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Acquisition Proposal Minute

To	Acquisitions Committee
From	Stewart, Libby - Museum of Australian Democracy
Date	March 19, 2015
Priority	Standard

1. Overview Object

Overview Object 1

Object Description			
Title	Blue tie worn by Tony Abbott		
Maker	Hermes Corporation	Year	Unknown
Description	Light blue men's tie worn by Prime Minister Tony Abbott.		
Media	Silk		
Dimensions (mm)	h: 1530	w: 90	d: 3
Inscriptions	; 100% SILK / DRY CLEAN ONLY / HERMES-PARIS / MADE IN PARIS / 100% SILK		
Subject Classification	Abbott, Tony, John (1957-) Prime Ministers - Australia Clothing		
Images(s)			

Condition	
Description	Good Dark stain on front of tie.
Checked by	[REDACTED] Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House
Date	26/02/2015

Acquisition Method	
Acquisition Method	Donation

Value	
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Insurance value			
Valued by		Date valued	
Valuation Notes	Donated by the Hon Tony Abbott MP.		

Statement of Significance

This item of clothing has historic and social significance because of its association with Prime Minister Tony Abbott. As the leader of the Liberal Party, and of the government of the day, Prime Minister Abbott is subject to daily scrutiny of his words and actions. His image is a crucial part of his presentation as a public figure and his selection of a silk Hermes tie indicates the importance he places in his appearance. Blue ties worn by members of the Liberal Party, including Tony Abbott when he was Opposition Leader, became the subject of a memorable speech by then Prime Minister Julia Gillard in 2013. In a speech to Labor fund-raising group 'Women for Gillard', Prime Minister Gillard said that a government dominated by "men in blue ties", meaning an Abbott government, would mean hard-won gains for women would be rolled back, specifically in relation to abortion laws. Her comments made headlines, with the Opposition accusing her of again playing the misogyny card. Thereafter, male politicians wearing blue ties became something of a byword for conservatism, particularly in relation to women's issues. This particular blue tie, then, is a strong symbol of a particular theme and conversation carried out in federal politics at a particular time.

History

This blue silk Hermes tie was worn by Prime Minister Tony Abbott for an unknown length of time. He is a habitual wearer of blue ties.

Anthony John Tony Abbott (b. 4 November 1957) became Australia's 28th Prime Minister on 18 September 2013. A member of the Liberal Party of Australia since the 1980s, Abbott was strongly identified as a conservative with traditional views on many social issues. Abbott was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, and after considering a number of careers including the priesthood (reflective of his strong Catholic faith), eventually became a journalist and political adviser, before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 as Member for Warringah in Sydney's north. He was appointed to the ministry in 1998 by John Howard as Minister for Employment Services, in which capacity he spearheaded the creation of the Job Network, a scheme to find jobs for the unemployed, and administered the Work for the Dole Initiative. In 2001 he entered Cabinet as Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Leader of the House, and in 2003 became Minister for Health. Recognised as one of the most conservative members of the government, he was also known for his combative and aggressive parliamentary style. Upon the government's defeat in 2007, Abbott became Shadow Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. He resigned this position in protest in late November 2009, at Liberal leader Malcolm Turnbull's decision to support an Emissions Trading Scheme. Abbott challenged Turnbull for the party leadership on 1 December and won by a single vote. In August 2010, the Coalition and Labor each won 72 seats in the House of Representatives; the Gillard Labor government continued in office after securing the support of key crossbench members. Abbott stepped up attacks on the government, labelling it illegitimate, and got considerable media attention and political traction after the implementation of the Clean Energy Bills of 2011, which produced the so-called carbon tax. Abbott's hard-line stance on asylum-seekers, characterised by the phrase 'stop the boats', also became a key issue at two successive elections. On 7 September 2013, Abbott was elected Prime Minister after the Coalition won 90 seats in the House of Representatives.

Provenance

Worn by Prime Minister Tony Abbott for an unknown length of time.

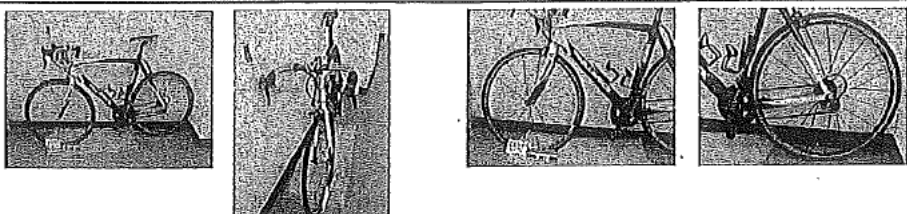
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Hermes Corporation

List of authorities or bibliographic resources consulted

[Web Site] Kenny, Mark. 2013. PM targets 'men in blue ties'.
[Web Site] The Hon Tony Abbott MP.

Overview Object 2

Object Description				
Title	Road bicycle used by Tony Abbott			
Maker	Hillbrick, Paul	Year	2009	
Description	Racing (road) bicycle used by Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Bicycle is black and white.			
Media				
Dimensions (mm)	h: 1025	w: 172	d: 460	dla:
Inscriptions	; Hillbrick/ hillbrck.com.au / carbon concept			
Subject Classification	Abbott, Tony, John (1957-) Prime Ministers - Australia			
Images(s)				

Condition	
Description	Good White rubber on handlebars is discoloured; frame has general dirt/discooloration from wear.
Checked by	[REDACTED] - Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House
Date	26/02/2015

Acquisition Method	
Acquisition Method	Donation

Value			
Insurance value			
Valued by		Date valued	
Valuation Notes	Bicycles of this type are advertised on the Hillbrick Bicycle website between \$3000 and \$5000.		

Statement of Significance	

This bicycle has historical, social and political significance because of its association with the donor, Australia's 28th Prime Minister, Tony Abbott. Tony Abbott has been associated with bike riding throughout his parliamentary career, and in 1998 was a founding organiser of the annual bike riding event Polle Pedal. The political significance of the bike is closely linked to the event, as Polle Pedal has a very high profile within parliament, involving a number of parliamentarians in it every year. The social significance of the bike arises from the fact that it was supplied to Tony Abbott for his Polle Pedal ride in 2009, and has been used by him ever since. It was custom made for him and has only been ridden by him and is therefore unique. It has both private and public significance for Tony Abbott, as he has also used cycling as a tool to remain fit and active. This bicycle was the one he chose to ride the day after he was elected Prime Minister, in September 2013, when his first action in the public eye was to go for an early morning bike ride.

History

This bicycle was custom made for Tony Abbott in 2009 by Australian company Hillbrick Bicycles. Hillbrick had been involved in the annual politicians' fundraising event, Polle Pedal, since about 2005, supplying bikes and other gear to the riders. (CEO Paul Hillbrick, in conversation with Libby Stewart; 26/2/2015) In 2009 Tony Abbott was Opposition Shadow Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. He took part in Polle Pedal that year, a journey from Brisbane to Sydney which raised over \$100,000 for charity. Tony Abbott had been one of the founding organisers of Polle Pedal in 1998 and has taken part ever since. Of the 2009 ride, the first he undertook on this Hillbrick bike, Abbott said 'This year's Polle Pedal from Brisbane to Sydney was the longest and it was the hardest, but I would like to think that it was the best ride. It did not raise the most money of all of the Polle Pedals but it did raise more than \$100,000 for a particularly good cause. I think that under the current economic circumstances that is not bad going.' (House of Representatives Hansard, 23 June 2009)

Anthony John Tony Abbott was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 after a career as a journalist and political staffer. He served as a junior minister in a variety of roles before being appointed to Cabinet as Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations in 2001. In this role he oversaw the creation of the Job Network employment scheme. Appointed Health Minister in 2003, Abbott became known for his rough, robust parliamentary style. In 2009, in opposition, he replaced Malcolm Turnbull as Liberal leader and led the Coalition to the 2010 election, which resulted in a hung parliament, with Labor and the Coalition tied at 72 seats each. On 7 September 2013, Abbott was elected Prime Minister after the Coalition won 90 seats in the House of Representatives.

Of the reason for his cycling habit Abbott has said 'Well it was the Polle Pedal - my annual charity bike ride - which initially got me onto the bike and into lycra but after a few years it became a key part of my fitness regime. It also doubles as a good way of staying in touch with people given that some of my very best friends from uni days have all become quite keen cyclists. So it's the companionship as much as the fitness.' (Chris Pash, 'THE NEW GOLF: Tony Abbott And 8 CEOs Tell Us Why They Love Cycling', in Business Insider Australia, 3 April 2014) Tony Abbott kept the Hillbrick bike in his Canberra office, while he has a different brand of bicycle at his home in Sydney. He did use the Hillbrick bike, though, on the morning after he was elected Prime Minister in 2013 to go for an early morning ride from his Sydney home. This ride was reported nationally and internationally with Abbott quoted as saying "It was great to start the day with a ride with the people I've been riding with for years," before being driven to his office. (BBC news online, 'New Australia PM Tony Abbott gets to grips with his new job', 8 September 2013)

Provenance

This bike was made for Tony Abbott in 2009 and has been used by him until its donation to the museum in February 2015.

Intellectual Property/Copyright

Hillbrick, Paul

List of authorities or bibliographic resources consulted

[Web Site] Abbott, Tony. 2009. Commonwealth House of Representatives Hansard.
 [Web Site] Pash, Chris. 2014. THE NEW GOLF: Tony Abbott And 8 CEOs Tell Us Why They Love Cycling.
 [Web Site] 2013. New Australia PM Tony Abbott gets to grips with his new job.

Value

Estimate of Price	
Purchase price	
Purchase notes	
Date of Purchase	

2. Donor/Vendor Details

Donor/Vendor Details			
First Name	Mr Tony Abbott		
Organisation			
Telephone	Bus: 6277 7700	Home:	Mob:
Email			
Address			
Postal Address	Parliament House, Canberra ACT Australia		

3. Collection Context

Category
2 - Prime Ministers

Review of similar objects in the OPH collection
The museum has a large collection of ties (Killen, Fischer, Bonner) but no bicycles.

Review of similar objects held in other Australian collections
It is not known if Tony Abbott has donated any items to other Australian museums or galleries. One of his Hillbrick bicycles was auctioned for charity some years ago and was on display at Westmead Hospital for a period of time.

4. Exhibition/Interpretation Potential

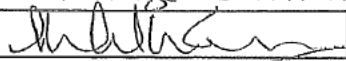
Exhibition/Interpretation Potential
These items have potential for display in the Prime Ministers of Australia gallery, and indeed there are plans to display the bicycle in that gallery from April 2015.

5. Management Impacts


Conservation Impacts
Transport

Quarantine/Pest management	
Storage	
Conservation	
Cost Estimate	
Sponsorship/Marketing opportunities	

6. Approvals

Section Manager			
Name	Michael Evans		
Position	Manager Content Development & Commissioning		
Signature		Date	6 March 2015

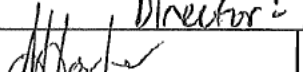
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Heritage Section			
Name	[REDACTED]		
Position	Heritage & Collections Officer		
Signature		Date	6 March 2015

7. Acquisitions Committee Recommendation

Recommendation for acquisition or otherwise		Recommended			
Suggest an upper limit to be paid, if applicable					
Accepted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Collection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associated	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Prop	<input type="checkbox"/> Research	
	(Museum)	Date	12 March 2015		

8. Authorisation

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined
Name	Andrew Harper	
Position	Director - Operations & Audience Engagement	
Signature		Date 24/3/15

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INCOMING RECEIPT

The items described below, or on the attached pages, have been received by Old Parliament House and are subject to the terms and conditions set forth.

RECEIVED FROM: *Prime Minister's Office*

Date Received: 26 February 2015

Insured By: Comcover

Description

1 racing style bike used by Prime Minister Tony Abbott

1 blue tie used by Prime Minister Tony Abbott



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DEPOSITORS SIGNATURE:

DATE: 26/2/2015

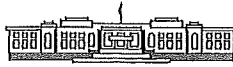
Received by:

Senior Advisor

NAME AND TITLE: LIBBY STEWART, SENIOR HISTORIAN

Signature for
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE: *Libby Stewart*.....

DATE: 26/2/2015



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The Depositor nominated above agrees to deposit the Item listed above ("the Item") in the keeping of Old Parliament House in accordance with these conditions ("the conditions"). In this Receipt, reference to Old Parliament House means the Commonwealth of Australia represented as an Executive Agency within the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio. Where more than one Item is listed above, this Receipt applies to each of those Items.

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3. In the event that an Item, the ownership having meanwhile passed by sale, bequest or gift, is not to be returned to the original Depositor, the new owner or recipient must establish, in advance of such return, his or her authority to receive it, to the satisfaction of Old Parliament House's Council.

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Applicable Law

1. The law applicable to this Receipt shall be the law of the Australian Capital Territory, Australia.