Coming first in the A.C.U. Reliability Trials, a 3 1/2 h.p. Premier beat 47 competitors with a score of 97 out of 100. (as advertised in Sydney)
- .. Triumph — "Trusty" Triumphs were a very popular make. Triumph motor cycles earned fame as "England's Best Motor Cycle" helped by success at the Tourist Trophy Races in England. Also advertised was how in World War One, after the Italian and French armies began using the British Triumph, the "British Armies soon insisted that the entire output of the famous Triumph Motor Cycles should be reserved to them and them alone." Triumph advertised this as the "finest tribute that can be paid" to any production company.
- .. Indian — By 1916 Eyes & Crowle had "big stocks on hand" of Indians, and they were very heavily advertised with 'big print ads'. The "Little Indian Speedsters" were bikes that went "as slow as you like or as fast as you dare." People leapt at the chance to ride the same 7 h.p. Indian Power Plus that Cannon Ball Baker rode when he set a record of 1,017 miles in 20 hours! There was much fuss made about Cannon Ball Baker when he toured Australia promoting '*Indian Motorcycles*' and set various records while he was here. Baker first arrived in Sydney on the 20th December 1915. In the USA, Baker was then considered to be the "greatest all-round rider developed there". While in Australia Baker made his headquarters with J. H. Rhodes in Melbourne, the Indian distributor for Australia and New Zealand.

Unfortunately, times and fortunes change. Several factors combined to influence Eyes & Crowle's eventual demise. Eyes & Crowle lost the agency for Buick, a brand that is still going today. It seems that Eyes & Crowle put those unfortunate times and several factors combined to influence Eyes & Crowle's eventual demise.

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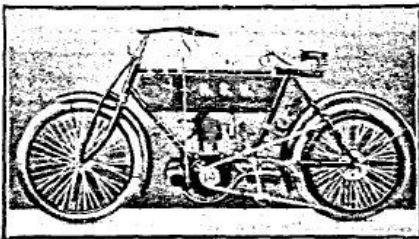
But, by the late 1920s the business was starting to wind down. Maybe their future would have been different if they had of stayed with Buick or picked up the Ford agency which had belonged to Duncan & Fraser. Anyway, in February 1930 Eyes & Crowle's managing director Mr H. W. Reid left to head Autocars Ltd in Adelaide. Shortly after that move Autocars Ltd took over the selling of Rugby-Durant vehicles from Eyes & Crowle as well as the selling of Nash cars and Federal trucks.

By May 1st 1930 the centrally located and well know premises of Eyes & Crowle had been taken over by the 'Lewis' firm and was being used as a parking station and servicing centre. The remaining stock of second hand vehicles were sold off at bargain prices. Today, 2016, the original Eyes & Crowle building is opposite a Subway business.

Sam Shepherd— Antique MC club of Australia.



## Motor Premiers for 1909. Ask Our Riders.



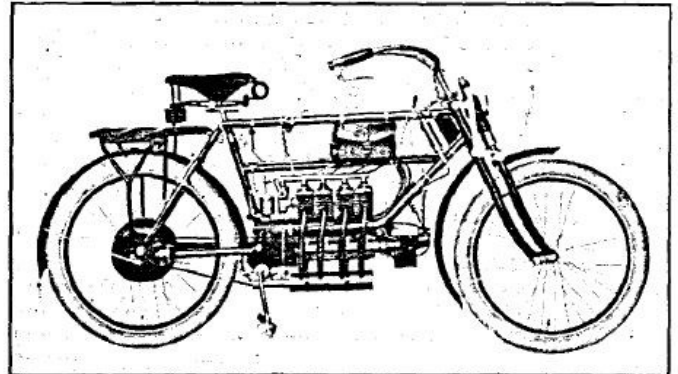
Winners of the Automobile Club's Annual Hill Climb —  
*Successful Three Years Running.*

1903—First and fastest time.  
1907—First, Second and Third, and fastest time  
1908—First, Second and Third fastest times  
1909—Feb. 25. Adelaide Oval. Automobile Club's  
Gymkhana: First in the Club's 5 mile  
h'cap. race from scratch; also fastest  
time in 1-mile record. Gold medal and  
two trophies.  
1909—May 24. School of Mines Sports, Adelaide  
Oval, N.S.U. First and fastest time  
from scratch.

**N.S.U. Motor Cycles  
Stocked.**

All Magneto Ignition,  
Spring Forks, complete,  
1909 Models.

1½-h.p. Lightweight, 80 lbs.  
complete, £48  
2½-h.p. Lightweight, 2-cylinder,  
100 lbs. ... complete, £60  
3½-h.p. Single Cylinder,  
complete, £62/10/-  
4-h.p. Single Cylinder Model de  
Lux ... complete, £65  
4½-h.p. Twin Cylinder,  
complete, £67/10/-  
6-h.p. Twin Cylinder,  
complete, £70



**FOUR LITTLE PUFFS.**—The final note in Motor Cycle  
construction is the **FOUR CYLINDER, F.N., 4½ and 6 h.p.**  
£65 and £70 complete. We are Sole Agents.

## EYES & CROWLE, Adelaide.

The Perfection of Detail and Reliability.  
**We are SOLE AGENTS—**

England's Best Motor Cycle "THE TRIUMPH"

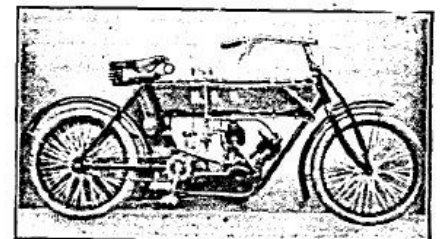
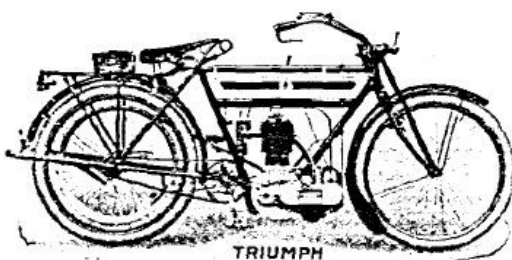
Sole Agents for:

**GENUINE DE DION.  
BELSIZE.**

**MINERVA and DELAGE  
CARS.**

Large Stock of up-to-date Motor Ac-  
cessories kept, and an Efficient Work-  
shop and Capable Workmen.

3½-h.p. Handlebar Control, Spring Forks,  
Magneto Ignition, complete £65.





The first twenty-four hour reliability trial conducted by the M.C.C. of S.A. took place in June, 1924, and since that year this strenuous event has been one of the most important fixtures on the club's calendar each year. In 1929 the proprietors of the Adelaide "Register" presented the club with a shield, valued at £25, to be held for twelve months by the team of three riders on the one make of machine



Messrs. J. H. GILBERT, W. W. DEVLING, and A. MOYLE, officials at the start of "The Advertiser" Endurance Test.

making the best performance. The club named future events "The Register 24-Hour Reliability Trial." The trial has been renamed on two further occasions.

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With the merging of "The Register" with "The Advertiser," the trial was known as "The Advertiser" trial, as the proprietors of "The Advertiser" continued to support the competition with an annual grant of ten guineas towards the prize money list. Year after year the average speed was increased, controls stationed closer together, and treacherous back tracks included in the route; but still the organisers were able to guarantee an outright winner, unless extreme weather conditions came to their rescue during the actual running of the trial. The increased average speed meant a longer trial each year, until a distance of nearly 600 miles was covered in the 24 hours. Continued improvements to the modern machine and equipment, such as lighting sets, kept up the efforts of the organisers, but, unfortunately, many riders found the test too severe, although their machines were standing up to the test, and this position prompted the club to change the name of the event from a reliability trial to the name which it still carries, "The Advertiser 24-Hour Endurance Contest."

#### The Winning Club Teams.

- 1930—Norton Team: J. S. Horrocks, R. Sharpe, C. Korner.  
1931—Harley-Davidson Team: F. Witcombe, E. Gower, R. Sparrow.

#### A COMPETITOR IN TROUBLE IN SANDY LANE—ONE OF THE TREACHEROUS SECTIONS



- 1932—Panther Team: S. N. Rowe, H. M. Kotz, A. Edgecombe.  
1933—Ariel Team: P. Smith, G. Stapleton, P. James.  
1934—No complete team succeeded in finishing the course this year.  
1935—B.S.A. Team: C. W. Green, H. Leaney, J. C. Frearson.  
1936—No complete team finished again this year.  
1937—No team completed course.



Garry Jolly posted this—Two of my Great Great Uncles on their Big X, Series 18, 1916/17 I have been advise it in Maitland, South Australia, not sure when it was taken. Albert Noble and Brother, I think it might be William in the sidecar, the oldest of 10 children, Albert was the youngest. William was the proprietor of the Vulcan Works in Maitland. Their sister, Priscilla, is my Great Grandmother. Gary Jolly

Above left —Excelsior 9583 registered to A. E. Nobile of Moonta for a Lewis so perhaps it was later transferred to the Excelsior?

Above Right—this is a photo of A. E. Noble of Moonta Mines on a 1914 Rover. Regard TGP.

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## CENTRAL HILLS RUN—JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

Hopefully we will get in one more ride before the wet weather comes.

The ride will start at 10am from the Federation Park in Gumeracha.

This is opposite the Hotel in the main street.

For those trailering their bikes, please leave your trailers down the back of the Park by the tennis courts so as we can leave the main car park free.

Riders that would like to go with some company, I suggest you leave Pelican Plaza opposite Tea Tree Plaza at 9am. The trailer might follow you.

The roads will vary from open major roads to winding country lanes, but no dirt surfaces (unless they sneak in some road works). Majority of the roads have an 80kph limit. There will of course be hills to climb and descend. **If there are any bikes that don't like climbing hills, I will let you know on the day of detours to enjoy.** Morning tea/coffee will be at the Amberlight café in Lobethal and we have been promised scones as well as the usual snacks.

The ride finishes at the Big Rocking Horse, just a short distance down the road from the start at Gumeracha. It has a large café area to enjoy a leisurely lunch and chat after the ride. We can park our bikes outside of **the main door, at the base of the Rocking Horse, so we don't have to walk too far.**

The route is about 80kms.

Weather conditions.

In case the weather comes in a bit unpleasant on the day I can shorten the route, or head back early?

Corner Marshals

Volunteers will be required on the day.

Back-up trailer driver

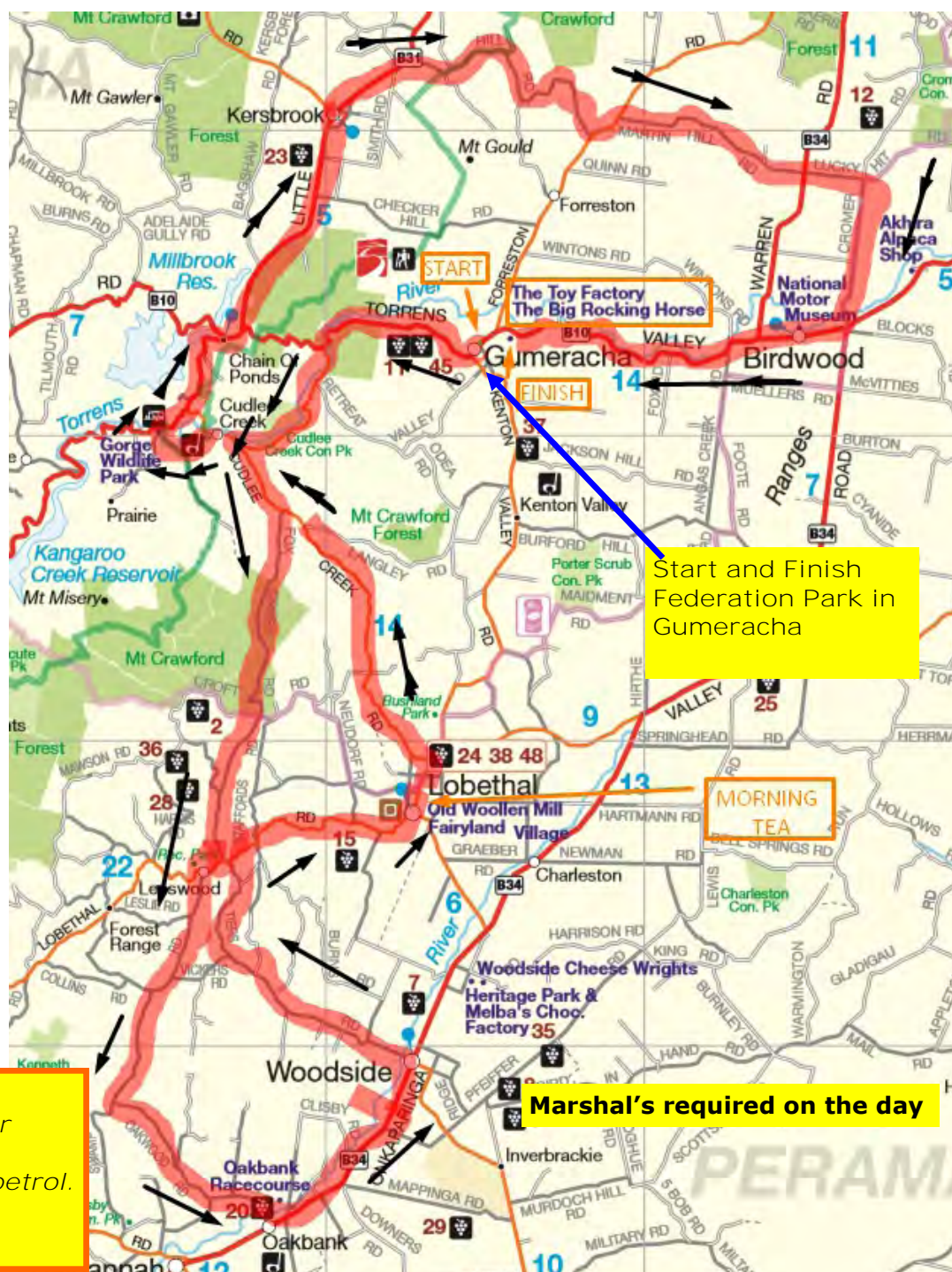
We require a member to tow the club trailer with the usual \$60 petrol payment.

For any queries or to volunteer for trailer or marshals duties please contact me on 040908 3436.

See you there.

Ian Hese.

Tour Leader.



*Backup trailer volunteer required—  
\$60.00 will be paid for petrol.*





Members at play—what they said - **'What happened in Burra stays in Burra'**.  
These photos were secretly released to the editor my roving reporter.

### ANOTHER BICYCLE FATALITY.

A young man was found on Monday afternoon in an unconscious condition on the Belair-road. He was removed to the Adelaide Hospital on a market gardener's cart by Constable Davidson, of Mitcham. On examination it was found that he had sustained concussion of the brain, and one of his eyes had been badly injured. He did not regain consciousness, and died about 10 o'clock the same night. The police have been unable to discover the man's identity. He is between 24 and 28 years of age, clean shaven, of stout build, and was riding a "Bullock" bicycle, No. 00179.

