



Unchained

Queensland's Big Wheel News #5
6 May 2013



6th April, Bald Hills L-R Robert, Ross, Max, Shane, Kaye and Lyle

Sub update

A large and friendly group assembled for the last meeting (on Saturday 6th April in Bald Hills) to share news and discuss club matters. The executive each gave a report on activities since the last gathering and Rachel Wray joining the meeting to speak about the development of information architecture of the club website. This plan is included later in the newsletter for your consideration and feedback. Thank you for your work Rachel! It is exciting to know that as the club now starts to grow and develop we will

soon have a website to make it even easier for like-minded fellows to find us and for us to share our enthusiasms for ordinary bicycles and historical cycles with the world. There are some exciting events coming that members want to be part of including the Brissy to the Bay (10km), Pushies Galore and the Mary Poppins festival. There's plenty of ways to be involved in displays and rides in the next few months. Have a look through the events calendar and join in where it suits you.

Next club meeting- Saturday 11th May

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with a club social outing at the Gympie Gold Museum café 12.30 pm on Saturday 11th May. This will be followed directly by a group visit to Terry Kay's private cycle museum.

It promises to be a fantastic afternoon. An auction will be held at the meeting of some small items that have been donated to the club - all funds will go to the club's coffer - so bring your wallet. Ride sharing to Gympie is available and encouraged. Max Robbie has a mini-van and has kindly offered seats to those interested on a first-in, best-dressed basis.

Meeting details: 12.30 pm on Saturday 11th May at the Gold Mining and Historical Museum, 215 Brisbane Road, Gympie, QLD

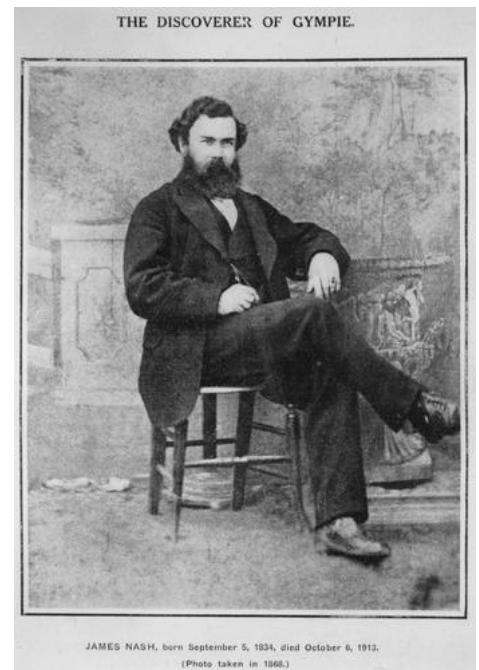
Terry Kay's Bikes
21 Groves Road, Gympie

Why is Gympie the 'Town that Saved Queensland'?

In the late 1880s Queensland was facing bankruptcy due to drought and the fall in wool prices.

In 1867 75 ounces of gold was discovered by prospector James Nash in just six days at the site now occupied by the Town Hall.

The Gympie Gold Rush was on, injecting a vital boost to the Queensland economy.



Your Club

Memberships now available (to June 30th) and your membership fee will go towards the development of the club. Insurance to cover members and events is just the first goal with bigger plans and events in sight (perhaps our own annual carnival?). *Perhaps perhaps perhaps!*

(Hot tip: Date claimer for the weekend of 23rd and 24th November 2013)

Building a strong foundation is the beginning. Please take the time to join and to complete a copy of the survey to inform the executive who serve you.

Your executive

President: Shane Rush

Treasurer: Max Robbie

Online Co-ordinator: Aaron Wray

Secretary: Janine Prince

Members

Thank you to those who have already joined. Our inaugural members currently total 22.

Website

Some website information is distributed in conjunction with this edition of the newsletter. Aaron and Rachel ask that you consider these and be prepared to provide feedback. Also available is the creative commons fact sheet that was discussed at the last meeting.

Says Rachel, "Basically I would like input on the page names and grouping names. As well as responses to my questions and any other info people can think of for how they would like the page structured or what it is to contains."

Newsletter

Apologies for the lack of newsletter in April and for this *abridged* edition.

Many thanks to those who have supplied submissions, stories and reviews, these will all appear in the next *bumper* edition.

News

- The 2013 group of 'Build a penny farthing (or Rover)'' are now well under way and the wheel lengths have been profiled. We wish everyone sharp drill bits and smooth filing as they progress into these projects. Although many in the 2013 course are seasoned veterans, there are three new Pennys being built, thus three new Penny owners in the making and to them we extend a special and heartfelt "Welcome". We hope you enjoy this process and the special bond it gives you and your Penny.



Some of the 2011 group profiling and rolling wheels. The cooperation of the group during the course was wonderful.

- The club will be taking a stand! That's right; the annual "Pushies Galore" event will feature penny farthings and vintage bikes this year. Our club has reserved an information booth and all members and friends are invited to participate. Sunday 14th July from 10 am to 2 pm at Holland Park. Members will be asked to do a shift on the stall if available. More details in future editions.



Australiana Day at the Caboolture Historic Village L-R Paul B, Shane and Clay



Members' recommendations

Gentleman's Emporium
www.gentlemansemporium.com

This store sells Victorian clothing and accessories for the discerning dresser.

Kay and Lyle gave a glowing recommendation of the services of this American company, recommending their postal service and accuracy of the sizes.

Dapper!

Events Calendar

May

Date Claimer – 2014 Toowoomba puts on a range of events in early May suitable to participation by club members.

May 11th Club meeting at Gympie Gold Museum

Venue: Gympie Gold Museum café 12.30 pm on Saturday 11th May.
This will be followed directly by a group visit to Terry Kay's private cycle museum.
An auction will be held at the meeting of some small items that have been donated to the club - all funds will go to the club's coffer - so bring your wallet.

Address:

Gold Mining and Historical Museum
215 Brisbane Road, Gympie, QLD

Terry Kay's Bikes 21 Groves Road, Gympie

May 18th Rutherglen 'Sweet cycle'

As part of the High Country Harvest Festival, Rutherglen will be hosting The Sweet Cycle.

A cycling adventure in the glorious north-east. Calling all chaps, dandies and bon vivants, join us for a weekend of cycling revelry and high fashion in 'vintage' Rutherglen.



Participants are encouraged to step out in vintage style (think tweed, plaid skirts, op shop glamour) and retro bikes will be more than suitable on this gentle 25km loop.

Time: 10am to approximately 4.00pm

Cost: \$90 per person

For bookings - info@rutherglenvic.com

(Image this page from Australian artist:

<http://larkk.blogspot.com.au/2011/08/canberra-tweed-ride-poster-art.html>)

June

30th Mary Poppins Festival - Maryborough 10am to 4pm

Helen Lyndon Goff (or P L Travers as she became known) was born in Maryborough in Queensland in 1899. Her character Mary Poppins appeared in print in late 1934.

Nannies race each other pushing prams in the great Nanny Challenge; chimney sweeps compete in the Chimney Sweep Dash while Mary Poppins characters come to life from the pages of books and mingle with the crowd.

The entertainment includes professional street theatre performers, sidewalk artists, jugglers, roving Penny Farthing, grand costume parade, kite display, vintage cars, carnival rides and old fashioned games and workshops.



July

14th Pushies Galore 10am to 2pm Hellsand Park

Club information and membership stall and bikes entered into the show and shine – no ride component. More details in future editions.

20 & 21st Burrum coal discovery festival



This festival is celebrating the sesquicentenary of coal discovery in the Howard/Torbanlea area of Howard in the Fraser Coast. A street closure (The Old Bruce Highway) with a parade, period costumes, entertainment, events, etc. (which day not yet clear) with much historical fun to be had.

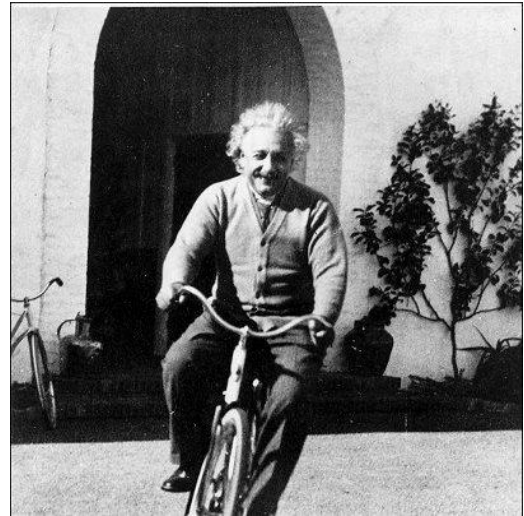
Some billeting accommodation may be available for those interested in attending (and room for camping/vans).

See Mark Pearce at a monthly meeting, call on 07 4129 4889 or email via markpearce@yahoo.com.au for more details.

September

28th & 29th Gold Coast Festival of Cycling

Not a very Penny-friendly event, but a major date for safety cyclists due largely to the “Robbie McEwan’s Grand Fondo” on Sunday 29th. The Grand Fondo is a 117km cycling tour for the enthusiast (not a race) across the Gold Coast Hinterland. There is also the 50km Piccolo Fondo or 25km Tourist Course.



November

23rd & 24th Old Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Carnival (proposed)

For discussion!

Suggestions from Brett:

- Saturday Morning street parade- Vintage bikes and riders in period dress. Pedestrians in period dress. Local vintage car and motor cycle enthusiasts’ may also fit the occasion.
- Hall to Hall ride/race. Brisbane- Sandgate. Lord Mayor to start, Victoria Newtown to greet riders. (Brisbane to Sandgate was a well-worn track in the 1800’s)
- Sunday peninsular road ride
- Century ride. Sandgate to Landsborough and return (Old Gympie Road)
- A series of races on the streets of Sandgate.

Some further musings from Brett, “I was at the Anzac day commemorations at Sandgate on Anzac day. Couldn’t help but notice the street closures around the Roundabout in central Sandgate. It appeared to me to be the ideal place to hold some Penny Farthing races. The uphill in the roundabout should be enough to keep the speed under control. If the corners could be lined with ‘Wray’ bales, I think it would be a safe circuit. The question is, ‘how much will it cost to duplicate the same street closures?’ Another suggestion is to maybe to shift the date to the public holiday in October?”



Submissions accepted

Unchained accepts unsolicited material and suggestions. Publication is monthly unless I have a lot of assignments due.

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Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club

Membership form

March to June 2013 - membership fee is \$20


Please complete the following details and post or email the completed form with payment to the Club Treasurer (details below).

 Name:

 Postal address:

 Phone number (if a landline, please indicate if this is a work or after hours number)

 Email address:

 Please indicate your preferred mode for receiving the newsletter: email or post

 Payment of \$20 membership fee.

Direct transfer or cheque is available for payment (cash taken only at meetings).

Electronic transfer to the club account is welcome (please use your name and 'mship' in the notes field.

Direct payment into Club bank account

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000

Account 147968572

Account name *Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club*

Please email your receipt of deposit to the Treasurer.

Cheques to be made payable to

Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club

 Please post completed forms with cheques to the Treasurer:

Max Robbie

Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club

PO Box 1414, Springwood QLD 4127.

Email of completed form and payment receipt max@metalsignlabel.com.au



Office use

Date payment received

Member #