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THE JACK KINNANE COLLECTION

Cyclists, Launceston

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INTRODUCTION

Stanley James (known as Jack) Kinnane, was born in Sydney on 7 May 1912, the son of Alfred James and Adeline Kinnane. (NSW Federation Index 1889-1918; death notice *Examiner* 17 January 2002) About 1915 the family came to Tasmania, where Jack attended the Smithton, Wynyard and Burnie state schools.

Jack began his cycling career on Christmas Day 1928 when he easily won a half mile race from scratch on the beach at Currie Heads (in the vicinity of Beechford) after riding the 35 miles from Launceston. During his subsequent highly successful career he won most of the major road classics in Tasmania and competed in mainland events. When he retired in 1955 he still held the Tasmanian 25 and 200 mile records, the Tasmanian 12-hour event and the title for the Launceston to Burnie and return race. Some of the records he established still stand because with metric distances now applying to cycling, they are likely to remain unchallenged.

As a professional cyclist Jack was equally at home on the track or road. He worked and rode for Charlie Hay of Torpedo Cycles and Ron Scott of Scott's Cycles in Launceston before founding Kinnane Cycle Works at 187 Wellington Street, Launceston, in 1939. He sold the business in 1974. His famous Kinnane bicycle sold in all Australian states, New Zealand and Africa.

Jack contributed a great deal to his sport. From 1946 he played a major role in rejuvenating and popularising cycling in Tasmania. He organised a number of races including many memorial road races and his own "Kinnane 65" races. The highlight of his sporting career he considered to be the Mercury tour of Tasmania cycle races and the Launceston six day bike rides he helped organise. He formed the Ramblers Cycling Club, now the City of Launceston Cycling Club. At the age of fifty-four Jack took up golf, becoming a keen member of the Riverside Golf Club. He was secretary of the Tattersall and Sportsmen's Social Golf Club for over twenty-five years.

Life membership of the League of Tasmanian Wheelmen was bestowed on him for his outstanding contribution to cycling in Tasmania in 1987. He was nationally recognised as one of Australia's outstanding senior citizens during the 1999 International Year of the Older Person. The following year he was awarded the West Tamar Council citizen of the year award for more than seventy years of commitment to sporting clubs and organising sporting events, particularly cycling and golf.

Jack Kinnane died at Launceston on 16 January 2002, survived by his son and daughter. His wife, Zoe (nee Donnelly) who he married in 1936, and one son predeceased him. (*Examiner* 17 January 2002, 19 January 2002, p.6, *Examiner* 18 April 1936, p.12.)

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in May 2002.

1. Cycling Club Record Books

1/1	Launceston Cycling Club, entry book (includes membership list 1927, 1928, 1929)	1927-1929
1/2	Launceston Junior Cycling Club (includes lists of race winners and place getters)	1932-1935
1/3	Ramblers Cycling Club, various handwritten and typed records	c1959

2. Programs, Tasmanian

2/1	Advocate 150 miles	1956
2/2	Australian Cycling Championships, Tasmania	1950
2/3	Brevtex Tour of Tasmania	1999
2/4	Burnie Athletic Club, carnivals 1947-1949, 1951, 1965-1966, 1985	1947-1985
2/5	Burnie Cycling Club	1960, nd
2/6	City Football Club, 2 nd Athletic Carnival	1954
2/7	City of Launceston Cycling Club, TNT 9 6 Day Bike Race; 1979, 1982 road racing program	1978, 1979, 1982
2/8	Darwin Athletic Club carnivals 1946, 1948, 1952, 1954	1946-1954
2/9	Deloraine Cycling Club carnival	1949
2/10	Devonport Athletic Club, 1944, 1946-1954, 1957, 1960-1962, 1966, 1968, 1972	1944-1972
2 /11	Devonport Cycle Club, Terry Halley Memorial	1961
2/12	Examiner 6 Days' Bike Race 1961-1964, 1966-1967, 1969	1961-1969
2/13	Exeter Cycling Club, carnival 1950, 1965, 1968	1950-1968
2/14	Fred Keefe Memorial 1969-76, 1978-83 (includes exercise book containing details of the races)	1969-1983
2/15	Jayco Tour of Tasmania	1996
2/16	Kinnane '65', 1948-1950 <i>Oversize items</i>	1948-50, 1953, 1956
2/17	Latrobe Bicycle Race Club 1914, 1942, 1945-1954,	1914-1962

	1958, 1961, 1962	;	
2/18	Latrobe Cycling Club 21/6/1958		1958
2/19	Launceston Amateur Cycling Club		1949, 1953
2/20	Launceston City Cycling Club, Hadfield Memorial Race; 28 th Launceston to Hobart Cycling test race		1960, 1999
2/21	L.T.W. (League of Tasmanian Wheelmen), Handicaps, fifty mile championship of Tasmania, Burnie		1953
2/22	Mercury Tour of Tasmania 1954, 1957-1959, 1961		1954-1961
2/23	Perth Cycling Club		1928
2/24	Q.A.C., Christmas carnival		1942
2/25	Queenstown Professional Running Club, carnivals 1948, 1954, 1955-1956, 1964-1965		1948-1965
2/26	Railton Recreation Ground Committee		1960
2/27	Ramblers Cycling Club, York Park, 1952, 1960, 1963		1952-1963
2/28	Russ Green Memorial		1957, 1961
2/29	St Leonards Velodrome		1976, 1977
2/30	St Mary's		1948
2/31	Scottsdale Athletic Club carnival		1960, 1961
2/32	Scottsdale Sports Committee cycling carnival		1956
2/33	Southern Tasmanian Cycling Club, Launceston-Hobart		1955
2/34	Tamar 33		1950, 1960
2/35	Tasmanian Amateur Cyclists' Union, road programme/ roster		1964, 1966
2/36	Tasmanian Junior Road Championship		nd
2/37	Tasmanian Thousands, Devonport, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968		1962-1968
2/38	Tasmanian Thousand, York Park		1965
2/39	Tasmanian Thousands carnivals 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968		1962-1968

2/40	Ulverstone Cycle Club Carnival 1945, 1947-1950	1945-1950
2/41	Vacu-lug Tour of the West	1959, 1960
2/42	Westbury Athletic Clubs carnival	1955
2/43	Wynyard Cycling Club	1947

Programs, Australian

2/44	Alitalia "Six", Melbourne	1969
2/45	Arena 6 day race, Sydney, souvenir programs and official program for 12/4/1941	1941
2/46	Argus Melbourne to Warrnambool	1953
2/47	Australian Championship Sports Carnival, Bundaberg, 22, 23, 25/3/1948	1948
2/48	Australian Cyclist, Melbourne	1955
2/49	Australian League Cycling Championships, Norwood, S A	1953
2/50	Australian Professional Cycling Track Championships, W A, 26/2, 1/3, 5/3/1949; Port Pirie, 1959; Lake Monger, 1962	1949-1962
2/51	Australian Track Cycling Championships, Broken Hill	1952
2/52	Bill Long Cycling Promotions, Olympic Velodrome	1963, 1964
2/53	Citizens of Warrnambool	1961
2/54	Coca-Cola Bottlers, Norwood, S A	nd
2/55	Daily Telegraph, N S W	1955
2/56	Dunlop Road Race, Dunlop Cup, Warrnambool to Melbourne	1932, 1938
2/57	Essendon Board Track Pty Ltd, Melbourne	1955, 1957
2/58	League of Victorian Wheelmen, Warrnambool to Melbourne	1956
2/59	A G Healing, Melbourne to Warrnambool 1947, 1951-1952	1947-1952
2/60	Milk "Six", Melbourne	1960, 1968
2/61	Sun Tour, Victoria	1955, 1960
2/62	Super Elliot 6 Days Bike Race, Norwood, S A	1960

2/63	Sporting Globe 7 Day Sydney to Melbourne	1954
2/64	Ted Waterford Enterprises Pty Ltd, Olympic Velodrome, Melbourne, 22, 29/11/1958	1958
2/65	Victorian Centenary Celebration Council, Centenary 1000 official program	1934

Programs, Overseas

2/66	British Cycling Federation	1964
2/67	Championnats Du Monde Cyclistes (includes associated journals, newspapers and poster, etc)	1964
2/68	Cycle Tour of Britain	1960
2/69	Manchester Wheelers' Club	1964
2/70	Tokyo (XV11 Olympiad) Cycling (includes Tokyo games program)	1964

3.Posters

3/1	Advocate Tour	1959
3/2	Alan Panton Memorial Road Race	1958, 1959
3/3	Burnie Cycling Club 50 miles road championship	1958, 1960
3/4	Cressy "50", incorporating Fred Keefe Memorial Road Race <i>Oversize item</i>	nd
3/5	Cycling Film Evening	c1960
3/6	Devonport Christmas Carnival	nd
3/7	Examiner Cycling Extraordinary; 6 day Bike Race <i>Oversize items</i>	1961, 1964
3/8	King's Cycles Test Race <i>Oversize item</i>	1949
3/9	Kinnane "65", 1948-1949, 1950, 1954 <i>Oversize items</i>	1948-1954
3/10	Launceston-Hobart Test Race	1954
3/11	Mercury 125 Miles Championship 1953; Tour of Tasmania (several are <i>Oversize items</i>)	1954, 1956, 1961
3/12	100 Kilo ...Open Road Race	1952

3/13	“Oppy” Hadfield Memorial Road Race <i>Oversize item</i>	1948
3/14	“Rubina Joy” Australian Junior Road Championship <i>Oversize item</i>	1953
3/15	6 Days Race (NSW?) <i>Oversize item</i>	nd
3/16	“Tamar 33” Road Race <i>Oversize item</i>	1951
3/17	Tas. 25 Mile Road Cycling Championship	1959
3/18	Tasmanian Junior Road Cycling Championship <i>Oversize items</i>	1947- 1949
3/19	Tasmanian Milk 6 <i>Oversize items</i>	nd
3/20	Terry Halley Memorial 50 Mile	1958
3/21	Vacu-lug Tour of the West <i>Oversize items</i>	1958, 1960

4.Scrapbooks

4/1	City Cycling Club (includes handwritten lists and newspaper cuttings)	1901-1905
4/2	Newspaper cuttings concerning various Tasmanian cycling races	1905-1909
4/3	Newspaper cuttings concerning various Australian cycling races	1912
4/4	Ramblers’ Cycling Club, handwritten, typed lists and newspaper cuttings	1956-1958
4/5	Newspaper cuttings concerning various Australian cycling races	1955
4/6	Mercury Tour scrapbooks (two) <i>Oversize items</i>	1954
4/7	Mercury Tour scrapbook <i>Oversize item</i>	1955

5.Newspaper Cuttings

5/1	Newspaper cuttings relating to Jack Kinnane from various newspapers <i>Oversize item</i>	1931-2000, nd
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6.Personal Records

6/1	Record of Jack Kinnane’s cycling races, 1928-1948, written in notebook	1928-1948
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6/2	Record of Jack Kinnane's cycling races, 1928-1937 written in writing pad	1928-1937
6/3	League of Tasmanian Wheelmen, championship certificate awarded to S J Kinnane	1938
6/4	League of Tasmanian Wheelmen, three record certificates for S J Kinnane	1938, nd
6/5	'Super Scott news', poster advertising Jack Kinnane's success; S J Kinnane's bill with Scott's, 68 Charles Street	1930s
6/6	Identity Card issued to Stanley James Kinnane	1945
6/7	Australian Federal Cycling Council, Australian Racing License issued to Stanley James Kinnane	1947
6/8	League of Tasmanian Wheelmen record certificate for S J Kinnane	1948
6/9	Southern Tasmanian Cycling Club certificate for meritorious performance presented to S J Kinnane	1948
6/10	Commonwealth of Australia, motor spirit consumer's licence issued to Stanley James Kinnane	1949
6/11	S J Kinnane Cycle Works, calendar for 1951 <i>Oversize item</i>	1951
6/12	S J Kinnane Cycle Works, letterheads	1950s
6/13	Port Pirie Athletic Association, Australian Professional Track Cycling championships welcome dinner menu	1959
6/14	Kinnane's Cycle Works, six <i>Examiner</i> advertisements attached to a sheet of brown paper	1961, 1963
6/15	Qantas King Neptune Order of Equatorial Air Voyages, certificates issued to S J and E M Kinnane	1967
6/16	National Geographic Society certificate of enrolment of S J Kinnane as a member	1976
6/17	'Jack Kinnane Champion Cyclist rode a Scott Flyer... Shop and factory 68 Charles St. R C Scott . Prop.', advertising board used in Launceston trams <i>Oversize item</i>	nd
6/18	[S J Kinnane's] account of his involvement in track and road cycle racing, typescript and manuscript	nd

6/19	'Australian champions ride a Kinnane Special', poster	nd
6/20	Kinnane Cycle Works, <i>Gear table. With the compliments of Kinnane Cycle Works</i> , small pink card	nd
6/21	'Win a boy's or girl's bike: Kinnane's, Wellington Street, Launceston', 80 x 100 mm b & w art work for advertisement	nd
6/22	Kinnane Cycles and Kinnane Special etc, various transfers used on cycles (also Harold E Pearce & Co. Ltd <i>Transfers de luxe</i> , Birmingham, nd and <i>Simplex transfer designs</i> , pages from a booklet)	nd
6/23	'A lamp in time will save that fine'; 'All repairs done in this shop are guaranteed'; 'Inspect our reconditioned cycles, good value', 280 x 200 mm ads on black cardboard	nd
6/24	Patrick Kinnane swimming proficiency certificate; Tasmanian Schoolboy Cycling Championship certificates	1953/54, 1958

7. Correspondence

7/1	Correspondence to Jack Kinnane, 21/4/1960 from St Helen's Athletic Club; 20, 21/6/1960 from League of Tasmanian Wheelmen; 25/7/1960 from Mayor of Launceston; 14/1/1966 from Bill L[ong]; 24/5/1987 from League of Tasmanian Wheelmen; 31/5/1994 from Warren Beaumont	1960-1994
7/2	Correspondence from Jack Kinnane, 18/7/1960	1960

8. Photographs

8/1	Jack Kinnane, 16 photographs (includes one <i>Oversize item</i>)	1934-c1980
8/2	Two photographs of Kinnane Cycle Works, 187 Wellington Street; two photos of a Kinnane bike; start of 1947 Kinnane "65"	nd, 1947
8/3	Steve Barker (includes <i>Saturday Evening Express</i> 3/2/1934 cutting)	c1910
8/4	Fred Keefe, 11 photographs	1912-1936
8/5	Russell Mockridge, 11 photographs	c1955
8/6	Mercury Tour and Mercury Australian Professional Road Championship riders, numerous photographs	1950s

- 8/7 Photographs of cycle races etc: Australian Championships, 1923-1967
Tasmanian Team, 1948; Australian Cycling Championships,
Tasmanian Team, 1952 *Oversize item*; Gallipoli Scratch
Race, Anzac Sports; Latrobe Wheel Race, 1923, 1925, 1929;
Quarter Mile Handicap, Launceston, 1949; Scottsdale Wheel,
1967; Tour of Tassie, 1933
- 8/8 Photographs of cyclists: E R Bishop, D G Campbell,
M H Clampett, P Cullen, B Dadson, M Dakers, M Derriso,
J E Edwards, P H Fordham, I French, M Frier, ? Ferguson,
V Gibson, G Harris, M Harrison, S Haywood, D Hodgkinson,
W J Hope, L Huley, CR Lette, G Matthews, J, F and E Pickett,
M Rockliffe, M Rowley, B Sloane, M Sloane, L Stabb,
D W Tapp, H Thomas, A J Thurley, W H Tyson, J Wescombe,
S R Williams, R Young, winner Latrobe wheel race 1921

9. Films

- 9/1 Mercury Tour nd
- 9/2 Mercury Tour 1955
- 9/3 Mercury Tour 1956
- 9/4 Mercury Tour, two reels 1959
- 9/5 Tasmania's Gr[eatest] Event nd
- 9/6 Spinning Wheels, part 1 and part 2 nd

10. Publications

- 10/1 *Australian Cyclist*, March, June 1947, December 1951,
June 1952, May, June, September 1960, November 1961,
July 1962 1947-62
- 10/2 Retail Cycle Traders Association of Australia, *Price list*,
Melbourne, 1949 1949
- 10/3 *British Cycles & Motor Cycles Overseas*, Feb/Mar., Oct/Nov.
1950, Aug/Sept 1952 1950, 1952
- 10/4 *Cycling almanac* 1952
- 10/5 Raleigh souvenir brochure, 1952; Raleigh export bicycle
catalogue, nd 1952
- 10/6 *Motor Cycle & Cycle Export Trader*, March, May 1953 1953
- 10/7 *World champions I have known; Rainbow jersey;*
Maitre Jacques; Yellow jersey; Six of the best; Eddy Merckx c1970

(series of booklets published in Yorkshire)

10/8	<i>The Challenge</i> , Jan/Feb. 1971	1971
10/9	<i>Cycling Australia</i> , May 1975	1975
10/10	Neil Kearney, <i>Tasmania's greatest sportsmen</i> , Launceston, 1977	1977
10/11	Barb, cycle pamphlet	nd
10/12	D M Clarke, <i>Scientific massage for athletes</i> , London, nd	nd
10/13	<i>Instruction booklet for the Victa Special and Standard</i> , Milperra, NSW, nd	nd
10/14	John P Monro, <i>How to conduct meetings</i> , Melbourne, nd	nd
10/15	Zeus catalogue	nd

11. Miscellaneous Items

11/1	League of Tasmanian Wheelmen, constitution	1946, 1963
11/2	Commonwealth Jubilee Cycle Council, Tasmanian Division, <i>Report on Jubilee cycling relay</i> , Launceston, 1951	1951
11/3	Mercury Tour of Tasmania, various records (includes letters to and from Jack Kinnane concerning the tour)	1958, 1960, 1961
11/4	Tasmania. Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation. <i>Tour of Tasmania. Media Presentation</i>	1996
11/5	'Sketch-plan of track lay-out and lighting scheme for proposed velodrome Launceston'	nd
11/6	'Healing cycle frame measuring chart', diagram; order form for sweater	nd
11/7	'The Grenda saga', article by Warren Beaumont (includes three photographs and Grenda's NCA license, 1920)	nd

12. Ephemera

12/1	Postcards etc of champion cyclists, some advertising various makes of cycles	c1938-1978
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