



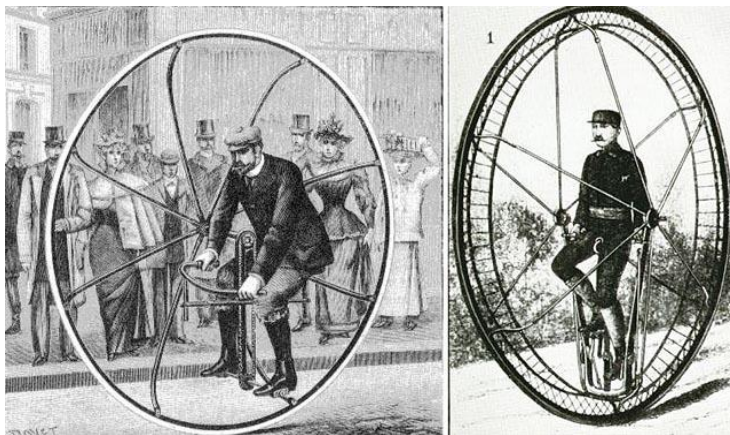
Unchained

Queensland's Big Wheel News #15
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Welcome to the spring edition of *Unchained*, the newsletter that has chronicled the doings and business of the Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club since its inception. A change of the baton brings you new editors who have big shoes to fill. But first - many thanks and eternal gratitude to Janine Prince who has kept the club members informed and entertained with the last 14 editions of *Unchained*. Kaye Vockenson and Lyle Paull will endeavour to meet the high standards that Janine has set thus far.

The club has been particularly active over the cooler months, with events near and far, keeping our big wheels turning and enthraling the crowds. But don't put the polishing cloths away yet! More display and riding events are in store before the year's out.

We'll bring you reports from these past outings over the next few editions of *Unchained* so stay tuned. Contributions from participants of past and future events are welcomed and may be emailed to Kaye and Lyle at columbia1881@gmail.com.



AGM 3rd August - Karalee



Introducing the 3^d QPFAHCC Executive. President, Aaron Wray (centre), Secretary Andrew Koschmann (right) and Treasurer, Shane Rush (left).

The pre-meeting ride saw eight riders set off on a circuit around the nearby Riverside Estate. The pedal assist Motobecane, with its cheery yellow panniers, motored along perfectly until a shortage of fuel saw Wayne begging for a cup of 2 stroke from a bemused resident. The 2014 AGM, which took place amongst Lyle's collection of cycles, saw a bit of seat shuffling to bring us a new line up in the executive positions. Our club members thanked the outgoing executive and welcomed the new committee. The meeting concluded with an auction of cycle related bits and bobs.



QPFAHCC 2014 AGM - Karalee

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News

🕒 2014-15 memberships are open.

Membership is \$40 individual and \$80 family. Payment details are on the form. We'd appreciate if all members could complete a membership form available from the website at <http://www.qpfahcc.com/join-qpfahcc/> and return with payment to the club Treasurer. In particular make sure you include your current email address and phone numbers. We have found we need to contact people by phone on occasions particularly when attending events.

🕒 Club Jersey

Expressions of interest are invited for a reorder of the club woollen jersey. We need 16 to get a run so please email us at qpfahcc@gmail.com if you want one/two/three or more. Cost \$170 short sleeve and \$179 long sleeve. Described as a lightweight merino jersey in retro styled maroon and cream, it is manufactured in NZ by Soigneur and the first batch received rave reviews. <http://www.qpfahcc.com/for-sale/>

The Jersey Design



- 🕒 Dean is doing some work on a lycra/light weight material version of the woollen jersey. We'd appreciate knowing if you'd be interested in this product but we'll send out more details once known.

Coming events:

- 🕒 **20 September** - Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - Contact Geoff or Shane if interested.
- 🕒 **21 September** - Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum 40th Anniversary. There are limited riding opportunities for pennies so it would be a demonstration of bikes rather than ride. Interested members please let the club know if you wish to attend or need for details.
- 🕒 **4 October** - Next meeting of QPFAHCC. Venue to be advised.
- 🕒 **4 October** - Lawn Mower Ride. A charity ride from Logan to Kingston with racing lawn mowers. We are examining the route and potential to hold our general meeting with it
- 🕒 **18/19 October** - Jeep Club meeting and Swap - Details pending from Wayne Norris. More info at <http://www.mjcqinc.com/>
- 🕒 **26 October** - Park Road Pedal
Magnificent Milton is organising a bicycle themed community event on Park Road, Milton. They have support from the Lord Mayor's Office and the Queensland Government as well as local community and business involvement. They are welcoming our participation if members are interested. Aaron is meeting with them 15 September to find out more details
- 🕒 **8 November** - End of the Line Festival 10am at Woolloongabba. The QPFAHCC has been asked to attend and provide a demonstration ride. They are really pushing the historical aspects of the area with a number of historical groups. One thing that may interest members is a swap meet run by the local antique shop. The course is pretty flat. They would like us to do a demonstration ride in formal wear and have offered a stand if we want it to show or store bikes or bits and pieces. They are keen on a variety of bikes.
- 🕒 **22/23 November** - **Pennies by the Sea - Sandgate**
Planning is underway for this club event. It is proposed to hold it at the Lagoon again this year. Andrew and Brett have been working on a run sheet and the logistics.



The draft program for **Pennies by the Sea** is:

Saturday 22 November

8am - 9am Nundah Criterion Track. The Hamilton Pine River Wheelers club is willing to host a penny farthing event as part of their racing; we are awaiting written confirmation.

9am - 12.30pm Two options after this event. A casual ride down the Kedron Brook Bikeway to Sandgate or transport to King George Square for a ride from Brisbane City Hall to Sandgate Hall.

12.30pm - 3pm At the Lagoon. The organising group is looking into bands, stalls, historical society, tag snaps (through Max), display bikes and potential for a photo on a penny for a gold coin.

3pm Three parade laps around the Lagoon area.

3.30pm Prizes awarded for best presented bike and rider and best costume supporter.

4.15pm Town Crier and penny stack.

6pm - 9pm Evening dinner at the Full Moon Hotel which is only a short walk away.

Sunday 23 November

7am - 10am A ride from the Corner Church on the Esplanade to Woody Point and Cove Cafe.

- 🚲 **6-9 March 2015 Melbourne** - Dates flagged as potential visit to Farren collection to coincide with Moomba Festival and return from Evandale.



Penny Stack, Sandgate 2011

A Selection of Past Events

QPFHCC Inaugural Tweed Ride - Sandgate 19th July

Andrew Koschmann was the driving force behind the Club's inaugural Tweed Ride and his efforts in planning this event were rewarded with a successful day. Publicity in the local Quest newspaper a week before the ride brought out newcomers who were warmly welcomed to our event.

Now Tweed Rides are as much about the outfits as they are the bicycles and our supporters did not disappoint, turning out splendidly polished in tweeds and argyles. Nary a flash of Lycra to be seen. The weather was perfect as the 26 riders set off along the Sandgate foreshore, enjoying the water views, some from on high. Spectators were enthralled as the tweedy procession rolled by. With Moreton Bay and a charming historic church as backdrops, the camera shutters were busy.



After our ride, we mingled, munched and sipped on tea. The tasty morsels on offer included delicate cucumber sandwiches and fluffy scones with jam and cream - a more civilised way to end a ride cannot be imagined.

There was a mix of bike and rider styles which made the judging of the categories a difficult job. Finally, the category winners were presented with their prizes producing smiles and applause all round. The club gained a new member on the day and we welcome Graham Winkler.

Much appreciation is extended to the sponsors, Aspley Bike Shop and Treadlie magazine for providing the prizes. Jim Collins, who owns Aspley Bike Shop, has supported club members who have built their bikes with Brett as he supplies the seat, pedals and other normal retail bike parts for these courses. The editor at Treadlie

magazine has been aware of us from our web page for a while now and wanted to support us because we are a grass roots bike club, a great win for us.

Now that we have one Tweed Ride under our belt we will be able to plan a bigger and better event for next year, most likely the same weekend as this is one week after Pushies Galore.





David Fryer on his early 1950's Hetchins

And the winners are.....

Best Male Bike & Rider	David Fryer - his early 1950's Hetchins road bike made of high quality Reynolds tubing of the day he has owned for 34 years and has ridden it on various rides throughout England, France and other European countries.
Best Female Bike & Rider	Sally Dillon - Penny rider
Best Dressed Male	Hamish Lamb - made his own 3 piece suit & hat
Best Dressed Female	Cherry Hayes - Dressed for the occasion, on a loan bike from Brett
New Rider	Sharon Hadlow- had a loan bike from a local bike enthusiast, dressed up for the day, had a great time.
Youngest Rider	Dexter Miller - father Glen - was really well dressed in a Tweed jacket and a great 50's style shirt & cap
Newest Bike	Graham Winkler - received his 1945 Paratrooper Bike from England on Wednesday, this was his first ride on it.
Lucky draw (we had tickets at signing on)	Robert Bellert



Andrew and Sally



Prize winners - 2014 QPFAHCC Tweed Ride

🚲 17th August Brisbane Exhibition display ride

This was the club's second visit to the Ekka, where our members were given free rein to ride around the Main Arena. The rain clouds cleared as the day dawned and we made our way to the Ekka grounds under a perfect blue sky. This year we displayed WWII army bikes along with various 1880's replicas - penny farthings, tricycle and a Rover safety. The spectators scrambled for cameras as we rolled past the stands, waving and cheering. Aaron and Kaye were each interviewed by the Ring Master, providing a few facts and figures for the public. No doubt this will become a popular annual event for QPFAHCC.



QPFAHCC in the Brisbane Exhibition Main Arena



Kaye and Lyle circling the Ekka Main Arena.



QPFAHCC "Military Branch" standing by for action.



Brett and Aaron spinning by the spectator stands, Brisbane Ekka.

🚲 **13th July Pushies Galore - Holland Park Bowls Club.**

This was the 4th annual Pushies Galore, an event best described as a celebration of bikes in all their forms. The day featured a bike swap, show 'n' shine, trade and club stalls and Hand Picked, a special indoor display featuring 3 bicycles that completed the recent Shearers' Ride. Outdoors, the QPFAHCC banner was on display together with a number of our bicycles. In the middle of the day, the crowds were cleared from a circuit around the bowling green in preparation for our club's riding display. This was quite a hit judging by the squeals of delight. Lyle won the Antique Class (again), this time with his 1901 chainless Tribune.



Lyle Paull with his 1901 Tribune – Pushies Galore 2014.

🕒 7th and 8th June “History Alive: A Journey Through Time” Fort Lytton National Park, Brisbane. Story by Lyle Paull.

This annual event covers almost 2000 years of history starting from Ancient Rome and includes re-enactments, camp displays and historical talks. This year the Club was invited to attend after member from History Alive spotted Kaye and me on our replica tricycles in the Ipswich Festival night time street parade and we were asked if our club would be interested in joining in.

Kaye, Shane and I arrived early Saturday and set up a marquee and an array of bicycles in time for the public opening at 10am. Fort Lytton was transformed into an amazing sight with all the eras including Medieval through to WWII. We were joined by Hamish, Janine, Andrew and Doris during the day. Every camp had to look in period, right down to the tent ropes and timber pegs. At the end of the first day, we had to wait for the public to leave at 4pm before we could set up our modern tents and settle in for the night.

Early Sunday morning, the three of us ventured out for a ride down around the refinery then back to pack up our modern tents ready for the public to arrive again. During this event we were dressed in period outfits and were free to cycle around the site, dodging 14th century jousting tournaments and canon firings, mingling with roman legionaries, pre-barbarians and knights. Well worth the experience and no doubt we will be back next year with a period camp set up.



Shane at History Alive - Fort Lytton National Park.

🚲 8th August Chandler Velodrome Demo Night Ride

What an enjoyable night at the Chandler velodrome. Wonderful to talk to Anna Meares.



Some great photos from <http://www.veloshotz.com/> from round 6 of the track series at Chandler

🚲 **21th April to 26th April**
The Shearers' Ride Broken Hill to Bourke, NSW: Part 1
By Lyle Paull and Kaye Vockenson

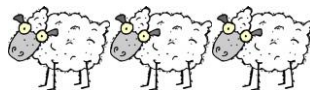
The notion of cycling beside the Darling River on 100 year old bicycles was inspired by a road trip from Adelaide to Brisbane when we were bringing home (yet another) carload of rusting old bicycles. Lyle decided that retracing the route travelled by shearers from the early 1890's through to the 1920's would be a fun thing to do. And so was born the great Broken Hill to Bourke Shearers Ride.



"Shearers" and back up crew – Broken Hill

A number of people expressed a keen interest but ultimately we had 7 riders who were able to join us with 3 back up drivers. The group comprised Lyle on an unknown 1908 fixed wheel, Kaye on a 1910 Swastika coaster brake, Hamish on a 1915 BSA coaster brake track bike, Terry on 1920 Dart coaster brake, Richard on a 1912 BSA free wheel track bike, Brendan on a 1920s police bike coaster brake, and Rob on a 2008 Mongoose. Jude, Keith and Sheryl supported our group with 3 back up vehicles and finally there was Argus, the black Labrador.

All bright eyed and bushy tailed, we gathered in Broken Hill on 21 April, some having travelled from country Victoria and the remainder from the greater SE Queensland corner. We spent our in time in Broken Hill sorting gear, assembling bikes, stocking the tucker boxes, loading the trailer and getting to know each other.



After posing for photos for the Barrier Daily Truth newspaper, we set off on the undulating sealed road towards Menindee Lakes, on the way camping overnight under the river gums by the broad sandy Stephens Creek. Another 50km the following day saw us rolling into Menindee Lakes Caravan Park after a lunch break at the entrance to the fishing village of Sunset Strip. Our grassy campsite overlooked part of the lake system and we were treated to the first of our flaming outback sunsets. The communal campfire was the place to gather that evening to meet other travellers and garner some local knowledge of our route ahead.



Menindee Lakes



Crossing the Darling River causeway

On Day 3 we hit the unsealed road, testing our skills and balance on the sandy surface. Many travellers were camped along this scenic network of lakes. All riders had a crash course in sand drifting for the first 15 km. Following local advice, we took a short cut across levee banks which led us to the hard packed clay surface on the eastern side of the river. Over the next 65km we settled into our journey and began our pattern of regrouping every 20km. Our back up crew would travel ahead, find shady spot amongst the blue bush and get the billy on the boil. Argus would ensure no food scraps were left behind.



At one point we found ourselves inadvertently cycling down a private airstrip as we passed by Tintinallogy Station. The manager, who happened to be passing by, pulled us over, set us right, at the same time advising us of a turn off ahead that led to an idyllic riverside campsite overlooked by a tall windmill. Here we settled in for the night around another campfire. Unbeknown to us, the few sprinkles of overnight rain were going to bring us to a halt the next day.



Hamish approaching Tintinallogy Station

Day 4 started out at a fast clip on the smooth hard clay surface until gradually, the increasingly wet surface mud started to stick to our tyres. With each roll of the wheel, more mud layered on until Lyle's bike with its minimal wheel clearance, was the first to lock up with the sticky stuff. Lyle optimistically mounted the spare bike (1920s Lewis). One by one the riders succumbed to the mud until it was decided to load the bikes onto a trailer and high tail it to our next camp, just outside Wilcannia. We made it but not without having to dig the sticky pure clay out of the wheel arches of a couple of the vehicles.

In Wilcannia we sought local knowledge on the route ahead and received widely varying advice. That evening, some of us caught the courtesy bus to the much touted Wilcannia Golf Club for dinner where we enjoyed a slap up meal and Kaye came home with a generous meat tray prize.

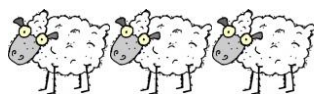
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Rain's a-coming - Kaye and Brendan



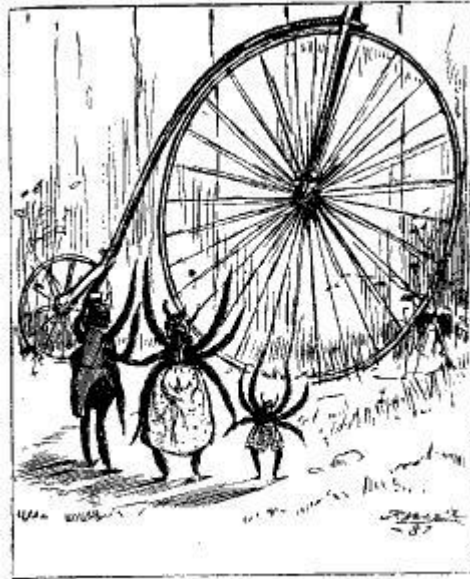
That's no way to treat a brand new old stock chain!



Next Edition of Unchained will be issued in November 2014.

Closing date for contributions will be 25th October. Please forward newsletter items to Kaye and Lyle at columbia1881@gmail.com Ph 3294 7389

Contributions are welcomed and may include reports from past events, details of future events, photos, items for sale, news and developments from the historical cycling world.



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Mrs Spider to Mr Spider,

"Well George, if there isn't a web already made! We'll just take possession at once"