



## *Unchained*

Queensland's Big Wheel News #10  
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So many things have happened this year, so many rides and events and marvellous things ... but... the best is yet to come!

The Jacarandas are in bloom, the days are warming up, the wheels are laced, the seats are being polished, the horns tested for beepyness.

YES, the annual Penny Stack is nearly upon us.

**PREPARE TO STACK 2013!!**



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Next QPFAHCC general meeting: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, venue TBC.

## 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 .

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 November 2013.

## News

- 🕒 The club featured on the ABC Radio's "Quirky clubs" segment in 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)
- 🕒 Oamaru Ordinary Cycle Club Inc (in New Zealand) will have their annual tour in November of 2013 and we wish them all the best for the event! You can find out more about this wonderful organisation on their website.  
<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~gsimpson/index.html>
- 🕒 Aaron got Rambling Rose back on the road in time for national Ride to Work day.
- 🕒 Have you sent in your nomination forms for the Evandale National Championships 2014 yet? Don't dilly-dally, do so promptly.



**Ride Etiquette:**

*Let courtesy be your catchcry.*

Please keep to the left during rides.

In parades one might stop unpredictably so it is encouraged that members let others know when slowing and dismounting. When possible or necessary, let ride leaders know that Pennys don't have brakes as effective as safety bikes and so need time to stop and start.

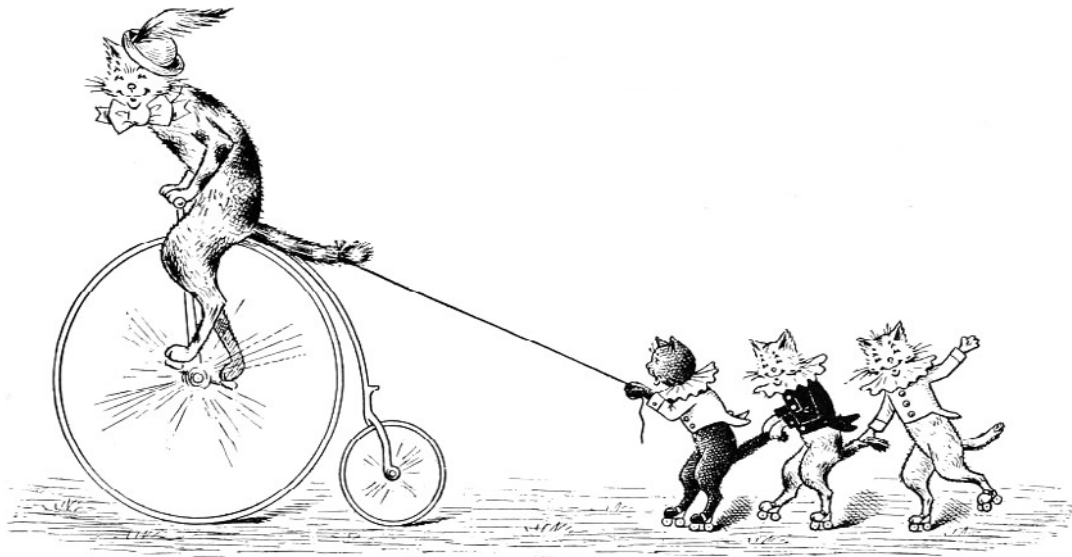
**Helmets and events:**

*All club members are to follow the road rules and ensconce the scone in a helmet.*

When riding on private property members are encouraged to wear helmets however it is a personal choice and members take their own risks. Concerns have been raised regarding insurance even if on private property.

A reminder that the Club's insurance is Public Liability cover only, it will not cover personal injury of the rider of the bike. It is only for damage done to other people and property and protects the club and club members from being sued by others for damage or injury caused to others.

Members riding undertake the activity at their own risk of personal injury.





## The Hervey Bay Sesquicentary - Last weekend in September

By Mark Pearce

Celebrations of Hervey Bay's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary opened with a parade. The Fraser Coast BUG organised riders and approximately 30 bicycle riders of a vintage flavour participated.

As Hervey Bay's only penny farthing aficionado (and QPFHCC member) I led this five and a half kilometer ride along the seafront esplanade. All the other two wheelers trailed along behind like father duck and his gaggle of ducklings.

I guess they all want to be a penny farthing when they grow up.



The parade finished at the town's museum where festivities continued presided over by a collection of politicians and VIPs.

Many towns in this region were settled at the same time so assuming they all want to have a 150 year anniversary celebration, then Mark's penny farthing will continue to be in demand.

## Reports from members

**Noel Ross** reports that his new 49" (50"?) Penny is progressing well. He has been doing the part-time course this year which has allowed him the luxury of time for his other new-found vocation of "Poppy in training" (i.e. Vernia's grand-children moved from Tasmania to the Gold Coast earlier this year, which has meant a very serious learning curve) as well as more than a little time for his new friend, Penny.

Noel has been seen fraternising with Penny at Bracken Ridge, also in his man-shed at Burleigh Waters, and now he has even raised the courage to bring her home so that he can play with her in the lounge room. He plans to introduce her to the rest of the world at Sandgate on November 23rd but is going to have to "pull finger", so to speak, as he will be absent in New Zealand for ten days early in November when he attends Heritage Week in Oamaru (hopefully a report on that event will follow for the next newsletter).

In his "spare" time, and in a massive effort to keep the peace with Vernia, he is building her a Coventry tricycle - though she says she is still waiting to see proof of this work in progress.

Is it really going to happen or is it a figment of Noel's imagination?

We will all wait with anticipation for the opportunity to meet this third lady in Noel's life!!





## Club general meeting - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Blurb and pictures by Vernia Bullivant

Here are a few pics taken on Saturday during the ride and at the meeting. Shane surprised us with his new acquisition - he bought it on Gumtree from a fellow who had bought it for his son to take to Schoolies last year (to carry his beer around in!!). As you do!!



*Shane takes Vernia for a spin in his newly acquired rickshaw.*







*What a beautiful venue to gather, at Orleigh Park, ready for a ride along the riverfront at West End.*



*Duane looks dashing in his club jersey.*





*Noel still doesn't have his penny ready to ride so he went along on his "fixie", accompanied by Daryl.*



*.. and then the formalities of the monthly meeting in the park.*



# Events Calendar

## October

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

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

Pennys take over "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.

Aaron, Sally, Brett, Mitchell will do it on their Penny - give them a big cheer!

### **20<sup>th</sup> Military Jeep Club of Queensland - Swap and Field day**

<http://mjcqinc.com/>

Canungra Sports and Recreation Reserve Coburg Road, Canungra QLD. Swap organiser Bob Greer 0438152521.

### **19 & 20<sup>th</sup> The Brackenbury (Victoria)**

event running, mountain biking, penny farthing racing and other events.

<http://www.thebrackenbury.com.au/>

## 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 Nunda 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> & 24<sup>th</sup> Pennys by the sea

The annual tradition of big and small wheels joining together for fun and display of our unique bicycles.

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 🕒 1pm (TBC) "Hall to Hall Goodwill Ride" Members of the club continue the tradition of the Brisbane City Hall to the Sandgate Hall ride and hand over a message of goodwill from the Mayor. Assemble at Brisbane City Hall at 1pm.
- 🕒 4pm Period costume Penny stack and ride. ALL WELCOME. Einbunpin lagoon, Cnr Brighton road and Lagoon Street Sandgate.
- 🕒 6.30pm Dinner & presentations at restaurant "4017". Please RSVP to Brett Richardson via email by 31st October 2013.



### Sunday

- 🕒 7am club tricycle ride - "tweed style". Assemble at Sandgate Rotunda (Situating in the middle of the large roundabout on Brighton Rd and Bowser Parade) for a tricycle display and ride. All antique bicycles and tricycles welcome. Ride is along the flat waterfront.
- 🕒 9am BBQ club breakfast at Decker Park. BYO



## 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).

**April Dates TBC (probably over Easter)**

**Broken Hill to Bourke - The shearers ride**

Organiser: Lyle Paull (telephone 0434 363 313)

There has been interest in this ride since the last newsletter and there are already 8 or 9 starters, I think 10 riders will be enough at this stage, maybe if we do the ride again the following year we may have some more local knowledge. Anyone is welcome to put their names down as there will be some that may pull out closer to the time. The route will retrace those of the shearers and swaggies that travelled along the Darling river roads/tracks in the 1890/1920s.

There will be at least one back up vehicle to carry camping gear and there are sheep stations along the way that cater for modern travellers (some are the same stations that the original cyclists stayed at). Towns are: Broken Hill-Menindi-Willcania-Tilpa-Louth-Bourke. The roads are 80% unsealed.



I am riding a circa 1905 large frame wheel of unknown make, bicycles that are to be ridden should be from the period single speed or a later bike that has been set up to look the part (no mountain bikes).

The terrain will be flat.

Kaye and I have recently completed a test ride of the bikes. Kaye is riding a 1910 Swastika and I am riding a

1905 unknown. We will be adding rear carriers for the trip for day supplies.

Gearing may need to be lowered and front wheel re-trued on Kaye's bike.

Both bikes have inch pitch chains and sprockets so I have limited options with rear sprockets. Has anyone got an 18 tooth rear sprocket (9 tooth inch pitch)?

### **31st of May and the 1st of June Valery Runge - Russia**

The St. Petersburg Race Bureau (in the person of its chairman Valery Duperron) informs all bicycle sport lovers that the year 2014 will be rich with anniversaries!



On the 23rd and 30th of September, 1884 in the Tsaritsyn Meadow (now - the Field of Mars) the first public races in Russia took part with great numbers of audience.

Newspapermen said that there were about 60000 of them on the first racing day, and 5-6 thousand on the second day. From 6 to 12 racers took part in 5 races. Besides residents of other cities, Petersburgers Averyanov and Pleult, who was considered the best city cyclist, took part. A part of the income from the contest was transmitted to a charity fund.

At the end of 1884 (on the 5th of December) the St. Petersburg Community of Amateur Cyclists was established, the oldest one in Russia!

### **It's now 130 years since these two events!**

In view of this fact, the St. Petersburg Race Bureau decided to celebrate these remarkable events in a way. First, to release a book titled "Cycling St. Petersburg" (a tentative title) in spring 2014, which will, along with a detailed story about the history of this wonderful kind of sport, offer extended personalia furnished with multiple photos (nearly 100), and interesting facts! A whole team of sports journalists are working on the book under the direction of a sports historian - Lukosyak Yuri Pavlovich - a prerevolutionary sport researcher, the author of 16 books and handbooks.

Second, to arrange the first Russian race on penny-farthings and bicycles of various classes.

The schedule of the contest is the following:

1. Child race.
2. Highway race in the city for sportsmen and veterans.
3. Folding bicycle race
4. Custom and cruiser race
5. TANDEM race
6. Handbike race for invalids. And at each our event we need to collect money for hospices, to arrange an invalid race so that they could feel members of the society. I consider this our responsibility, the responsibility of strong people.

Main course! Exhibition of retro bicycles and penny-farthing races.

Dessert. Parade of all participants!



## Club Challenge #1 – Bicycle display stand build-off

To engage club members in friendly competition, we propose a series of challenges where members can make items of use for collecting and or riding Penny Farthings and Antique Bicycles.

Some ideas for upcoming challenges are Hub lamps, Helmet covers, Signs, and Toys.

For this particular challenge, entrants can design and/or construct an elegant and functional bicycle display stand suitable for a bicycle or Penny Farthing.

Here are a few examples of members stands, to help get your creative side going.

Stand 1 is an Ocypus stand (photo of stand owned by Terry Kaye in Gympie). See Shane Rush, who has a template off a stand owned by Lyle Paull.



Stand 2 was made by Colin Faulkner from the Gold Coast. Colin made the bearing supports removable, and drilled them slightly off centre, so you can turn them around to adjust the width to suit your penny farthing.



Stand 3 is owned by Kev Wain. Andrew Koschmann constructed a similar stand, and added a tab which fits around the crank, to hold the penny farthing in place.

Aaron Wray came up with a list of alternate bicycle stands, which was part of the “Unchained No 7” Newsletter.

*Please have designs and or completed stands ready for judging at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting.*

**Newsletter submissions welcome**

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

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**Sparta, Wisconsin - Bicycling Capital Of America**

Sparta is the county seat of Monroe County, nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of western Wisconsin. Once known for the healing powers of the local artesian springs,

Sparta is now most recognized as the junction of the Elroy-Sparta and La Crosse River bike trails. Sparta's claim as the "Bicycling Capital of America" is based upon the first rail bed in Wisconsin to be converted to bike trails.

<http://spartawisconsin.org/>