



## *Unchained*

Queensland's Big Wheel News

23 January 2013 ~ #2

Greetings all, time for an update already!

The weekend meeting of the **Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club** was chock-a-block with news and action. It was a perfect day for Penny riding and folk took advantage of the weather and beginner-friendly terrain of Sandgate both before and after the meeting.



*The 'before' team L-R Duane, Darryl, Paul, Shane and Max. Photo courtesy Paul Cronk*

The executive committee gave verbal updates on how establishing the club is progressing (slowly but steadily) and then the group launched into reading through the model rules supplied by the Qld Dept of Fair trading and modifying them to suit our club's needs. This important step was completed smoothly and some great suggestions were made about general operational processes as we collectively considered the basics of a functioning club.

Donation envelopes were passed around and those in attendance were very generous in supporting the establishment costs we will be meeting over the coming weeks and kicking off the working capital of the club.

*The next meeting:*

- 🕒 **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013** ~ Venue is TBC. Hopefully by this time we will have access to meeting rooms. Much as the use of cafes is convivial, it is somewhat too noisy an environment for our needs.

## *January Calendar*

### *28<sup>th</sup> Linville to Blackbutt - The Brisbane valley rail trail*

Start time is 6am sharp! Distance is 23kms each way.

Grade: Gradual climb to Benarkin then level to Blackbutt - return journey is mostly effortless save for swerving around the odd cow and a few rocks.

Equipment: Modern wheels or old irons - chose your weapon!

BYO: food, water, sunscreen & protective clothing!

Some of us will be camping at Linville on the Sunday afternoon (there is a nice spot beside the historic railway station (free). All welcome to camp otherwise join us early Monday morning.



## *February Calendar*

### *2nd Kenilworth cycle foray*

9.30 am start Route: Crystal Waters Markets to Kenilworth Hotel and return (approx 60km). In the spirit of adventurous cycling tradition a foray is proposed for all interested on their 'Ordinary/Penny Farthing' cycles. Other bicycles welcome of course!

Riders should be confident with traffic, medium to high fitness to complete whole distance, or arrange a support vehicle from the midway point.

Topography is moderate rolling undulations to flat with exception of the entry into Kenilworth. About 5km before Kenilworth there are steep curving declines where riders are warned of a 1-2km dismount-walk interruption before remounting and riding into Kenilworth.

Departure: Crystal Waters Markets located Kilcoy Lane off Ahern's Rd Sunshine Coast.

How to get to start point: Travelling from Brisbane, take Steve Irwin Way to Beerwah, take Kilcoy-Beerwah Rd then Kilcoy-Peachester Rd, Booroobin Rd, Scotts Rd, Maleny Stanley River Rd and then Postman's Track **WARNING VERY STEEP DECENT**. Right Ahern's Rd, left Kilcoy Lane (For best results, consult a decent map).

Alternatively from Woodford, take Kilcoy-Beerwah Rd, Booroobin Rd, Scotts Rd, Maleny Stanley River Rd and then Postman's Track **WARNING VERY STEEP DECENT**. Right Ahern's Rd, left Kilcoy Lane (again, a good map will be of value).

Alternatively take the Maleny-Kenilworth Rd from Maleny via Witta. Left into Ahern's Rd just prior to Conondale, right into Kilcoy lane.

Riders may wish to camp at the Crystal Waters camping site for opportunity to visit the markets on the Saturday morning. <http://crystalwaters.org.au/> (Held first Saturday of each month). Should you like to book a camp site at Crystal waters, here are the details for the ride, and accommodation options: <http://crystalwaters.org.au/accomodation/eco-caravan-park/make-a-booking/>

## *14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Rockhampton 'Cup on wheels' cycling carnival at Kendrick Tucker Velodrome*

Due to the small amount available for transport costs, the group has asked that it be paid to the group for use/disbursement at our discretion. This may well change your ability to attend – please advise Janine this week – an email has been sent to the list.

*Please note:* insurance at the event is at riders own risk, though the club does of course have its basic Public Liability insurance. Riders would not be covered by the CA insurance. They are covered by Bicycling Australia if members or perhaps if they are members of a BUG.

## *23<sup>rd</sup> Evandale Village Fair and National Penny Farthing Championships*

The annual National championships are on again!

Aaron Wray will be representing the Maroon interests in this event. His new racing penny, *Racing Rose*, is undergoing a fairly structural overhaul after some tricky moments on the track a few weeks ago. Should she not come back together in time, *Betty* is ready to go the distance. Aaron hasn't had as much training in preparation this year as he would like, due partly to the unusual regime dictated by his new coach, Abigail.

Best wishes from all of us Aaron in your quest for triumph! Please give us updates and news as they come to hand.

## *March Calendar*

### *16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Bicycle Queensland ~ Bike week 2013*

A variety of events, specifics unannounced.

## *April Calendar*

### *28<sup>th</sup> Ride for Daniel Day Fundraiser Lakeside Park*

A 12 hour team ride raising funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Live music food stands etc at event. Consideration is being given to placing a Penny team – indications of interest to Shane Rush please. To make a registration or for more information please telephone 3480 6625 or 0418 878 514. Venue: Lakeside Park, Lakeside Road, Kurwonbah.

## *News*

- 🕒 An excellent opportunity exists for envious friends and family to build their own Penny farthing under the expert tutelage of a renowned local bike builder through the auspices of a local skills school. Please phone 1800 654 447 for more details.

*Photo: Part of the very good-looking class of 2011.*

*Photo courtesy Brett Richardson. L-R: Andrew Koschmann, Janine Prince, Rooke, Aaron Wray (lurking at back), Darryl Van Cooten, and Paul Beukelman.*



- 🕒 Terry Kay's bike museum is apparently open in Gympie! Wonderful news, stay tuned in the next edition for confirmation and details.

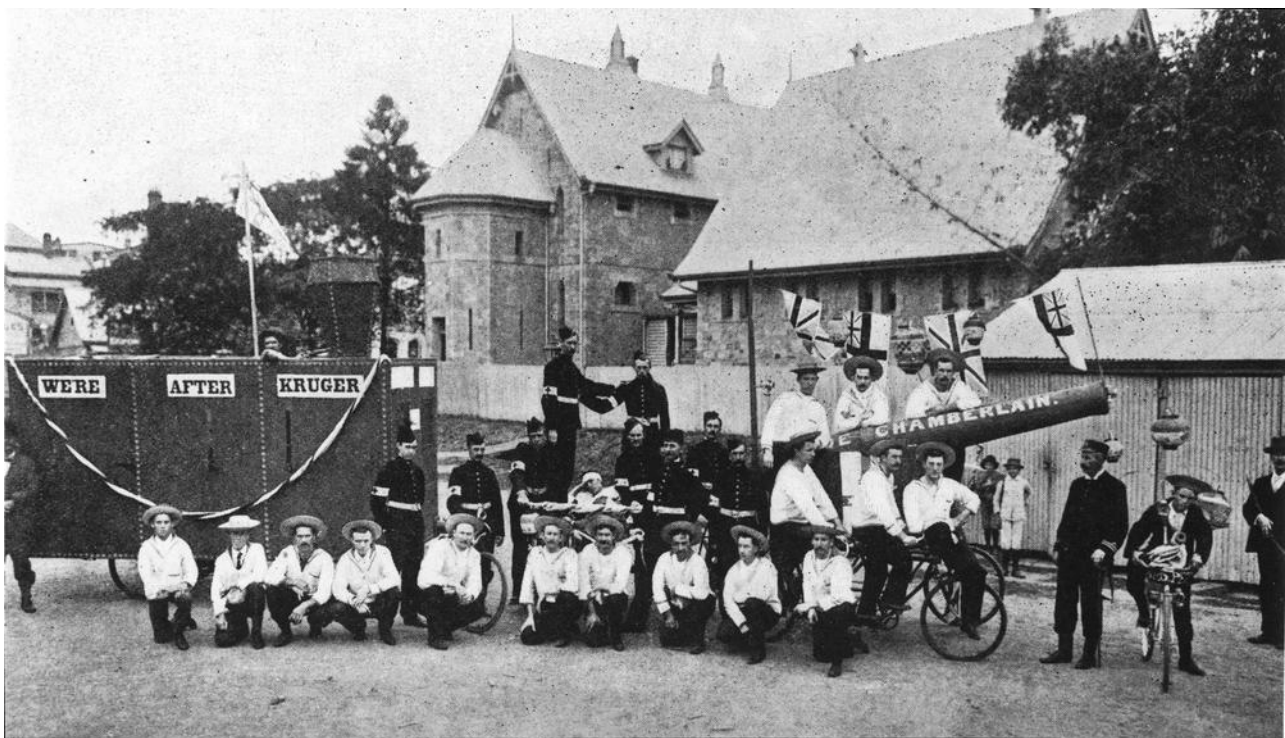
## *A snapshot from history ~ by Brian Rough*

This parade in June 1900 was held to celebrate the Relief of Mafeking\*.

Everyone dressed up including the bicycle club who are in this accompanying photograph.

Here's what the Brisbane Courier said about them: "The bicycle clubs made a great display, wheeling in perfect time and keeping their lines splendidly. The wheels and hubs of all the machines were brilliantly lighted, and as this part of the procession passed the great crowds it evoked the heartiest applause. Quaint representations of Kruger's railway carriage, "Long Tom," and pom poms lent realism and variety to the affair. The Brisbane Bicycle Club, who won the trophy for the best display, had a representation of an armoured train, which belched out fire and smoke in a very realistic manner."

Note the quadracycle beneath the barrel of the 'Long Tom.'



Phot. by Wiley, Brisbane.

BICYCLE DISPLAY AT THE RECENT VENETIAN FETE HELD IN BRISBANE IN AID OF THE BRISBANE HOSPITAL.

\* The **Relief of Mafeking** refers to the conclusion of the Siege of the town of Mafeking, a pivotal action in the Second Boer War. The lifting of the siege was a decisive victory for the British. [Ed]

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