

# QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

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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**

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|-----|---|-----------|
| 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**

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|-----|--|-----------|
| 2/1 | Tasmanian tours and races                        | 1954-1996 |
| 2/2 | Northern Tasmania carnivals and races            | 1949-1999 |
| 2/3 | North-eastern Tasmania carnivals and races       | 1948-1961 |
| 2/4 | West coast of Tasmanian carnivals and races      | 1942-1965 |
| 2/5 | North-west coast of Tasmania carnivals and races | 1944-1985 |
| 2/6 | Australian carnivals and races                   | 1934-1969 |
| 2/7 | International carnivals and races                | 1960-1964 |

### **3.Posters**

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|-----|--|------------|
| 3/1 | Advocate Tour <i>Oversized item</i>  | 1959       |
| 3/2 | Alan Panton Memorial Road Race <i>Oversized item</i>                           | 1958, 1959 |
| 3/3 | Burnie Cycling Club 50 miles road championship <i>Oversized item</i>           | 1958, 1960 |
| 3/4 | Cressy "50", incorporating Fred Keefe Memorial Road Race <i>Oversized item</i> | nd         |
| 3/5 | Cycling Film Evening <i>Oversized item</i>                                     | c1960      |
| 3/6 | Devonport Christmas Carnival <i>Oversized item</i>                             | nd         |
| 3/7 | Examiner Cycling Extraordinary; 6 day Bike Race <i>Oversized item</i>          | 1961, 1964 |
| 3/8 | King's Cycles Test Race <i>Oversized item</i>                                  | 1949       |
| 3/9 | Kinnane "65", 1948-1949, 1950, 1954 <i>Oversized item</i>                      | 1948-1954  |

3/10	Launceston-Hobart Test Race <i>Oversized item</i>	1954
3/11	Mercury 125 Miles Championship 1953; Tour of Tasmania <i>Oversized item</i>	1954, 1956, 1961
3/12	100 Kilo ...Open Road Race <i>Oversized item</i>	1952
3/13	“Oppy” Hadfield Memorial Road Race <i>Oversized item</i>	1948
3/14	“Rubina Joy” Australian Junior Road Championship <i>Oversized item</i>	1953
3/15	6 Days Race (NSW?) <i>Oversized item</i>	nd
3/16	“Tamar 33” Road Race <i>Oversized item</i>	1951
3/17	Tas. 25 Mile Road Cycling Championship <i>Oversized item</i>	1959
3/18	Tasmanian Junior Road Cycling Championship <i>Oversized item</i>	1947- 1949
3/19	Tasmanian Milk 6 <i>Oversized item</i>	nd
3/20	Terry Halley Memorial 50 Mile <i>Oversized item</i>	1958
3/21	Vacu-lug Tour of the West <i>Oversized items</i>	1958, 1960
3/22	Barnet Glass road race, Ballarat - Geelong - Melbourne <i>Oversized item</i>	1923

#### **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
4/6.1	Mercury Tour scrapbook	1954
4/6.2	Mercury Tour scrapbook	1954

4/7 Mercury Tour scrapbook 1955

### **5. Newspaper Cuttings**

5/1 Newspaper cuttings relating to Jack Kinnane from various newspapers 1931-2000, nd

### **6. Personal Records**

6/1 Record of Jack Kinnane's cycling races, 1928-1948, written in notebook 1928-1948

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  
*Oversized item* 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 *Examiner* advertisements attached to a sheet of brown paper 1961, 1963

6/15 Qantas King Neptune Order of Equatorial Air Voyages, 1967

certificates issued to S J and E M Kinnane

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| 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<br><i>Oversized 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,<br>1958 |

### **7. Correspondence**

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|-----|---|-----------|
| 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**

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|-----|--|------------|
| 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; | nd, 1947   |

start of 1947 Kinnane "65"

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| 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, Tasmanian Team, 1948; Australian Cycling Championships, Tasmanian Team, 1952 <i>Oversize item</i> ; Gallipoli Scratch Race, Anzac Sports; Latrobe Wheel Race, 1923, 1925, 1929; Quarter Mile Handicap, Launceston, 1949; Scottsdale Wheel, 1967; Tour of Tassie, 1933  | 1923-1967   |
| 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 | 1921, nd    |
| 8/9  | Miscellaneous cycling photographs  | 1920s-1970s |
| 8/10 | Miscellaneous cycling photographs  | 1930s-1950s |

### **9.Films**

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|-----|------------------------------------|------|
| 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**

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|------|---|---------|
| 10/1 | <i>Australian Cyclist</i> , March, June 1947, December 1951, June 1952, May, June, September 1960, November 1961, | 1947-62 |
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July 1962

10/2	Retail Cycle Traders Association of Australia, <i>Price list</i> , Melbourne, 1949	1949
10/3	<i>British Cycles &amp; Motor Cycles Overseas</i> , Feb/Mar., Oct/Nov. 1950, Aug/Sept 1952	1950, 1952
10/4	<i>Cycling almanac</i>	1952
10/5	Raleigh souvenir brochure, 1952; Raleigh export bicycle catalogue, nd	1952
10/6	<i>Motor Cycle &amp; Cycle Export Trader</i> , March, May 1953	1953
10/7	<i>World champions I have known; Rainbow jersey; Maitre Jacques; Yellow jersey; Six of the best; Eddy Merckx</i> (series of booklets published in Yorkshire)	c1970
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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