

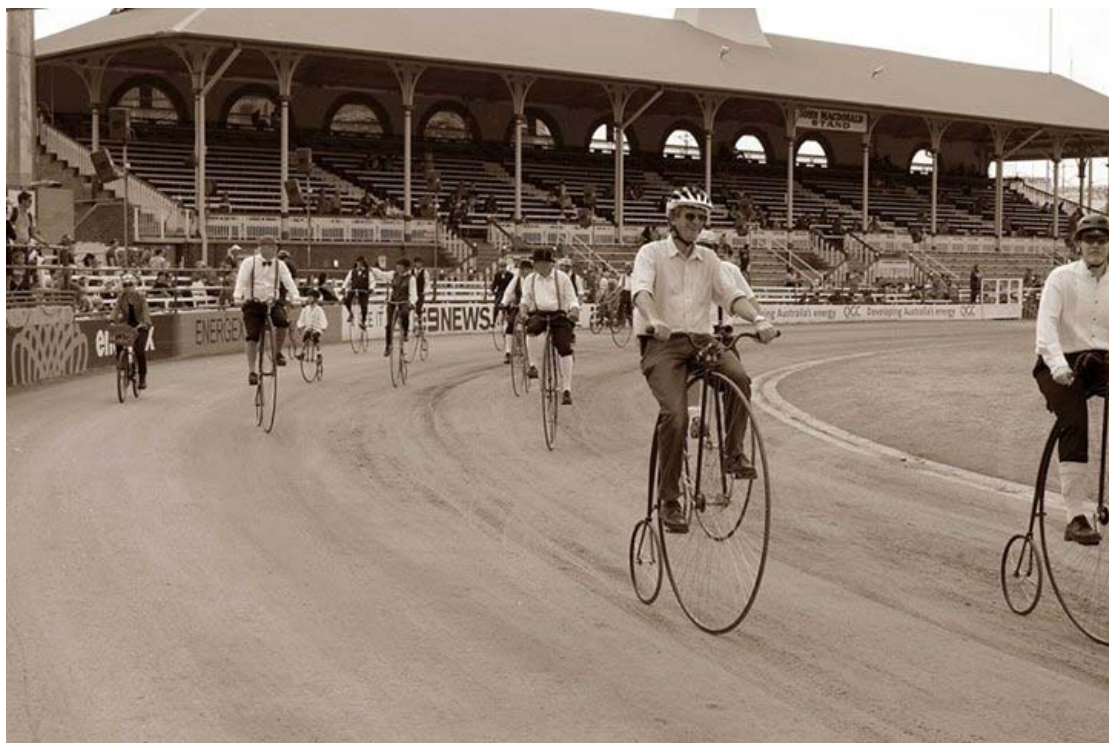


Unchained

Queensland's Big Wheel News #8
30 August 2013

This August edition of *Unchained* comes to you in the season of the dreaded lurgy. Crystalline clear days and sharp cold nights seem to be the perfect breeding conditions for colds and flus much as it is also glorious riding weather. This edition is much later than planned due to one such illness - here's hoping you and yours have come through the season untouched!

The big August highlight was of course Pennys at the Ekka. Well done everyone on such a great turnout and there are more photos from the event further into this edition.





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Next QPFAHCC General meeting: Saturday 7th September, 10am, Decker Park Brighton (Near 25th Avenue) this is an outdoor meeting, so please bring a chair. Ride (flat) from 8am leaving from Decker Park.

Memberships

2013-2014 memberships are now available. The fees have increased to include public liability insurance and other fixed costs. See the [website](#) or contact Aaron for a form.

Newsletter

Submissions accepted.

This newsletter is published by the Qld Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club Inc. on an *ad hoc* basis. All issues of the newsletter are available online at www.janineprince.com/unchained as well as at the clubs new website www.QPFAHCC.com.

Please send articles, reviews, photos and ideas etc to janine.e.r.prince@gmail.com

Next edition due late September 2013.

Website

Now growing steadily week by week, our website is up and running. www.qpfahcc.com please send submissions and material to Aaron.

The club now has a general email address qpfahcc@gmail.com for sharing events and general enquiries.

Join us on Facebook! The open group is "[Penny Farthing Brisbane Chapter](https://www.facebook.com/groups/219184674781035/)" and is where we share news and photos about historical bikes. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219184674781035/>



News

- 🕒 The club's AGM on 3rd August was well attended and genial. Thanks to Max for hosting. Quite a lot of club business was quickly handled and Shane, Max and Aaron returned for further service as executive unopposed. Janine stepped down from the position of secretary and for the next year Aaron will take on this role.
- 🕒 The 2013 *Tour de France* got some wonderful Penny Farthing action this year with the formidable Josef Zimovcak riding each and every stage on one of his Pennys. What a fantastic way to celebrate the centenary edition!



- 🕒 Our very own Hamish Lamb has been cycle touring in Europe over the northern winter. His self-supported ride traversed over 1200 klm and it sounds like nearly three-quarters of that distance was up hills! We look forward to his return and he has been kind enough to share some photos of his adventure on

the club's open Facebook page including this shot of a decorative cycle path entrance.

- 🕒 Lyle is thinking of using historical bikes to re-enact early shearers' routes and ride from Broken Hill along the Darling River to Bourke (river road). It will be about 500kms and he intends to ride a 1900 - 1920s bike (but a 1940 - 50s bike would suffice) set up for the period look. Currently the plan is for 500kms on 98% dirt roads over 10days. Anyone interested should contact Lyle or stay tuned here!
- 🕒 More historical material is dribbling in to the club from people with deep cupboards. As this reservoir grows, we will start to digitise it and share it via the website. This slow process will be sped up by the odd working bee or volunteer session. Something for the future.
- 🕒 Club jerseys - the dying process took a bit longer than expected, and the flow-on delay continues to hold them up.
- 🕒 A new book launched since the last newsletter - "Bicycling through time: The Farren Collection" by Paul and Charlie Farren. From the blurb:



Paul Farren claims he and his wife Charlie have around 85 percent of the pre-1900 bicycles in Australia - all under one roof in a Melbourne warehouse-cum-museum. Thirty years of hunting them down and collecting has resulted in one of the most impressive early bike collections in the world. It includes 160 pre-1900 bicycles, including hobby horses, boneshakers and Penny Farthings, as well as early 20th-century models. The collection charts the development of the bicycle, which foreshadows the invention of the motor car in many surprising ways. It also shows wider social change and the role the bicycle has played in female emancipation, war and its progression from plaything of the wealthy to utilitarian mode of transport of the masses.

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Logo conclusion

*It is a truth universally acknowledged
that a sporting club with members must be in need of a logo.*

So here it is, as voted for at the AGM on 03 August 2013. With thanks to Max Robbie
for the design and production.



Look out for this design to start appearing on club materials and merchandise.



Pushies Galore

14 July 2013 by Janine Prince

The stall was great – Lyle and Kaye brought along loads of amazing bikes and a beautiful selection of old lights. Max, Shane, Kev, Clayton and Geoff all brought along their Pennys so we had club bikes in the “show and shine” as well as on the stall.

At about 1pm we put on a bit of a display ride/parade around the tight ring of the display green and on the (very) soft grass. There was a lot of interest in the stall and many people enjoyed posing for photos with the different bikes. A couple of brave souls took up the offer of sitting on top of a suitably sized Penny and one very lovely lady took a supported ride around the green. Hopefully another convert there!

Sally and Peter were able to come along with their kids and bikes in the afternoon and join in the fun and there was another round of “putting faces to the names”.



Burrum coal discovery festival July 20 & 21



Mark Pearce at the Burrum Coal Festival 28 July 2013

Ride after meeting on 3 August 2013
Photos and captions by Vernia



Secret boys business ...



When I grow up I'd like a Penny just like Daddy's!



The long and the short of it. Unfortunately just after this shot was taken, Lyle's Coventry broke a steering rod.



It took a bit of being "Miss Bossy Boots" to organise the fellows into a group photo situation.

More of the same.



Noel, Lyle, Duane and Kaye solve the problems of the world (well, of the steering rod anyway)!



The Brisbane RNA Show (The Ekka)

By Shane Rush

We performed in the lunchtime parade, and then at 1:30pm rode a few laps of the main arena. Thanks to the 30 or so riders and support crew for coming along today. We had about 17 Pennies, 3 paratroopers, one tricycle, and one Antique bicycle (1930's or 50's from memory, Doris/ Kaye will correct me). Recreation of the historic photo came out well.

Thanks to all who attended Saturday, Noel for being official photographer for the day, and to Santana from RNA for organising this event.



And also by Clayton Bonser

What a day!! Arrived at Shane's workplace where we assembled. Those who were transporting their bikes by vehicle left, and a bit later those of us who elected to ride departed for the show grounds. Sneaky darn speed bump took me by surprise along the way after a big haul up to the railway overpass.

The street parade was an interesting experience. A mixture of riding, walking and coasting on the step. Whilst enthusiastic, the general public can be a bit thoughtless. Some made themselves inadvertent traffic hazards.

Next was a break for refreshments, and a bit of a look around for those who cared to. We next headed down to the main arena for our historical laps. The group held together for a couple of turns around the oval, and after that drifted into a scatter right round the oval track. Ju...st as my legs were complaining, the pace went up a notch. The fool on the original bike tried in vain to keep up. After another two laps at speed, the calves were saying "stop that or I'll really hurt you". So I did.

The more intrepid (and younger and fitter) continued, doing a two lap 'race'. And, I might add looked quite impressive too. I have no idea if anyone was judged to be a

winner. I'd say everyone who took part today was one.

Of special note were two baby sized pennies, ridden by quite young kids*. They were very persistent. That oval must have seemed endless to such youthful eyes. The young boy deserves extra commendation; he fell off a number of times but just picked himself up and continued bravely on.

We then moved back up to the marshaling area for the street parade, secured the bikes and broke for lunch and more Ekka-seeing. At about 3:00pm people began to drift homewards, and my legs were so glad to have the weight taken off. All together a great day in excellent company. I expected a really good night's sleep that night.

(* It sounds to me that these young chaps would be part of the Dillon-Hines family! Featuring also in the photo from Pushies Galore. Ed)



Importing antique bicycles from the USA - 1901 women's Tribune and
1890's men's Spalding safety bicycles
By Lyle Paull

These two bikes were purchased from Sue Fox who lives in San Francisco, USA. Sue, purchased these bikes from the original owner of an exclusive Hamptons estate in New York. They came straight out of the barn and were therefore the great condition for their age. The family was old wealth, and partied with the very famous families of old USA money like the Roosevelts and Vanderbilts. Sue also purchased a 1922 car called a Briggs & Stratton Flyer in amazing original condition, from this same barn. It is a 5 wheeled car which looks like a sled with 5 bicycle tires and an engine mounted on the 5th wheel. You drop the wheel, and the car goes. Pick up the wheel, and the car slows. The Tribune was on Ebay USA for only a short time when I discovered that Sue had another bike, the Spalding, for sale. I arranged to buy both bikes so Sue organised a local bike shop in San Francisco to partly dismantle and pack them in one large cardboard bike box. Once Sue notified me of the freight costs, I waited for her to send an invoice. But there was only silence with Sue not answering her emails for 4 months or so. Eventually she contacted me with a total price which I paid through Paypal. Then followed another long wait for the bikes to be sent by ship. Finally after 15 months, much negotiation, waiting patiently and paying as much as the bikes were worth in freight and charges, the real drama started once they arrived in Australia. The trouble began when I was advised that the ship went to Melbourne and was not continuing to Brisbane. So I had to pay for shipping from Melbourne to Brisbane on another ship which was as expensive as the shipping costs from the USA.

In addition, I was sent the wrong paperwork from the Stevedores which left me with no choice but to hire a local broker to fast track the paperwork. Luckily the ship was 3 days late so at least I did not incur storage fees at the Port of Brisbane. Before release, the bikes were fumigated due to the wooden rims and of course I had to pay extra government fees and charges. After all that, I still had to take time off work to pick the bikes up from the Port. Initial cost of both bikes was \$1500 and I ended up paying a similar amount to finally have the bikes in my possession. What a turn out!!

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| 1890's men's Spalding, large size frame all original wood rims, suspension seat post and I have added tubular tyres. | 1901 women' chainless Tribune with free wheel and coaster brake, original tubular front tyre and wooden rims. |
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Events Calendar

September

Sunday 1st Logan Village Settlers' Day

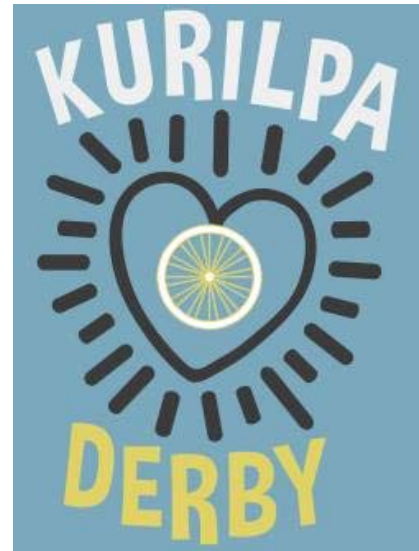
10 am parade through the streets of Logan Village and finishing at the Logan Village Green in Wharf Street. Shane coordinating.

Sunday 1st Kurilpa Derby 1.30pm

The 6th annual Kurilpa Derby parade on Boundary Street West End. Assemble from 1pm under the Dornoch Tce Bridge on Boundary street. Aaron coordinating.

Saturday 7th 2013 Club general meeting

Next QPFAHCC General meeting
10am Decker Park Brighton (Near 25th Avenue) this will be an open air meeting so please bring a chair. Before the meeting there will be a club ride at 8am from Decker Park Brighton (this is a flat ride).



Sunday 15th Degan racecourse family fun day

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the track. It is a period event and an opportunity for a stand or display. More information on the way (1940s period).

Saturday 21st Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

We were too late applying to get into the parade. James McDonald will have a small display of bicycles in Queens Park (near Hume St), near the car show. Plenty of opportunity to ride around town on the day, as most of the streets will be closed to cars. Suggest arriving after 10:30am, parade will be at 3pm (we can't join in parade).

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.

October

Saturday 12th October 2013 Club general meeting

Venue TBC

November

23rd & 24th Qld Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Carnival (*proposed - all elements are under discussion*)

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.

Afternoon (or at conclusion of parade) penny stack followed by photography and presentation of awards for "best presented rider and bike".

Sunday

Race day and recreational rides! Options include:

- 🕒 Hall to Hall ride/race. Brisbane- Sandgate. Lord Mayor to start, Victoria Newtown to greet finishing riders. (Brisbane to Sandgate was a well-worn track in the 1800s)
- 🕒 Sunday peninsular loop road ride
- 🕒 Century ride. Sandgate to Landsborough and return (Old Gympie Road)
- 🕒 A series of races on the streets of Sandgate.

As road closures are the main expense, routes under consideration for the first year work on minimal road closures and the use of volunteer marshals. This event does not need to be a huge blockbuster right out of the gate. It might be best to start with a single day and a simple parade and stack. Over time as the club grows and the profile of the event is able to draw more sponsorship, it will be possible to build complexity and add elements. Better to do something a bit bigger than the stack and do it well.

December

Club's birthday celebration
TBC

2014 Date claimers

February 21 - 23 Evandale championships.
See the next page for a listing of accommodation in the region (with many thanks to our good friend Di Sullivan).



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS IN THE EVANDALE AREA
(Distance from Evandale in brackets)

SELF CONTAINED:

Adobe-Abode, 141 Trafalgar Lane, Evandale. 63918309, 0438 918309. (3 km) 3 doubles.

Arendon, 30 Russell St. Evandale. 63918520, 0428 353431.

Blenheim, 17 High St. Evandale. 03 63918171, 1 double, \$95.

Clarendon Cottage, 19 Murray St. Evandale. 63918093, 0413 776829

Esk Guest House, High St. Evandale 03 63918164. \$90 single, \$20 extra person.

Farthings, 16 Russell St. Evandale. 03 63918251. \$140 double, \$20 extra person.

Grandma's House, 10 Rogers Lane, Evandale. 03 63918088. Sleeps 7, \$135 double.

Greg & Gills Place, 35 Collins St, Evandale. 03 63918248. Sleeps 6. \$95 double.

Solomon Cottage, 1 High St, Evandale. 03 63918331. Sleeps 4. \$110 double, \$30 extra

The Old Wesleyan Chapel, 28 Russell St, Evandale. 03 63918423. Sleeps 4. \$125 double.

The Stables, 5 Russell St, Evandale. 03 63918048. 3 apartments. \$130 double

Strathmore, 868 Nile Rd, Evandale. 03 63986213 (10 km) \$143 double

Willow Vale, 187 Clarendon Rd. 03 63986224 (8 km) \$120 double

Accommodation on George, George St, Perth. 03 63982413 (10 km) \$85 double

Norfolk Cottages, Perth. 03 63918363 (10 kms) \$115 double

Clarence House, 60 Clarence St. Perth. 03 63982326 (10 km)

Rushmore Heritage Accommodation, 10 Old Punt Rd. Perth. 03 63981001 (10 km)

Brickendon Farm & Cottages, Wellington St, Longford. 03 6391222 (15 km)

Woolmers Colonial Cottages, Woolmers Lane, Longford. 03 63912230 (14 km)

HOTELS:

The Clarendon Arms, 11 Russell St, Evandale. 03 63918181. \$45 single, \$85 double.

The Prince of Wales, 2 Nile Rd, Evandale. 03 63918381

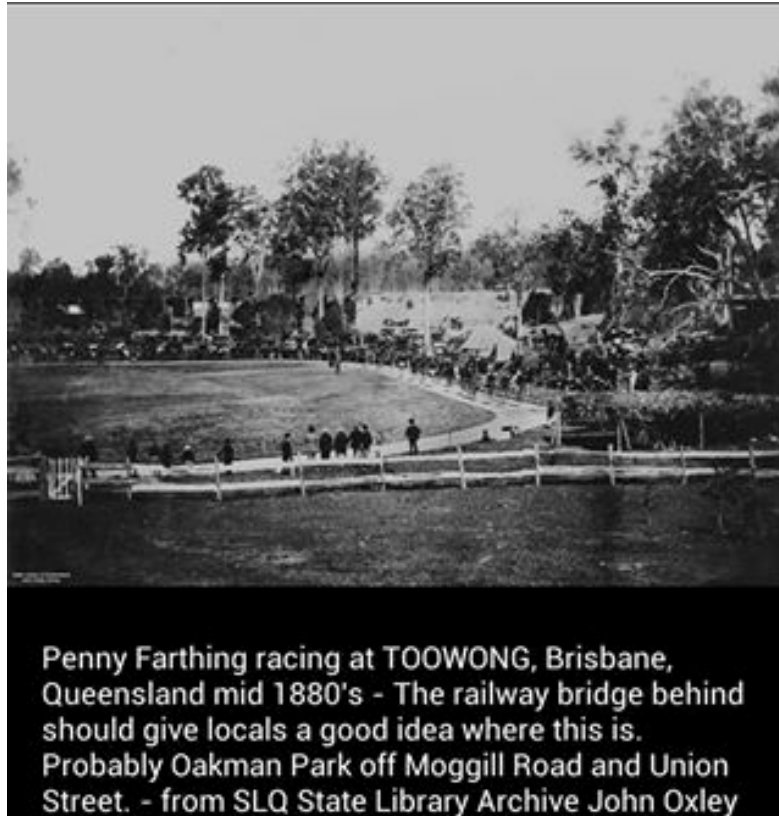
MOTELS:

The Queens Head Inn, 88 Main Rd. Perth. 03 63982218 (10 km)

Abel Tasman, 303 Hobart Rd, Kings Meadows. 03 63445244 (15 km)

CARAVAN PARK & CABINS:

Longford Riverside Caravan Park, Archer St. Longford. 03 63911470 (15 km)



Newsletter submissions welcome

Please send your articles, reviews, photos and ideas etc in to share in the newsletter.

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An interesting Tidbit from Clay Bonser

One of the chaps at the historical village brought me a photocopy of an article on a steam powered **American Eagle**. You read it right, steam powered.

A long cylindrical boiler mounted on the steering tube, and a small single cylinder engine mounted at the head, driving the large wheel by belt.

Is there no end to the inventiveness (insanity) of the human race?

