



## *Unchained*

Queensland's Big Wheel News #9  
30 September 2013

Spring has sprung into life this month! In fact it seemed like it was under a little too much tension and sprang right into summer!

There have been fantastic events since the last edition oh and lookey lookey here ...



What a spiffingly good-looking group of penny farthing and historical cycle fanciers we have assembled in charmingly retro maroon and cream club jerseys! How on-trend the retro look is right now - see everything \*does\* come back into style! How big those big wheels are! How the seabreeze lifts their hair and give a sparkle to their adventurous eyes! Feel the spirit of spring course through you, feel your muscles turn the big wheeled machine into a beautiful steed, oh I am moved to heights of blissfull delirium by bicycling in spring!

Bravo Queensland Penny Farthing and Historical Cycle Club! Bravo!



*The 2012 - 2013 Executive (L-R): Max Robbie, Shane Rush and Aaron Wray 03 August 2013*

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**Next QPFAHCC General meeting: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am, Orleigh Park, West End**

Near the west end ferry stop and 'Frog Tongue' playground for an 8am ride and 10am meeting.

### *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](http://www.janineprince.com/unchained) as well as at the clubs new website [www.QPFAHCC.com](http://www.QPFAHCC.com).

Please send articles, reviews, photos and ideas etc to [janine.e.r.prince@gmail.com](mailto:janine.e.r.prince@gmail.com)

Next edition due mid October 2013.

## Website

Now growing steadily week by week, our website is up and running. [www.qpfahcc.com](http://www.qpfahcc.com) please forward all event information, submissions and material to Aaron.

The club now has a general email address [qpfahcc@gmail.com](mailto: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 featured on the ABC Radio's "Quirky clubs" segment on Tuesday 2X September. Janine Prince was interviewed by Kelly Higgins-Devine about ... well you can listen for yourself if you have the interwebs [http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2013/09/quirky-clubs-the-queensland-penny-farthing-historical-cycle-club.html?site=brisbane&program=612\\_afternoons](http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2013/09/quirky-clubs-the-queensland-penny-farthing-historical-cycle-club.html?site=brisbane&program=612_afternoons)
- 🕒 The last club meeting must have been brief and to the point as the only report received from it was "the ride was good and the jerseys look good." Indeed they do, see the photo on this month's cover for your own appraisal.
- 🕒 The full time "Make a Penny Farthing course" at the Bracken Ridge TAFE is open for enrolments! See the November event listing for dates and of course it culminates in time for you to bring your brand-spanking new replica to the annual Penny Stack! Yes, now is the time, sign up for the course and pre-order a fake mo!
- 🕒 The intrepid Hamish Lamb continues his epic journey and has now reached El Camino - an ancient, sacred pilgrimage route. Thank you for continuing to share pictures from your trip Hamish, God's speed to you.
- 🕒 Lyle is still 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 500klm 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 500klms on 98% dirt roads over 10days. Anyone interested should contact Lyle or stay tuned here!
- 🕒 Have you sent in your nomination forms for the Evandale National Championships 2014 yet? Don't dilly-dally, do so promptly.



## Logan Settlers' Day

1 September 2013 by Lyle Paull



*L-R Shane, Kaye, Lyle and Max at the Logan Settlers' Day 1 Sept 2013*

The Event was a cruisy affair, the organizers informed us to just mingle in to the parade where we liked as for all participants. Shane, Max, Kaye and I attracted more than our fare share of the attention, quite a few photo poses and parents trusting me with their children on the front of the tricycle witch was fulfilling. Later when parked it was good to see the mandatory shitty kid abusing the bulbhorn on the Tricycle for ten minutes!

## Kurilpa Derby, West End

1 September 2013 by Janine Prince

This is a pretty different kind of event to those the club generally attends, but the spirit of fun and the clear love of bikes that pervades it makes it a pleasurable afternoon. Shane, Paul B and Aaron participated in the parade which was very hard work due to the hill and to the very slow pace of it. In the future pennys will forgo the parade and focus on the demonstration.

The demonstration ride was fantastic but a very close space. The guys rode up and down, dismounting, dodging toddlers and drunks, and providing the odd fall. The spectators seemed to love it and the organisers allowed us to do our own voice-over to the demo so we were able to answer some of those frequently asked questions! It was a crazy, fun afternoon and there was even a Penny rider in attendance from a different Empire!



*The Galactic Empire well represented at the Kurilpa Derby 01 September 2013*

## Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

21 September 2013 by Shane Rush

The QPFAHCC attended the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, at the invitation of James MacDonald. My day started (early) by dropping by Lyle & Kaye's place on the way up to Toowoomba to pick up the club sign board, stopping for a quick cuppa and to talk bicycles. I then proceeded to James' house in Toowoomba, where I met up with him, Graham Potts, and we lent James and David a hand to load the Bedford truck. Geoff, Andrew and Doris arrived as we were about to head to the park. James and Geoff drove off to set up the stall, while David, Andrew, Graham and myself rode down to the event. We set up the display and enjoyed the morning talking bicycles, browsing through the car display nearby, and trying out several of James and Geoff's wonderful bicycles (the Rucker was off limits).

We ventured off for several rides throughout the day, mainly around the wonderful flower display at the top of the park. Graham took his first venture into high wheeling, by riding a kangaroo owned by Geoff. As we were about to pack up, Andrew returned to the display holding a trophy for best bicycle display, which has been awarded to the QPFAHCC. The trophy was offered to James to hold onto (as he had most bikes on display), but he declined the offer.

As we do not have a trophy cabinet, a few suggestions of what to do with the trophy have been made. One being to auction the trophy, another to use it as an annual trophy for most accomplished cyclist. The day came to an end around 3pm, when we packed the display back into the two vehicles, and a few of us rode back to James' house, where we helped unload the truck. I had to head straight back to Brisbane, but the rest remained for a cup of tea and yet more bicycle talk.



Part of the award-winning bicycle display



Andrew K and James M triumphantly display the award from the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

## Events Calendar

### October

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Club general meeting 8am/10am**

Venue - West End Orleigh park (near the west end ferry stop and 'Frog Tongue' playground) come along for an 8am ride followed by a 10am meeting.

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Santos GLNG Brisbane to Gold Coast 100klm**

<http://b2gc.bq.org.au/>

Touted as "Queensland's biggest bike ride" this annual event (9<sup>th</sup> year) starts at South Bank, Brisbane, and goes to Southport on the Gold Coast. The ride features exclusive access to the southern busway and is a fundraiser for the Heart Foundation. Online entries close 13 October 2013.

Aaron, Sally, Brett, Mitchell have already decided to do it on their Penny - will you?

### November

#### **4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Build a Penny Farthing**

Bracken Ridge TAFE

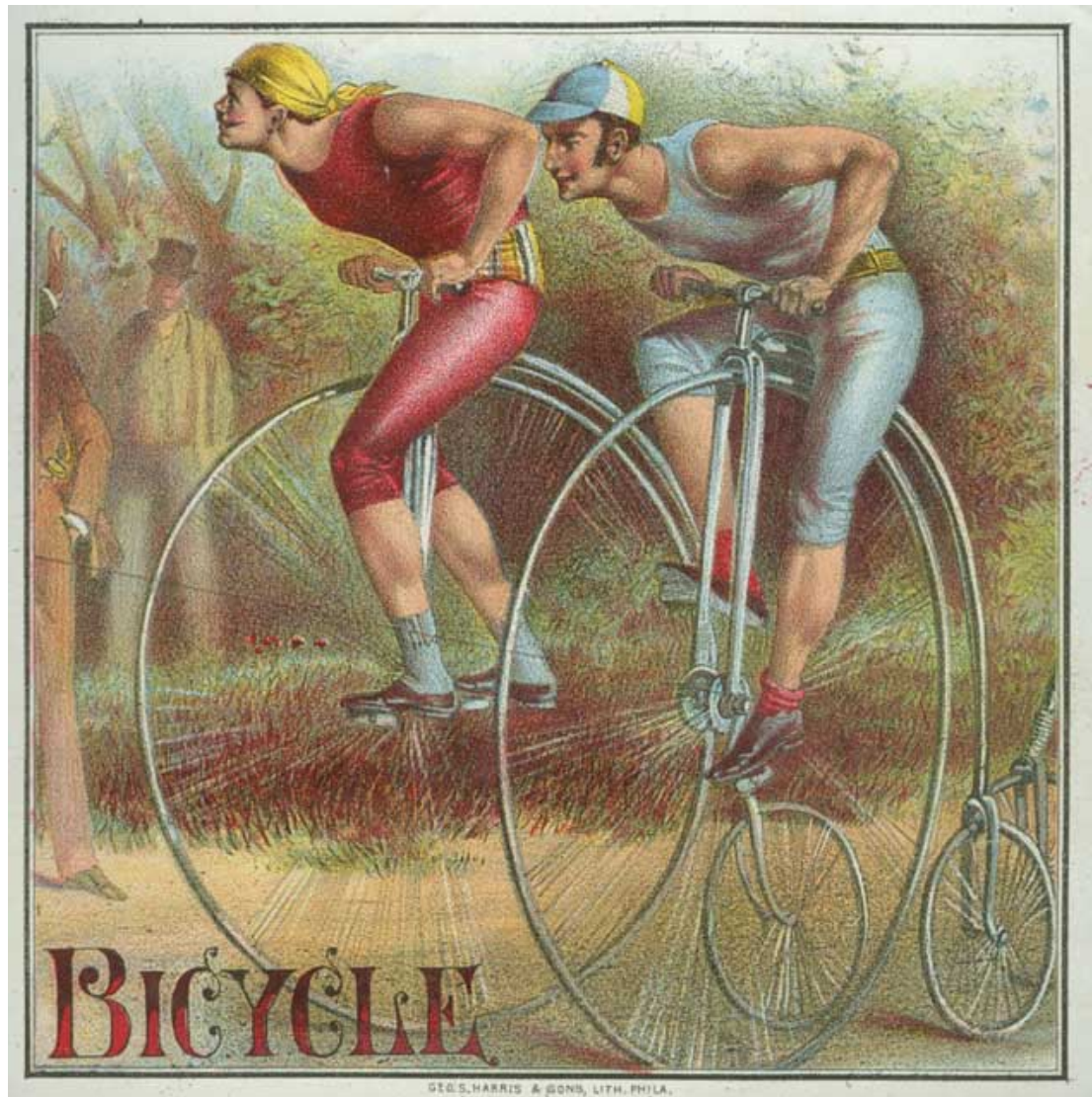
Build a Penny Farthing - 'Full time' November 4 - 22.9am -3pm Monday to Friday. Enrolments are now open .Please call 1800 654 447 to enrol.

[http://coursesearch.skillstech.tafe.qld.gov.au/tafe/training/AUR20311\\_Certificate\\_II\\_in\\_Bicycles/Brochure\\_973.ashx](http://coursesearch.skillstech.tafe.qld.gov.au/tafe/training/AUR20311_Certificate_II_in_Bicycles/Brochure_973.ashx)

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to manufacture an antique designed bicycle for your own personal use!

What a great talking point to have a Penny Farthing Bicycle parked at your place.

Imagine how impressed your friends will be when you explain how you built it yourself. You will be guided through all the steps by an experienced builder on your way to creating a work of art. Something you will have in your family forever and to be passed on to future generations.



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7:50 am. Demonstration race at Nundah Criterium Circuit**

This demonstration race is at Nundah with Hamilton Pine Rivers Wheelers Cycle Club. ALL WELCOME! Come to ride, come to cheer!

Nundah Criterium Circuit is located in Albert Bishop Park, Hedley Avenue, Nundah, next to the Schultz Canal bikeway. The circuit is about 1.2 kilometres long, six metres



wide, and signed for clockwise travel only. It is flat and fast, with a long, straight finish of about five hundred metres. There is also a shorter loop of about three hundred metres.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Old 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.

## **30<sup>th</sup> Toowoomba Tweed Ride - in support of Movember**

Time and meeting point TBA.

Keep up to date by checking their website <http://www.toowoombatweedrun.com/>

## **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)

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# ***MOTORISTS' FRONT OF JUDEA: What Have The Cyclists Ever Done for Us?***



**REG:** Cyclists have bled us white, the bastards. They don't pay [road tax](#), they run red lights. And what have they ever given us in return?

**XERXES:** Pneumatic tyres.

**REG:** What?

**XERXES:** Pneumatic tyres.

**REG:** Oh. Yeah, yeah. They did give us that. Uh, that's true. Yeah.

**COMMANDO #3:** And ball bearings.

**REG:** Yeah. All right. I'll grant you pneumatic tyres and ball

bearings are *two things* that the cyclists have done.

**MATTHIAS:** And the roads.

**REG:** Well, yeah. *Obviously* the roads. I mean, the roads go without saying, don't they? But *apart from* pneumatic tyres, ball bearings, and the roads...

**COMMANDO:** Lightweight steel tubing.

**XERXES:** Chain driven differential gears.

**COMMANDOS:** Huh? Heh? Huh...

**COMMANDO #2:** Dust-free highways. Tractors. Automobile advertising.

**COMMANDOS:** Ohh...

**REG:** Yeah, yeah. All right. Fair enough.

**COMMANDO #1:** And central Government administration of roads.

**COMMANDOS:** Oh, yes. Yeah...

**FRANCIS:** Cars and planes.

**REG:** Cars and planes?

**FRANCIS:** Yeah, America's first car was built by the Duryea brothers: they were bicycle builders first. And powered flight, Reg, that was developed by the Wright Brothers: they owned a bike shop and built bikes.

**REG:** All right, but *apart from* the pneumatic tyre, ball bearings, differential gears, roads, motoring, car ads, and aviation, what have cyclists ever done for us?

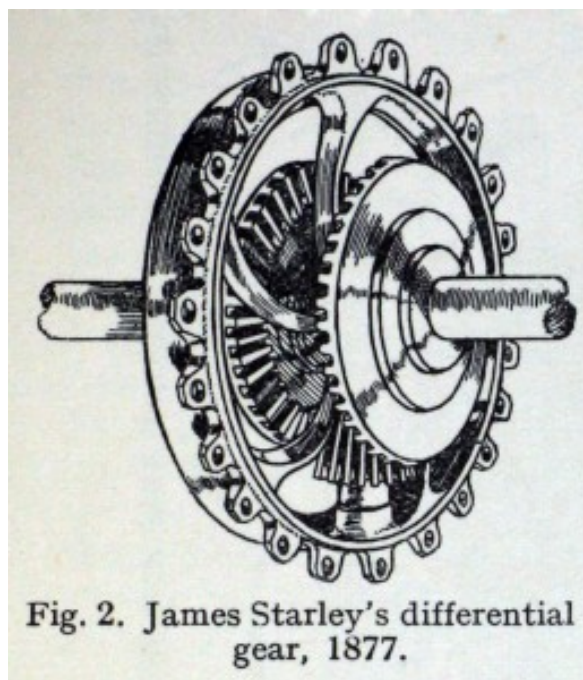


Fig. 2. James Starley's differential gear, 1877.



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

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