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## Community Talk



Cycling to & from the gold rushes. Note the tyre patches caused mostly by doublegees



Cycling fashion in late 19th century

## A Social History of Cycling in WA Alan Naber

This talk begins with the first attempts at two-wheeled travel and the disbelief and fascination of being able to balance on two wheels in the early 1800s. Then follows the development and impact of faster bicycles in the mid-1800s. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries cycling's popularity grew as the mass of the population adopted bicycles because they became safer and cheaper. The story covers Britain, Europe and the USA. For Australia the changes in urban, rural and the goldfields life are discussed.



Alan started his cycling career with a trike around two years old. Later he rode his bicycle to school on the quiet roads of a 1950s London suburb. He rode his bike to work in both England and Australia, only stopping for a ten-year break in Zambia, Central Africa, where the roads were too dangerous for bikes. He has cycle-toured many countries, particularly Germany, Holland and Denmark where cycling is a normal part of life for many people. Now retired Alan has a collection of vintage bicycles and rides with the Over-55 Cycling Club and the WA Historic cycle club.

**Tuesday 21 March 2023, 10 for 10.30am**  
Cost \$10 Bookings essential  
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