



GUILDFORD

The cycle-powered cinema

BIKE WEEK OFFERS LOCALS A NOVEL COMBINATION OF PASTIMES

Joel Kelly

TWO classic pastimes – cycling and movies – will become one at a Bike Week event in Guildford next Tuesday when 15 exercise bikes will generate enough electricity to power a movie projector.

The movie showing on the night is the aptly named documentary *Bicycle*.

Transition Town Guildford (TTG) successfully applied for a grant to host one of the many Bike Week events throughout Perth from March 14 to 22.

TTG member Peter Langlands said the event had attracted a lot of enthusiasm.

“It’s something novel and it seemed like a fun way to put a twist on the regular movie nights,” he said.

“You’re not just passively watching but also promoting cycling as you go.”

University of WA physicist Jonathon Thwaites came up with the plan.

He combined 15 exercise bikes from verge-side pickups, fitted them with generators taken from washing machines and connected them as a power source.

Movie-goers take turns to power the bicycle and raise their hand when exhaustion sets in.

■ The Shire of Kalamunda and the Kalamunda Mountain Bike Collective



Jane Genovese, Peter Langlands and Kim Farnell. Picture: Bruce Hunt

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will host a Mountain Bike Ride as part of Bike Week from 9am until 1pm on Sunday, March 15.

The free event is suitable for all ages and fitness levels and will incorporate a series of ‘come and try’ guided rides.

It will start and finish at the Calamunnda Camel Farm,

with riders enjoying the numerous trails linked to the farm.

Participants are then encouraged to enjoy a free sausage sizzle and fruit platter.

For more details, contact the Shire on 9257 9999 or go to www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

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