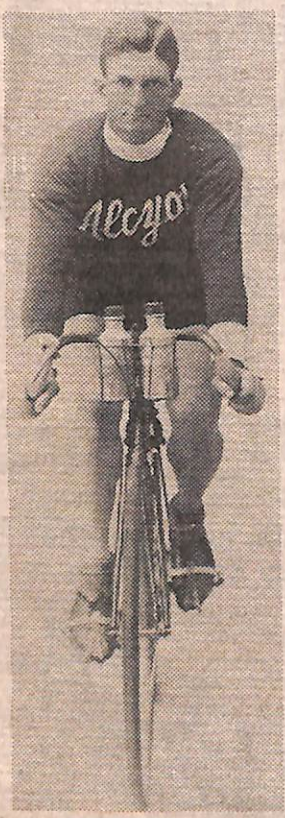
# Joe was a top cyclist

**A man who was famous as a cyclist and winner of the Warrnambool to Melbourne Bike Race in 1930, Mr Joe Egan, died on Saturday July 26th.**



During his youth, Joe was a member of the very strong Kooweerup Cycling Club, efficiently managed by the late Claude Einsiedel who sent ten riders to the 1930 "Warrnambool".

Joe's bike for the race was made at Bayles by the late Harry Harker, an ex-Melbourne footballer.

He crossed the finish line in front of two great names in cycling, Sir Hubert Hopperman and the late "Fatty" Lamb, to win the first prize of 77 pounds and a canteen of cutlery. Joe raced against a field of 228 contestants to win with a time of nine hours and three minutes.

A great friend from his cycling days, Percy Osborne, still lives at Bayles.

Joe was interred at the Pakenham Cemetery on Tuesday July 29th following Requiem Mass celebrated by his nephew Father Len Egan. All his nieces and nephews took part in the Mass and burial.

Coffin bearers were his nephews Terry and Maurice Egan, Gerard and Michael Egan, Les Egan and John Egan.

Readers at the Mass, held at St. Mary's Church in Dandenong, included Mrs Merle Smart, Mrs Mary Dillon and Mrs Kit Nelson. Other nieces including Mrs Pat Carr, Mrs Peg Hegarty, Mrs Marie Neale and Mrs Bernie North took part in the Offertory Procession.




*JOE Egan pictured with the bicycle on which he won the Warrnambool-to-Melbourne road race in 1930.*

# Part of history

**JOE Egan, proprietor of a garden and gift shop in Thomas St., Dandenong, is a modest man.**

He is an historian, with hosts of memories of "the Swamp area at Koo-wee-rup, and Joe would rather tell you about the historical pictures and items in his shop than talk about the time he personally made the headlines.

**He enjoys harkening back over a full and happy lifetime, but is too modest to talk about himself.**

As well as a 100-year-old picture and other historical items that live daily with Joe in his shop, he also has the bicycle made by the late Harry Harker, of Yallock, when he pedalled 165 miles to win the coveted Warrnambool - to - Melbourne road race in 1930 when he rode with the Koo-wee-rup Club.

Joe had the satisfaction of being at the finishing line before two great names in the game, Sir Hubert Opperman and the late "Fatty" Lamb, to win first prize of 77 pounds.

He recalls: "There was a field of 228 starters and my time was 9 hours and 3 minutes. I still remember when I finished on the Ballarat Rd. at Albion and I sagged at the knees.

"Nowadays, professional bike riders are controlled to stop for refreshments every 40 miles."

Mr Egan said that Koo-wee-rup Cycling Club of those days was efficiently managed by the late secretary, Claude Einsiedel, who sent 10 riders to the 1930 "Warrnambool".

Over the years, Koo-wee-rup had supplied two first and two seconds for a test "that requires much training and a lucky run from start to finish."

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