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Hi Everyone,

This will be my last report as President of the branch and I am writing it with mixed feelings. I have enjoyed my time on the committee, 1 year as a committee member/Ride Co and the next 4 years as President. I felt this year it was time for some fresh blood and enthusiasm so decided not to nominate again. During my tenure I have enjoyed great support from the various committee members and in general from the branch membership, that support has made the position of President an easier role to carry out.

I'd like to thank the current Committee for their work over the last 12 months – John Pepper (Sec/ Treasurer), Paul Turner (Quartermaster), Mick Katarski (Wheezy Editor), Mark Gilbert, Reg Williamson, Michael Bligh and Allison Booth. Also the other helpers, Pat Tinnelly (past committee member & Ride Co), Ron Spencer (long term Webmaster) and Anita Turner (Raffle Girl). These are the people that keep your branch running behind the scenes. Past committee members I have had the pleasure of working with also deserve a mention, Eileen Garside (Sec/Treasurer for many years) Glenda McGregor (a very long serving committee member), Rick Putland (2 years) and Will Duncan (past Quartermaster & committee member).

Also thank you to everyone that led a ride (especially TEC Geoff & Jill) or organised and helped with a social event and of course the Odyssey Committee from last year. To quote Mr Grainger from Are You Being Served "You have all done very well".

**Fremantle Branch AGM is on this Tuesday 8pm at the Leopold Hotel.** Make an effort to get there; it is your branch so have your say. Remember to bring your membership cards to be eligible to vote.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the AGM as I will be in NSW for work commitments. John Pepper will be my stand in and Tony Barton is the returning Officer. It will still be a shortened social meeting before the AGM so you can hear all the stories and a few jokes.

The Position of Ride Co is still vacant and needs filling! No Ride Co means no rides! Please someone take over the fine work that was done by Patrick. Thank you to everyone that has helped out over the last month when the call went out for ride leaders.

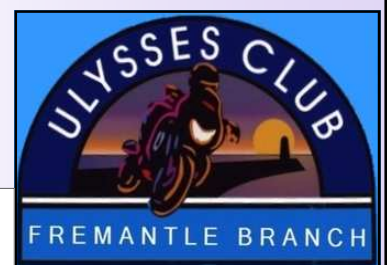
Finally I wish the next President (John) and the new committee all the very best.

Remember— It's not what you ride, it's your attitude that counts.

**Colin Booth 61215**  
**President Ulysses Fremantle Branch**



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**FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE**  
**LEOPOLD HOTEL 326 CANNING HWY BICTON WA.**  
*The committee is the servant of the Group, not the Master*

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**Note: Next meeting, Tuesday**  
**10th**  
**July 2018**

**Plods and Saturday morning coffee**

Wednesday morning Plods meet at South Beach for a 9:30am start.

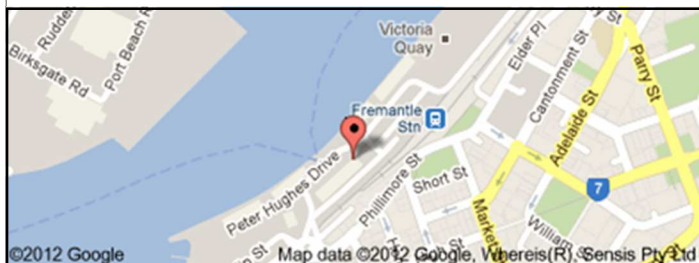
Any enquiries regarding plods can be directed to any of the following:

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The Saturday morning coffee get together will also continue to take place at the former site of the Victoria Café, however commencement will be from 9.00am.



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# THE BREAKFAST CLUB IS HERE

A bit wet but a good turnout at Oakover - Thanks Swan Valley Hills

## Next Breakfast Club

**Saturday June 30th @ 9.30am**

A ride this time South of the River

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## Some shots from Mark's ride to Gingin (British Car Show)









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For those dealing with depression before/during/ after addiction rehab we have been requested to promote Dr Keenan's guide for those requiring more information.

Dr Keenan's guide can be accessed via the following link:

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## Some shots of the requested group photos in Mandurah





## 2018 Royal Enfield Himalayan Adventure Motorcycle Review | 13 Fast Facts

By Tim Warriner    March 12, 2018

As much fun as it would have been to ride the all-new [2018 Royal Enfield Himalayan](#) in the Himalayas, I travelled a whopping 50 miles to Midlothian, Texas, to test the Indian-built ADV motorcycle on pavement and in the dirt to find out just how much adventure it is ready for.

Here are the essential facts on the Himalayan.

**1. Although a peak 24.5 horsepower at 6500 rpm doesn't sound like much, the LS410 motor gets the job done.** The fuel-injected air-cooled SOHC engine's modest numbers belie the fact that there is good, smooth power available. The 2018 [Royal Enfield Himalayan](#)'s 411cc under-square motor easily handles sustained speeds up to 70 mph on the highway, while providing 26 ft/lbs of torque to grunt through muddy creek crossings. Fuel injection definitely helps.



**2. Brembo brakes with stainless steel brake lines effortlessly manage the Himalayan's 401-pound curb weight.** The braking response is solid, and avoids being grabby under aggressive stopping. The front brake consists of a 300mm disc and two-piston floating calliper, while the rear brake is a 240-mm disc with a single-piston floating calliper.

**3. The 2018 Royal Enfield Himalayan's 26.5 degrees of rake is a bit steeper than other [dual-sport and adventure models](#),** which contributes to a quicker turn capability. Along with being just 400 pounds, the tucked in rake keeps the Himalayan nimble. In part due to the modest power output, both road and trail stability are not compromised.

**4. The linkage-assisted single shock is a first for Royal Enfield.** The firm, but not harsh, suspension is nice compromise for pavement and rough, off-road terrain. It does not easily bottom out, and allows the rider to confidently jump the bike off short drops. Travel is generous, with nearly eight inches in the front and over seven inches in the rear.





**5. The Pirelli Scorpion MT 60 tires worked well on pavement conditions ranging from rough, county roads to smooth highways.** Fully stable at speed and when cornering on pavement, the Pirellis' off-road capabilities are enough to traverse through soft, clay-based Texas mud without excessively sliding around. Impressively, Royal Enfield equipped the Himalayan with a dirt-friendly 21-inch front wheel, along with the 17-inch rear hoop. The wheels are wire-spoke.

**6. There's a fork brace that allows for mounting a tire-hugging front fender.** Given the height and abbreviated design of the high fender, a low-fender makes sense. However, I initially tested it without the low fender, so I can't say whether or not it would have packed up in the sticky mud I rode through.

**7. The aluminum skid plate and engine guards protect the motor from rugged terrain and falls.** Also, though the engine is tucked nicely in the frame. This is essential for true ADV riding.





**8. Cutouts on the sides of the four-gallon fuel tank allow the rider's knees to be in.** This improves cornering control and prevents the gas tank from interfering when standing. Riders of all heights will find this very helpful.

**9. The seat height is a bit shorter than most other dual sport and ADV models.** This allows smaller riders to have better control without having to resort to installing a lowering link.

**10. The seat is nicely padded with a small backrest providing much needed support for long hauls.** Royal Enfield definitely prepped the Himalayan for [high-mileage ADV rides](#).

**11. The Himalayan comes equipped with rear pannier mounts.** Luggage is a must for a true ADV motorcycle, and the Himalayan is ready for you to choose the style that suits you—rear aluminium panniers will be available from Royal Enfield initially. Additionally, the front pannier racks that allow carrying gas cans (!) and other smaller items for long trips.



**12. Despite the very modest price point, the Himalayan's instrument cluster is comprehensive.** A large cluster contains an analog speedometer in the top half with the bottom half containing a LCD display showing gear position, ambient temperature, time of day, odometer and trip odometer; a compact, readable tachometer; analog fuel gauge; and a compass bordered with cardinal points and digital direction indicator. Another nod to the present is the LCD taillight.

**13. With an MSRP under \$4500, the price point of the Himalayan is very much in keeping with Royal Enfield's philosophy of affordable, accessible, and fun.** I was definitely having fun with the Himalayan, doing everything from quickly carving through country road hairpins to confidently grabbing air over jumps off-road. As an owner of a Kawasaki KLR650, the 2018 Royal Enfield Himalayan is a motorcycle that I would easily have in my own garage, and for more than simply the occasional weekend ride.

## 2018 Royal Enfield Himalayan Specs

### ENGINE

- Type: Vertical single
- Displacement: 411cc
- Bore x stroke: 78 x 86mm
- Maximum power: 24.5 horsepower @ 6500 rpm
- Maximum torque: 26 ft/lbs
- Compression ratio: 9.5:1
- Fuelling: EFI
- Cooling: Air
- Starting: Electric
- Transmission: 5-speed
- Final drive: Chain

### CHASSIS

- Frame: Half-duplex split cradle
- Front suspension; travel: Non-adjustable 41mm fork; 7.9 inches
- Rear suspension; travel: Linkage-assisted spring-preload adjustable shock; 7.1 inches
- Tires: Pirelli Scorpion MT90 A/T
- Front tire: 90/90 x 21
- Rear tire: 120/90 x 17
- Wheels: Wire spoke
- Front brake: 300mm disc w/ 2-piston floating calliper
- Rear brake: 240mm disc w/ single-piston floating calliper
- ABS: N/A

### DIMENSIONS and CAPACITIES

- Wheelbase: 58 inches
- Rake: 26.5 degrees
- Seat height: 31.5 inches
- Ground clearance: 9 inches
- Fuel capacity: 4 gallons
- Curb weight: 401 pounds

### 2018 Royal Enfield Himalayan Colors:

- Snow
- Granite



**The following safety concerns have kindly been brought to our attention by Leo van Dalsen.**

You may have heard from the ACCC about the dangerous Takata Airbag fiasco with over 2 million vehicles recalled and 23 people worldwide killed so far..

This included motorcycles and in particular Honda Goldwings...

As this is a bike that is often purchased used, the current owners may not receive notification for the replacement. Accordingly this is to notify people in the club and in general in case owners are not aware...

Following models are affected:

<b>Motorcycles</b>	<b>Year Range</b>	<b>PRA No.</b>
Honda GL1800 Goldwing	2008-2010	2016/15440
Honda GL1800 Goldwing	2012	2017/15906
Honda GL1800 Goldwing	2013-2015	2018/16522

**Some shots kindly forwarded by Therese and John Howie**



**Fun in Renmark**



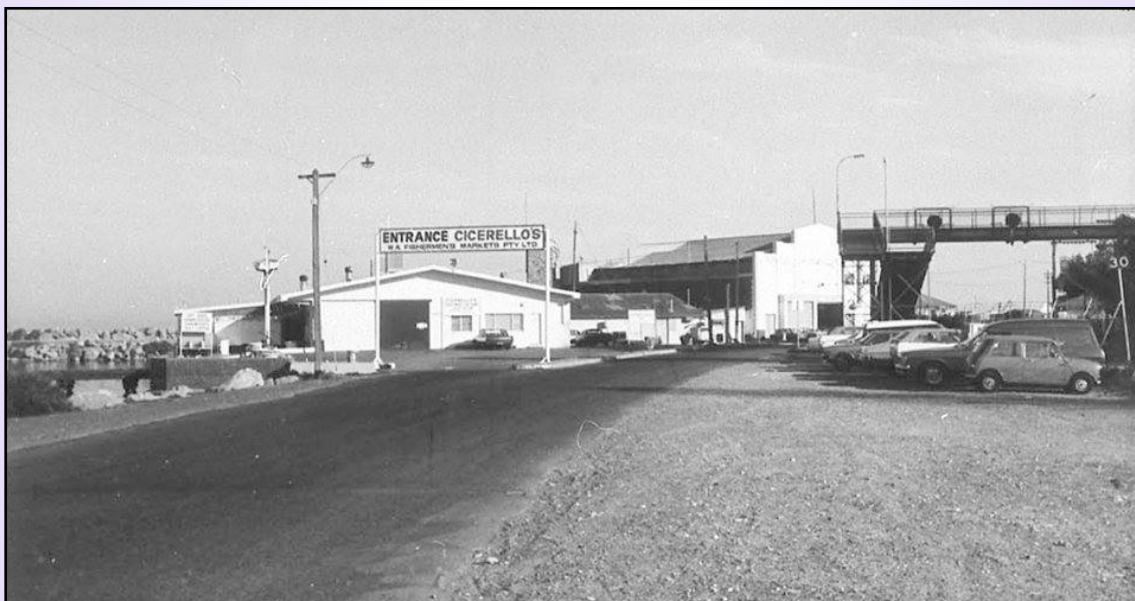
**Getting ready for the big ride**



**Breakfast on the road**



**Some Old Perth Classics (cont.)**  
Photos compiled courtesy of Lost Perth (Facebook)









## SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

# Daughter Messages Her Dad..

Dearest Daddy,

I am coming home to get married soon, so get out your cheque book. LOL  
I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me. As you know, I am in Australia and he lives in Scotland.

We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp, He proposed to me on Skype and now we've had two months of relationship through Viber.

My beloved and favourite Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes and a really big wedding.

Lots of love and thanks,

Your favourite daughter, Lynda

## Reply

My dear Lynda,

Like Wow!

Really? Cool!

Whatever....

I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through Paypal.

And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay.

Dad





- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- Venison for dinner again? Oh! Deer.
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- · Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
- · England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- · I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- · They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- · I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- · Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- · I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- · I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- · When chemists die, they barium.
- · I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- · I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- · Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- · I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- · Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- · When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- · Broken pencils are pointless.
- · What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- · I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- · I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- · Velcro - what a rip off.
- · Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

